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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd May 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 507. Endorsement of the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 31st March 1874, No. 8,745.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Tanjore, 26th March 1874, No. 1,167.

With reference to your memorandum No. 200 to No. I. Range Officer and another memorandum to No. II. Range Officer, returning 1 and 4 completion certificates respectively, I have the honour to bring to your notice that G. O., No. 1,014 dated 2nd April 1873, directs that only completion certificates of works handed over to civil departments should be countersigned by a Judge, Collector, etc., not of inferior standing to the executive officer of the Public Works Department.

2. I do not think that Government intended it to apply to small petty repairs as in the Military Department. Receipt or certificates were never given (when I was in charge, now some years ago, of a Military station,) by the Military Authorities except in cases of new buildings, or when the building had been formally handed over to the Public Works Department for repairs or alterations, and was as formally handed back, on completion, to the Military Authorities.

3. In the cases of the completion certificates now returned there is only one in which the certificate can be countersigned, and this is that for building a shed for Combaconum College, Rupees 135 ; this I have sent to the Range Officer, and requested him to obtain the signature of the Principal of the College, but I can hardly think it is necessary under the Government Order quoted by you.

4. In the case of the other, 4, the Range Officers are unable to obtain countersignatures, as both Combaconum and Tanjore taluq, in which the works are situated, were at the time of the completion of the works under charge of the Collector, who lives at Vallum, 29 miles from Combaconum and 14 from Triviaur, where the works are, and there is no officer of senior rank to the executive officers. I request therefore that you will pass the completion certificates,* and I think it would be as well to lay down definite rules for the future regarding the countersignatures being required or not.

* Enclosed.

Transferred, for the orders of Government, with reference to the concluding portion of the District Engineer's letter and the Proceedings of Government marginally noted. As remarked in the correspondence printed with G. O., 2,598, above q[illegible]ed, completion certificates for *repairs* are also countersigned by departmental officers concerned, under the rules of the Government of India.

No. 2,598 of the 5th November 1872.
No. 1,014 of the 2nd April 1873.

2. It is not for purposes of account that the countersignature of departmental officers (Military and Civil) is necessary to com[illegible]letion certificates, and therefore, perhaps, District Engineers, and not the Controller of Public Works Accounts, should be required to decide in what cases completion reports should be accepted without the countersignature of officers of other departments. If this be ordered the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts would accept, unquestioned,

all completion reports that may bear the initials of District Engineers, in token of those officers being satisfied of the sufficiency of the completion reports in all respects.

(Signed) T. MOSS,
Officiating Controller of P. W. Accounts.

No. 508. From Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 8th April 1874, No. 48.

In G. O., No. 1,014 of 2nd April 1873, Government decided that on the completion of a civil building and its transfer to a civil department, the completion certificate should bear the countersignature of an officer of the department to which the building is made over.

2. That order appears to me to refer only to the case of new works, but the Controller now requires the signature of the Civil Authorities in the case of repairs also; and as there will of course be a dozen repairs for every new work, the Controller's interpretation will add very greatly to the correspondence of the executive officers, whose office establishments are at present far from sufficient.

3. I have therefore the honour to request that Range Officers may not have the fresh burden thrown upon them of entering into correspondence with each Civil Department on the completion of any petty repair, as proposed by the Controller, especially as it appears to me that such was not the intention of Government in the order referred to.

No. 509. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1874, No. 1,395.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

THE Government Order referred to by the District Engineers, Tanjore and Vizagapatam, taken in connection with the preceding Orders, Nos. 2,508 of 5th November and 2,853 of 5th December 1872, evidently intends that completion certificates for repairs to Civil Buildings as well as for Minor New Works should be countersigned by suitable officers of Civil Departments if they are available to do so. But having in view the additional labour entailed by this arrangement, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, on reconsideration, to direct that count rsignature of completion certificates for mere repairs of a petty nature be dispensed with; and that it be required only in cases of new buildings, or on the completion of repairs or alterations to buildings which may be formally handed over to the Public Works Department for the purpose, and as formally handed back on completion.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Inspecting Engineer for Rail Roads
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts
" Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
" Public Works Department.
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" Revenue do.
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P. W.
No 1167

District Engineer's Office,
Tanjore 26th March 1874.

From
The District Engineer - Tanjore
To
The Controller of P.W. Accounts.

Sir,

With reference to Your Memorandum No 209 to the Range Officer and another Memo to the II Range Officer returning 1 and 4 Completion Certificates respectively I have the honor to bring to Your notice that G.O. No 1014 dated 2nd April 1873 directs that only Completion Certificates of works handed over to Civil Departments should be Countersigned by a Judge Collector &c and of superior standing to the Executive Officer of the P.W. Department.

2. I do not think that Government intended it to apply to small petty repairs as in the Military Department. Receipts or Certificates were never given (when I was in charge some Some years ago of a military station) by the Military authorities except in Cases of new buildings or when the building are [illegible] over

alteration and was accordingly handed back on Completion to the Military authorities.

3. In the Cases of the Completion certificates above returned there is only one in which the Certificate can be Countersigned and this is that for building a Shed for Combaconum College Rs 135 - this Shed sent to the Range Officer and requested him to obtain the signature of the Principal of the College but I can hardly think it is necessary under the G.O. quoted by You -

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I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient servant

No 2598 of the 5 Nov 1872
No 1014 of the 2 April 1873

No 8765

Dampened, for the cases of Court, with reference to the concluding portion of the Executive Engineer's letter and the Proceedings of Court marshall noted in the margin.

