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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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16th June 1875.*

No. 363. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieut.-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort
St. George, 31st May 1875, No. 1,052 :—

I HAVE the honor to address you on the subject of the submission, by Public
Works Officers, of completion reports for works executed by officers of the Civil
Department.

2. In the first instance completion reports were required from Public Works
G. O., No. 1,907, of 11th August 1870. Officers for *all* works executed by officers
" " 185, of 25th June 1873. of the Civil Department. These orders
" " 1,740, of 5th July " were, however, successively relaxed by
the subsequent orders of Government as detailed in the margin, until the orders with
regard to these completion reports would appear to stand as follows :—

Completion reports are required from Public Works Officers for all works and
repairs executed by Civil Officers which cost over Rupees 50, with the two following
exceptions :—

(a.) In the case of land-revenue and customs works the money limit is raised
to Rupees 500.

(b.) And in the case of works requiring no technical professional supervision,
such as clearing village sites, planting trees, &c., &c., no completion reports at all are
required, no matter what the cost may be.

3. Lately this office appears to have understood from G. O., No. 643, dated 11th
March 1874, which sanctioned the discontinuance of final bills for works, that Govern-
ment intended to altogether do away with the necessity for the professional supervision
over works executed by Civil Officers, which is contemplated by the submission by
Range Officers of completion certificates, and since that date this office would appear
to have sanctioned expenditure on works executed by Civil Officers without insisting on
the submission of a completion certificate from the Range Officer in any case, no
matter what the cost of the work might be.

4. I have to inquire whether it is the intention of Government to dispense
altogether with professional supervision over works executed by officers of the Civil
Department, and if not, if I should be correct in calling for completion certificates for
all works excepting those enumerated in paragraph 2.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1875, No. 1,700.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

THE Controller of Public Works
Accounts will be informed that it is not
the intention of Government to dispense
altogether with professional supervision over works executed by officers of the Civil
Department, and that completion certificates will be furnished by officers of the Public
Works Department for all works executed by Civil Officers, with the following
exceptions :—

(1.) Works connected with land-revenue and customs estimated to cost less than
Rupees 500.

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- (2.) Works requiring no professional supervision, such as clearing village sites, planting avenues, &c.
2. Completion certificates in these cases will be furnished by Civil Officers in the form approved in G. O., No. 643, dated 11th March 1874.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending and District Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

No. 1052

FROM THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George, 31st May 1875.

SIR,

I have the honor to address you on the subject of the submission by Public Works Officers of completion reports for works executed by Officers of the Civil Department.

In the first instance completion reports were required from Public Works Officers for all works executed by Officers

of the Civil Department. These orders were, however, successively relaxed by the subsequent orders of Government as detailed in the margin until the orders with regard to these completion reports would appear to stand as follows:-

1907 of 11th August 1870
185 of 25th June 1873
140 of 5th July 1873

Completion reports are required from Public Works Officers for all works and repairs executed by Civil Officers which cost over Rs 50; with the two following exceptions:-

(a) In the case of Land Revenue and Customs works, the money limit is raised to Rs 500.

(b) and in the case of works requiring no technical professional supervision such as clearing village sites planting trees, &c, &c, no completion reports at all are required no matter what the cost may be.

3. Lately, this Office appears to have understood from G. O. No. 643 dated 11th March 1874, which sanctioned the discontinuance of final bills for works that Government intended to altogether do away with the necessity for the professional supervision over works executed by Civil Officers which is contemplated by the submission by Range Officers of Completion Certificates, and since that date, this Office would appear to

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have sanctioned expenditure on works executed by Civil Officers without insisting on the submission of a completion certificate from the Range Officer in any case, no matter what the cost of the work might be.

I have to inquire whether it is the intention of Government to discontinue altogether with professional supervision over works executed by Officers of the Civil Department, and if not if I should be correct in calling for completion certificates for all works, excepting those enumerated in para 2.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lowry Jordan

Controller of P.W. Accounts Dept.

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From
 The Controller of
 Public Works Accounts,
 To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department.

Dated 3/9 June 1875.
 Recd. 1 June

No. 1052
 ENCLOSURES.

Subject.
 Relating to the subject
 of the submission of
 completion reports
 by Public Works Officers
 for works executed
 by the Civil Department

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The Controller
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1. Works connected
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2. Works requiring no
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such as clearing village
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etc.

Completion certificates
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Govt. of India
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. Supp. St.
Engineers

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G. O. 16 June 1873, No.

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reports by P. W. officers
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