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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th September 1874.

No. 297. Read the following endorsement of the Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1874:—

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 5th August 1874, No. 237.

With reference to letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, No. 57, dated 30th July 1874, and from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, No. 78, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to bring to your notice that this office issued a circular to all Collectors, etc., drawing their attention to the rules prescribed in the Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 404, of date 25th February 1863, in the last paragraph of which it is required that "District Engineers" should countersign indents for cheque books (circular herewith sent). The Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, takes exception to the term "District Engineer," and states that in 1863 the District Engineer was an Executive Officer, and that in 1872 his duties were assimilated to the Superintending Engineer without any Executive charge; I request therefore that Government will be pleased to decide as to who is in future to countersign all indents for Public Works Officers' cheque books.

Referred to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 298. Order thereon, 15th September 1874, No. 2,616.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that all indents for cheque books shall be countersigned by District Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect.
" Revenue Department.
" Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

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Read the following

from the Accts-Genl Madras / No 6 Cash 237 dated August 1874

Cheques to be numbered by Treasury Officers before being issued to Range Officers.

CIRCULAR No. 15.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

P. W. B.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
9th July 1874.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO ALL COLLECTORS, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEILGHERRY HILLS, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF H. M.'S TREASURY AT BANGALORE, AND SECRETARY AND TREASURER BANK OF MADRAS, FOR INFORMATION.

SIR,

It having been brought to the notice of this Office that uniformity of practice does not obtain in the District Treasuries, in connection with the numbering of Cheques in the Cheque Books issued by Treasury Officers, I have the honor to draw your attention to the subjoined Rules issued by Government, in their Order, Revenue Department, No. 404 of 25th February 1863, and to request that you will call upon all Officers subordinate to you to observe them carefully in future,

1.—"Every Officer of the Public Works Department, entitled to draw Cheques will be furnished with a regular Cheque Book, prepared in a style rendering forgery practically impossible, consecutively numbered, and, in fact, similar in all respects to those used by banking Establishments,

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II.—"The holder of every Cheque Book will be required to keep it safely under lock and key, and to account for every Cheque in it.

III.—"The body of the Cheque and the countermargin should be filled in by the drawing Officer, out of whose possession the Cheque Book is on no account to pass.

IV.—"The Cheque should be drawn simply in favor of "_____" or bearer," and handed over to the *payee*, whose business it will be to take care of it as he would of coin.

V.—"Disbursing Officers will refuse to cash any Cheque drawn on any thing but the established form of Cheque or which may appear to them to have been forged or tampered with.

VI.—"Disregard of these precautions will involve *invariably* payment of the loss entailed on Government.

"Indents for these Cheque Books should be countersigned by the District Engineer, and sent to the Collector or Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, and it will be the duty of either of these Officers in complying with the Indents to number the Cheques and enter the total number thereof on the fly-leaf of the Cheque Book under his signature "Each Cheque shall, before it is supplied to the Officers of the Public Works Department bear in one corner, the signature of the Treasury Deputy Collector."

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant General.

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from the Accte-Genl Madras / B Cole 237 dated 1st August 1874 /

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P.W. 1874 Dept:
No: 5088
From
The Chief Secy:
Dd 10 August 1874.
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Transferring a letter from the Accountant General Madras, requesting the decision of Government as to who should countersign Indents for P.W. Officers' Cheque Books —

El. No: 2616. 15-8-74.

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From The Acctt-Genl Madras } (B Cob 237 dated 7th Augt 1874)
Thro. Chief Secy to Govt } 2616

His Excellency
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directs that all Indents for Cheque Books
shall be countersigned
by District Engineers.
~~as laid down in the~~
~~orders now granted by the~~
~~Accountant General~~

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To Dft Engrs
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Read the following:-

From, The Accountant General, Madras
To the Chief Secy: to Govt.

} No. E. Dec. 2379 5th Aug. 1865

O. 13th July 1865, Dec. 425

It is observed that in the orders of the 3rd February 1865, Dec. 204, the countersignature of Supg. Engineers to indents for Cheque Bills was dispensed with, and, as under the present organization of the Department the administrative functions of Supg. Engineers have

devolved on District Engineers with analogous ~~powers~~ duties and responsibilities, the countersignature of the latter officers will also not be required. The indenting officers signature will be accepted as a sufficient guarantee - District Engineers will however be required to adhere as laid down in the orders quoted, and not fail to keep the Revenue officers fully informed of the names of officers and Subordinates who may be allowed to indent for

Board agree with the Dt. Engr. in not requiring the countersignature of the Superintending Engr. - He only considers it necessary that Engrs. should carefully adhere to the instructions issued.

I think the Dt. Engr. should carefully adhere to the instructions issued.

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Dt. Engineers
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Asst. Architect
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1 Directing that all Indents for Cheque Books shall be countersigned by District Engineers