As remarked in the correspondence printed with G.O. 2598 above quoted, Completion Certificates for Repairs are also Countersigned by Departmental Officers concerned, under the rules of the Court of India -

It is not for purposes of Account that the Countersignature of Departmental Officers (Civil & Civil) is necessary to Completion Certificates, and therefore Executive Engineers, and not perhaps, the Comptroller of the Accounts, should be required to decide in what cases Completion Reports should be accepted without the Countersignature of Officers of other Departments - If they the audit Office of the Comptroller of the Accounts would accept, unquestioned, all Completion Reports that may bear the initials of Executive Engineers, in token of those Officers being satisfied

No. 48

Copy of Letter, Captain Reed to the Navy Dept

Mutilated
5 March
1874

From [illegible]
The District Engineer
Sandy Hook
The Contractor of Dredging
Sir
Please
Order No 972/74
Dated Washington
March 1874
Rec'd [illegible]

Feb 1867

Forward 4 Completion
Certificates for Building
and Repairs the incommencing
of a Ring for Counter
Signature of the Officers
of the Department Con-
cerned to Lumber Jetty
repairs -

Completion Reports in all respects

Pub. Works 1874 Dept.
Govt. Order No. 1972 A.

From

The offg. Contrr. of P.W. Accts.

Dated 31st March 1874
Received April 1874

Endst. No: 8745

Submitting, for orders, a letter from the District Engineer Tanjore, requesting a definite ruling regarding the countersignature of Completion Certificates of certain classes of works.

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G.O. No. 1395. 23-5-74.

NO. 48

Vizagapatam District Engineer's Office.
Waltair 8th April 1874

From

Major J Beatty R.E.
DISTRICT ENGINEER
VIZAGAPATAM

To

Colonel G.W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

In G.O. No. 1014 of 2nd April 1873, Government decided that on the completion of a Civil Building and its transfer to a Civil Department, the completion certificate should bear the countersignature of an officer of the department to which the building is made over.

2. That order appears to me to refer only to the case of new works, but the Controller now requires the signature of the Civil authorities in the case of repairs also; and as there will of course be a dozen repairs for every new work, the Controllers interpretation will add very greatly to the correspondence of the Executive Officers whose

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establishments are at present far from sufficient.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that Range Officers may not have the fresh burden thrown upon them of entering into correspondence with each Civil Department on the completion of any petty repair as proposed by the Controller; especially as it appears to me that such was not the intention of Government in the Order referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.

L. Beatty. Major RE.
District Engineer, Vizagapatam

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available to do so. But
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be dispensed with; and
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buildings which may
be formally handed
over to the Public Works
Department for the
purpose.

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purpose, and as
formally handed
back on completion.

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P.R. for Buildings ✓
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Ex Engineer on Grand ✓
Public Wks Depts ✓
Military " ✓ ... N. Copies dest to all 2/6/74.

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Pub. Works, 1874 Dept.
From Pro: Govt Rr No. 2214.

The District Engineer

Vizagapatam

To

The Chief Engineer & Secy: to Govt

Madras

Dated 8 $\frac{th}{th}$ April 1874
Recd. 15

No 48

Requesting that Range Officers may not have to obtain the countersignature of Civil functionaries on the completion of every petty repair.

P. C. No. 1395. 23-5-74.

No 508
Cir 28-5-74
Despd to Coll & Asst 31/74

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

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Read the following:—

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Accounts
District Engr Vizagapatam.

(H. E. No. 874 dt 31st March/74
H. E. No. 48-dt 8th April/74.)

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P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the April 1874.

Read the following :—

From the Offg Controller
of H. Accounts / Here enter No 8745 of 31 March 1874

From the District Engineer
Vizagapatam / Here enter No 1487 8th April 1874

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
has already in G.O. of
2nd April 1873, No 1014,
intimated that he was
adverse to the general
application of the rule
adopted in respect to
completion reports of
Military buildings; and
it has been decided that
as

In several cases the proposals of the Dist Engr are rejected as extravagant — certainly do not understand the principle of the G.O. of 2 April Recently sanction a complete building from a department of Construction does not seem

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Cir 4/5/74 Rd 5/5/74

as regards Civil Buildings the countersignature of Departmental Officers concerned shall only be required when it can be granted by functionaries not inferior in standing to an Executive Officer of the Public Works Department. As suggested by the Controllers District Engineers will decide in what cases Completion Reports may be accepted without such countersignature, and the Controller will in all such cases be authorized to finally pass the Reports.

Cir 28-6-74.

Some thing matter which should precede comes in - My views a Tabulation of these new offices the Lists classes & pay the Scale as agreed for the Superiors respectively

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This is very important the Board - as it seems to me - of the utmost Practical Importance should be done away with & the D.E.'s made responsible to the Board

29/6 DM

Gobt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Distt. Engrs.

Rec'd. Encl.

G. O. 23rd May 1874. No. 1395.

Nos. 507-509.

Completion Certificates

Directing that countersignature of Completion Certificates for mere repairs of a petty nature be dispensed with; and that it be required only in cases of new buildings, or on the completion of repairs or alterations to buildings which may be formally handed over to the P.W.D. for the purpose, and as formally handed back on completion —