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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 684.

Under date 30th September 1875, No. 2,827.

ACCOUNT, No. 28.

In their Order of the 24th June, No. 1,769, the Government remitted to certain officers holding charge of districts or ranges, the duty of meeting and assisting the Controller in framing a New Manual and Forms of Accounts for use in the Public Works Department of this Presidency, and the same officers, in a subsequent Order of the 31st July 1875, No. 2,219, were directed to take up the question of a revised Code for the department, and to ascertain what portions of the Government of India Code could be adopted and what, on the other hand, would need recasting to suit local requirements.

2. With their letters noted in the margin, the Government of India have recently referred to this Government, for remarks and suggestions, proofs of Chapters II. and III. of the Government of India Code revised.

No. 1,288-95 E. G., dated 19th August 1875.
" 1,322-95 E. G., " 24th " "

3. It appears evident to His Excellency in Council that the number and scope of the subjects involved are too great to be quickly disposed of, and that there is much risk, under present arrangements, of the detention of the officers now engaged with the Controller for an indefinite time, with resulting injury to the interests of their districts and ranges. Under these circumstances it is necessary to provide otherwise for the attainment of the object in view.

4. The Government, therefore, resolve to associate for this purpose the Controller of Public Works Accounts and the Under Secretary to Government in this department. The former to be concerned with the preparation of that portion of the Code relating to accounts and audit and the forms connected therewith, and the latter to compose such emendations of the other parts of the Government of India Code as will adapt it for use in this Presidency, with explanatory annotations, when necessary, to justify the alterations.

5. The revised and amended Code, whether relating to accounts or other subjects, will be referred to a certain number of selected officers, to be hereafter determined, for general criticism and suggestions. The points on which differences of opinion exist will be noted, and suggestions will be carefully considered and adopted if thought fit. Otherwise they will be reserved for discussion at a series of conferences of the officers selected, with the compilers of the Code. The matters for discussion being strictly limited, clearly determined beforehand and made generally known, the period of absence of the officers from their districts need not, the Government consider, exceed ten days.

6. It is to be understood, that the provisions and practice laid down in the Government of India Code are to be adopted as far as practicable, that is to say, so long as they do not clash with the main features of the existing organization of the department in this Presidency.

7. The question of the adoption of some of the Regulations of the Government of India Code may depend on the willingness or otherwise of this Government to introduce minor changes in organization or existing arrangements. It will be proper in such cases for the officers concerned in the compilation of the Madras Code to place such

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questions specifically before Government, and obtain their decision prior to proceeding with the text.

8. The officers now absent from their districts for the purpose of conferring with the Controller on the matters referred to will return to their ordinary duties as soon as practicable.

(True Extract.)

For Orders.

In paras 2 & 3 of G.O.
No. 2219 of 31st July it
was recommended to certain
Officers to ascertain
what portion of the
Bengal P.W. Code can
be adopted for this
Presidency.

With letters of 19th &
24th Aug. The Govt. of
India have sent some
copies of Chapters II
and III of their Code
revised, for remark
and suggestions of
this Govt.

A reference to Col.
Mullins as to the
propriety of refer-
ring so large a quan-
tity to Officers in
charge of Districts
with the certainty of
detaining them from
their own work for
an indefinite time
has elicited his dissent.
Official letter accom-
panying -

I think Col. Mullins right
in saying that the
Indian Code as the basis

of our revised Code. The
differences from the
Govt. of India will be
better for it will prevent
clashing in the future.
I would therefore advise
Col. Mullins's proposal -
that the Controller & Col.
Mullins prepare the basis
which they can afterwards
submit to the Govt. for
approval.

W. H. D.

Major General Walker's
proposal was, to associ-
ate Major C. J. Smith
(to whom we owe the
one revised Chapter of
the Madras Code) with
the Controller, and Under-
Secretary, in the gener-
al ~~revision~~ of the com-
pilation of a new Code,
taking rather the ex-
isting Chapters of the
Madras Code as ^{its} ~~their~~
basis than the Govt.
of India Code -

Certainly no con-
sultation with
Major C. J. Smith - M

Colonel Mullins would
substitute reference to
half a dozen selected
Officers, for direct con-
ference with Major
Smith; and would
prefer taking the Govt.
of India Code as a
basis -

Lyons

16.9.75

Memo

Chiefly to be left
Mm

I do not think I can do
justice to the subject which
the Gov. wish me to take up.
So far as regards the actual
construction of a code, which
I have carefully & critically
read over & collated the
Old Madras Code, the present
Gov. of India Code & the large
mass of Orders which have
been issued, affecting
organization, during the
past six or seven years.
Thanks besides, the local
Panchayat & Regulations &
the evidence & reports on
the reorganization of the
Muzaffar district.

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which contains a large
mass of evidence bearing
on the relations of P. & L.
Officers with other depts
& many other matters which
should be kept in mind.
There is therefore much to be
read up before the work of
reorganization or emendation
can be profitably undertaken.
I propose to commence
at once. It is I think an
indispensable preliminary, &
the best way of giving immediate
effect to the rules of fr.

The Draft herewith is
I believe in accordance
with the views expressed
& generally concurred in.

Revised

I have at present in hand
the General Administration

report of the Dept. for
74-75. & its compilation
in addition to current
work leaves me little
leisure time just at
present therefore I can
hardly do much towards
the Code.

Revised

1. I have not yet
 2. received the
 3. report of the
 4. committee on
 5. the subject of
 6. the proposed
 7. changes in the
 8. regulations of the
 9. Board of
 10. Directors.

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My dear Walker
 I agree with you that there is much
 to be done in consultation with the
 officers in connection with the
 control being left away from their Districts
 so long and it would be a good plan to limit
 their stay in London to 10 days or a fortnight
 with the date fixed for their meeting there. The
 intention was that the Controller should
 prepare a complete scheme of accounts & then
 consult several officers by referring his scheme for
 marks. I have not the order of the 26 June by me
 & I think my memo shows this. There it was
 agreed that a meeting of a few officers could be held

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 [Signature]

2. 11.00 etc. and
which was in 1875
... ..

Matters. - There came the opinion
resulting in the writing the 31 July
The necessity for a manual of accounts and
of a code is clear enough - to have under head
a complete code and put in under each
an chapter of one
I do not think either Scott or Conway Gordon
is competent to settle what parts of the S of S Code
are applicable to this Presidency neither of them
having a sufficient acquaintance with ordinary
district work & its necessities. but the Controller
might give his view on all matters relating to
account & Scott has in general subjects and
then the questions might be referred to half a
dozen selected officers. - I take it for granted

that the S of S practice will be adopted & be
unobjectionable, and the first thing is to
give into the hands of all officers an authoritative
book of reference as soon as possible - When there
are four reasons for different practices
let us adopt the best common practicable, but
know that accounts are to be stipulated &
that Controllers are interchangeable all
over India the fewer the points of difference
the better.

Yours sincerely
W. H. C.
16 Sept 75

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Ordered

Under Secy

Under Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

To the Comr of P.W. Works

By Secy to Govt in Mad. 30/9/75

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12-10-75

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