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Estimated - Passing orders
on the subject of the estimate
estimated that should be
provided to the Controller
of P. R. Accto, and their
future enforcement

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd November 1875.*

No. 528. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 16th November 1875, No. 140 W. :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government detailed in the margin, communicating certain sanctions and in every case forwarding along with the Proceedings of Government a copy of the abstract estimate of the work for which sanction is conveyed.

G.O.,	No. 3,014,	of 27th	October 1875.
"	"	3,051,	of 28th " "
"	"	2,997,	of 27th " "
"	"	2,844,	of 2nd " "
"	"	33	of 7th " "
"	"	3,024,	of 27th " "
"	"	3,059,	of 23th " "
"	"	43,	of 8th " "

* A proposal is now before Government to increase this limit to Rupees 10,000.

2. As in no case do these works amount to Rupees 2,500* in value, the present limit within which works are not required to be kept by sub-heads, I have the honor to inquire the purpose for which these abstract estimates have been sent to me. In ordinary course I might assume that they are some special works which Government desire should be separately treated, and the accounts of which are to be exceptionally exhibited under sub-heads.

3. But so many of these exceptional works have lately been received, and for some of them, for instance the estimate for putting an iron roof over a boiler, there would appear to be so little *prima facie* cause for treating the work exceptionally that I hesitate to ask the executive officers concerned to go to the extra trouble of reporting the expenditure on these works by sub-heads before inquiring from Government whether the submission of these abstract estimates to my office is not due to some unfortunate mistake.

4. I need hardly point out that the orders of Government at present require that the accounts are to be kept by sub-heads only for works exceeding Rupees 2,500 in value, and for these I obviously require abstract estimates. For works less than Rupees 2,500 I do not require such estimates, and as the submission of them to my office is not only useless, but causes some unnecessary labor in the range offices where these estimates are prepared, I would suggest that their submission to this office be discontinued, except in cases where for special reasons Government may require the accounts of a work costing less than Rupees 2,500 to be kept by sub-heads.

5. I further note that the whole of these estimates, though apparently sanctioned by Government, bear no enfacement showing that they have been so sanctioned, or by whom, or when.

No. 529. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1875, No. 3,351.

ACCOUNT, No. 15-A.

The Controller's requirements in respect to estimates have been misapprehended, the Orders of the 28th June and 8th September 1875, Nos. 1,786 and 2,573, having directed that abstracts of *all* estimates sanctioned by Government should be furnished to that officer; while it appears that only estimates for works costing Rupees 2,500 and above are wanted. There is no

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ground for the assumption in paragraph 2 of the Controller's letter that because estimates for works below this limit accompanied the orders sanctioning the works, a material alteration on the system of audit was intended by Government.

2. It has never been the practice to enface estimates in the manner referred to in paragraph 5. This matter will however be attended to when the recent proposals of the Controller in regard to recording the sanctions of estimates shall have been carried into effect.

(True Extract.)

From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 16 Nov^r 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of G.O. No. 3014 of 27th October 1875. Government detailed
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33 of 7th do. with the Proceedings of
3024 of 27th do. Government a copy of the Abstract Estimate
3057 of 28th do. of the work, for which sanction is conveyed.
43 of 8th do.

2. As in no case do these works amount to Rs. 2,500 in value, the present limit within which works are not required to be kept by sub-heads, I have the honor to inquire the purpose for which these Abstract Estimates have been sent to me. In Ordinary course, I might assume that there are some special works which

Government

are sent to me before Government sanction, this limit to Rs. 10,000.

Government desire should be separately treated, and the Accounts of which are to be exceptionally exhibited under Sub-heads.-

3. But so many of these exceptional works have lately been received, and for some of them, for instance the estimate for putting an iron roof over a boiler, there would appear to be so little *prima facie* cause for treating the work exceptionally, that I hesitate to ask the Executive Officers concerned to go to the extra trouble of reporting the expenditure on these works by Sub-heads before enquiring from Government whether the submission of these abstract estimates to my Office is not due to some unfortunate mistake.-

4. I need hardly point out that the orders of Government at present require that the Accounts are to be kept by Sub-heads only for works exceeding Rs 2,500 in value and for these I obviously require abstract estimates. For works less than Rs 2,500 I do not require such estimates and as the submission of them to my Office is not only useless but causes some unnecessary labor in the Range Offices where these estimates are prepared, I would suggest

suggest that their submission to this Office be discontinued except in cases where for special reasons Government may require the Accounts of a work costing less than Rs 2,500 to be kept by Sub-heads.-

5. I further note that the whole of these estimates, though apparently sanctioned by Government, bear no endorsement showing that they have been so sanctioned or by whom, or when.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt

Longway Gordon

Controller, P.W. Accounts.
A.H.

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 No 7344
 The Contro of P.W. Accts
 To
 The Secy, Government
 P.W. Department

Dated 16th November 1875
 Recd 17th " "
 N 140 W

Suggesting, for reasons
 stated, that the
 submission of abstract
 estimates for works
 costing less than
 Rs. 2500 be discontinued

No 3351

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23 Nov 75.
 Read the following:—

The Controller of
 Str. Accounts (M. E. S. 140 W of 16th
 Nov 75.)

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 and 20 September 1875
 for 1876 and 2573
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 mates sanctioned by
 Government should
 be furnished to that
 Office, while it appears

that only estimates for
work costing Rs 2,500
and above are wanted.
There is no ground for
the assumption in
para 2 of the Controller's
letter that because es-
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this limit accompanied
the orders sanctioning
the work, a material
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of audit was intended
by Government.

It has never been
the practice to refuse
estimates in the manner
referred to in para 2.
This matter will

however be attended
to when the next
proposals of the
Controller in regard
to recording the sanc-
tions of estimates
shall have been con-
sidered into effect.

To Cont. S. H. C. C.
" Dt. Secy. S.
" Engr. & Architect
" Ch. Secy. for J.
" Cont. Architect

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