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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th May 1874.*

No. 118. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 24th March 1874, No. 14 :—

Rules regarding the disbursement of Salaries before Audit.

Read again :—

Public Works Department Circular, No. 37, dated 6th July 1872.

Read also :—

Letter from Secretary to Government of Bombay, No. 345 A—2,141, dated 24th September 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, No. 4,820, dated 25th September 1873.

Letter from Joint Secretary to Government of Bengal, Irrigation Branch, No. 1,475 I—E, dated 2nd September 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Government of the North-Western Provinces, Public Works Department, No. 445 A—C, dated 16th August 1873.

Letter from Joint Secretary to Government of the North-Western Provinces, Irrigation Branch, No. 02422 I—G, dated 5th September 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Government, Punjab, Public Works Department, No. 3,605, dated 26th September 1873.

Letter from Joint Secretary to Government, Punjab, Irrigation Branch, No. 4,010 A—I, dated 26th September 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 4,269, dated 16th August 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Oudh, No. 2,432 S, dated 13th August 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, No. 2,392—110 A, dated 27th August 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Mysore, No. 99 A—G, dated 5th August 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Resident, Hyderabad, No. 328 G—A, dated 29th September 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Governor-General's Agent, Central India, No. 2,367, dated 9th August 1873.

Letter from Secretary to Governor-General's Agent, Rajpootana, No. 2,740-S, dated 7th August 1873.

Letter from Superintendent of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, No. 587, dated 11th August 1873.

Letter from Inspector-General of Military Works, No. 5,913, dated 24th September 1873.

Letter from Engineer-in-Chief, Punjab Northern State Railway, No. 3,999, dated 17th September 1873.

Letter from Engineer-in-Chief, Indus Valley State Railway, No. 4,796, dated 18th September 1873.

Letter from Engineer-in-Chief, Agra District, Rajpootana State Railway, No. 229 E, dated 26th August 1873.

Letter from Engineer-in-Chief, Delhi District, Rajpootana State Railway, No. 497 A, dated 5th August 1873.

Letter from Engineer-in-Chief, Neemuch State Railway, No. 1,619, dated 29th July 1873.

Note by Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 2,303-G, dated 19th November 1873.

RESOLUTION.—In Public Works Department Circular, No. 37, dated the 6th July 1872, the Government of India, for the reasons therein stated, sanctioned, as a provisional arrangement, the disbursement before audit of authorized salaries of members of this department subject to certain conditions, and Local Governments and Administrations, and the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, were requested to report, after the expira-

tion of a year, upon the working of this relaxation of the Public Works Code Rule, which required that all such charges should be audited before being paid.

The reports called for have all now been received, and they show that the system has as yet worked satisfactorily, and that its adoption as a permanent arrangement is unanimously recommended. The Governor-General in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that the Public Works Code Rules respecting the payment of salaries should be modified as follows:—

Chapter XIX, Section ii, paragraph 94; expunge the words "before payment" in the fifth line, and the word "salaries or" in the eighth line.

Add the following as paragraphs 94 A and 94 B:—

94A. The salaries of members of the Public Works Department attached to Divisions and Offices, the head-quarters of which are at the same station as the Controller of Public Works Accounts of the Province, are payable only after receipt from him of the audited salary of bill.

94B. The salaries of members of the Department attached to Divisions and Offices, the head-quarters of which are not at the same station as the Controller, may, subject to the approval of the Local Government or Administration, be disbursed prior to receipt of the audited bill, under the following conditions and restrictions:—

I.—That the payments be made on the responsibility of the Executive Engineer of the Division, or Head of the Office concerned, who will have the right to withhold until audit any salary, in full or in part, about which he may feel doubtful.

II.—That the salaries be not paid before the expiry of the month for which they are due, and in no case before despatch of the salary bill.

III.—That only recurring charges be disbursed before audit, i. e., salaries of appointments duly sanctioned by competent authority, which have already been passed by the Audit Office in previous salary bills.

IV.—That no increase of pay, owing to promotions, annual increments, officiating or other allowances, be disbursed until passed by the Controller. The rate of pay previously passed may, however, be disbursed as usual. After such increase has been passed for the first month, it would become a recurring charge and be included in the payments of following months in advance of audit.

V.—That in cases of reduction from one class or grade to another, the salary for the first month in which the reduced rate of pay is drawn, should not be disbursed prior to audit.

VI.—That in cases of suspension, the allowances admissible during the period of suspension, and the first payments on reinstatement, be not paid before audit.

VII.—That the first charge for pay and allowances of any individual newly appointed, or transferred to a Division or Office, be not paid before audit.

VIII.—That in the following cases also disbursements are not made before audit:—

(a.) The allowances of individuals on leave.

(b.) The salaries of members of temporary establishments for which sanction has not been obtained, or the period of sanction for which has expired.

(c.) Generally, any items regarding the propriety of which the disbursing Officer may have any doubt.

IX.—That sums disbursed which may afterwards be retrenched by the Controller be refunded immediately, or held at the debit of the Officer concerned, and recovered at the next issue of pay.

Chapter XX, Section ii, Paragraph 4. For the words "after audit, authority for payment of the bill" substitute, the gross amount for which the bill is audited.

Paragraph 5. After the words "at once" in the eighth line insert, if it has not already been paid.

Public Works Code Forms, Part I. Insert the following as a foot-note to the first page of Form No. 39:—

N.B.—In the salary bills of Divisions or Offices in which salaries are payable in advance of audit, the following should be inserted after the words "as above set forth" in the certificate:—

"Under the provisions of Public Works Code, Chapter XIX, Section ii, paragraph 94 B or."

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and the Punjab, in the General and Irrigation Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Oudh, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Governor-General's Agents in Central India and Rajpootana.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and the Nicobars.
The Inspector General of Military Works.
The Consulting Engineers for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Engineers-in-Chief:—
Punjab Northern State Railway.
Indus Valley "
Delhi District Rajpootana "
Agra "
Holkar "
Neemuch "
Northern Bengal "
Western Rajpootana "
Sindia "
Tirhoot "

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Governments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin for information and guidance. Also to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed.) J. J. McLEOD-INNES,
Depty. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1874, No. 1,199.

ACCOUNT, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller and District Engineers in continuation of the following orders:—

15th Oct. 1872, No. 2,419.
5th July 1873, No. 1,725.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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To

Offg. Contr. of M.A.

Dated

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G. O. 5th May 1874, No. 1199

Nos. 118 & 119.

Salaries.

Circular from the Govt.
of India communicating
Resolution relative to
certain modifications
of the Rules regarding
the disbursement of
salaries before audit.
Comd to the Controller &
District Engineers —