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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	869	Press
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477-428		
Dated	19. 3.	1873.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1873.*

No. 477. Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Sulurpett, 19th February 1873, No. 23:—

I HAVE the honour to address you regarding the deduction of 15 per cent. ordered to be made in G. O., No. 692, dated 12th March 1872, from all work, executed by contract, until the officer in charge of the Range has had an opportunity of inspecting it and checking the measurements of his Overseers.

2. This system is a very good one, as far as Government is concerned, but it presses heavily on the poor, struggling petty contractors of this district, and will ultimately, I fear, interfere with the supply of labour, which is a serious consideration, as the services of every available individual are required for Public Works in these parts.

3. I trust, therefore, that Government will be pleased to permit payments to be made in full on Overseer's measurements, provided the amount of the bill does not exceed Rupees 100. These measurements should, of course, be checked by the Range Officer as soon as possible, and, if found incorrect, the Overseer would be the responsible party.

4. As I anticipate a number of works will be completed towards the close of March, but not soon enough to admit of all being measured by the Range Officers before the end of the current official year, I should feel obliged by your kindly favouring me with instructions regarding the final payments on account of those works; if the present system of deducting 15 per cent. is adhered to, the outlay that will appear against several of them will be considerably less than the value of the work actually executed in 1872-73.

No. 478. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1873, No. 869.

ACCOUNT, No. 37.

THE per-centage of the value of materials passed by an Overseer ordered in G. O., No. 692, 12th March 1872, to be withheld, pending the Range Officer's examination, need not in future be withheld in any case where the total of the payments made prior to the Range Officer's examination does not exceed Rupees 100.

(True Extract.)

To the District Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

from

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28.2.73

My dear Smith

From your
note of the 24th I see
you interpret the
G. C. about the 15
per cent precisely
as I do, but the
Controller will
not have it as you

No. 869. P. D. D.
Proceedings of the Madras Est.
Read the following:
From,
The District Engineer
Bellare } (H. E. No. 238/19 July/3)

will be borne by the
enclosed. I have
no objection to the
deduction being
made from the
value of materials
but I do hope you
will have the restriction
removed, to the extent
proposed, on work
executed.

Yours sincerely
J. Smith

W. L.

The percentage
of the value of materials
passed by an Overseer
ordered in G. O. No. 692
12th March/20 to be withheld,
pending the Range
Officers examination, -
need not in future be
withheld in any case
where the total of the
payments

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payments made prior
to the Range Officers ex-
amination does not exceed
Rupees 100.

W.M. C.S.

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Govt. of 1873 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer

Dated

Recd.

Encl

G. O 19th March 869.

No. 477/478

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the percentage of the value of
materials paid by an overseer
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1872 to be withheld pending
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total of the payments made
prior to the Range Officers
~~examination~~ examination does
not exceed Rs. 100

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To District Engineer
Madras Revenue
Collector

Dec 22/3/73

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