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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 594,595,	291	Press Mis.
Dated	29.11.	1873.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1873.*

No. 594. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Paumben, 31st December 1872, No. 4,346 :—

IN reference to G. O., 18th December 1872, No. 3,000, I have the honour to observe that I am not aware that the office of the late 8th Division, at the time of its being broken up, was not as "well ordered" as any other division; certainly as regards the 5th Division, of which I was not long ago in charge for a few months, the 8th Division could bear very favorable comparison in the manner in which the records have been filed and arranged of late.

2. At the same time to any officer who has been accustomed to work under the very much more exact system that obtains in the War Department in England, the manner in which the records of the old District Engineers' Offices and of the Superintending Engineers' Offices in this Presidency have been allowed to get jumbled together is most distracting.

3. I may mention that valuable plans, estimates, and reports that represent the brain-work for many months of a highly educated Engineer Officer have, to my knowledge, utterly vanished from view without the slightest clue as to what has become of them.

4. It was to prevent a recurrence of any disastrous proceedings of this kind that I indented for extra assistance. It is a very simple matter to cart off so many bandy-loads of books and papers from one district to another, but that is not my idea of how this business should be done. Of the large number of records that I have sent to Mr. Rundall, each packet has been accompanied with a list of every single paper in that packet, so that should hereafter there be any missing link in the file, it can be at once detected which District Office is responsible for the same.

5. It is ridiculous, however, to suppose with the small establishment allotted for the District Engineer, Madura, that one member of that establishment can be spared all day and every day for this most important work. And as I believed that my late Manager was to be turned adrift, I considered that in the interests of Government no better use could be made of his services than to employ him as suggested by me. So soon, however, as I received Colonel Foord's instructions as to where Mr. Shutie was to join his (Colonel Foord's) office, I ordered Mr. Shutie to proceed at once to Madras, and he took leave of me on the 14th instant.

6. With regard to the Record-keeper, his services have been dispensed with from the 21st instant, the date on which the G. O. under reply reached me; and application has been made to the District Engineer, Tinnevely, as directed, for the assistance required. As the Record-keeper abovementioned has been *bona-fide* engaged on Government work that was urgently necessary, and as he has performed that work satisfactorily, I trust that the Government will be pleased to pass his pay for the twenty days in question at the rate of Rupees 30 per mensem, or Rupees 19-5-8 in all.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th January 1873.

No. 595.

ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1873, No. 291.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 43.

THE Controller of Public Works
Accounts is authorized to pass the salary
of the Record-keeper for the twenty
days during which he was employed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No 4246. District Engineer's Office
Paunder. 31st December 1872.

From

Lieut. Colonel H. A. Roberts R.E.

District Engineer, Madurai,

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government D. & W.

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per mensem or Rupees 19-5-8 per m.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,
J. G. Roberts, Asst. Secy. R.E.
District Engineer.

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P. M. 1873 Michael

From No 84.

The District Engineer

of Missouri

To The Secretary to

Government

P. M. D.

Dated 31st December 1873

Departed 14th January

Received 8⁰⁰—

Request for the

return of unpaid

to sanction the pay

of the extra second

help for the 20 days

on which he was

actually employed

as such. *W. M. D.*

No 291

Sub

The Controller of P. M. accounts

is authorized to pass the salary

of the second helper for the 20 days

during which he was employed.

W. M. D.

484 E. Ave. *W. M. D.*
5-*Controller*

Dec 18 1873

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Commr
Madras

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 29th Jan 1873, No 290

Nos. 5949595

Record-keeper.

The Controller of Mr.
Accts authorized
to pay the salary of
the ^{Record-keeper}
employed in the
S^d Office.