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8th December 1875.*

No. 144. 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, 29th November 1875, No. 156 W :—

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 701, of the 13th November 1875, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. The charge made by the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, for certain tools supplied by him to the District Engineer, Nilgiri, appears to me perfectly proper under the circumstances. The District Engineer, Nilgiri, indented on the Public Works Stores for certain tools required for Provincial Services. The articles if in the Provincial Store of Tools would already have been finally paid for from Provincial Funds, and would consequently have been supplied to the District Engineer, Nilgiri, for Provincial Services without payment. But as a matter of fact, the description of tools indented for were not in the Provincial Store of Tools, and they had to be supplied from other sources. The District Engineer, Nilgiri, consequently must pay for them.

3. Throughout the transaction there would appear to have been a certain amount of inconsideration on both sides.

The District Engineer, Nilgiri, intended that the indent should be complied with from the Provincial Stores, without payment, and in no other way. But he nowhere expressly stated this intention, he gave no special instructions to this effect to the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, and from the remark, "*urgently required*," on the indent, the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, may reasonably have concluded that he was to comply with the indent from any source.

On the other hand, I think the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, before carrying out the order, should have advised his customer that he was going to supply on payment.

4. The matter is however of little importance. It is a question of time, rather than of amount. The Provincial Funds will only pay for the tools *once*, and that must have been done in any case. An allotment of funds is all that is required to adjust the amount.

5. Government Order No. 2,474, of the 30th August 1875, does not bear directly on this particular case.

6. I return the enclosures received with your memorandum.

No. 144-A. From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd September 1875, No. 324.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, in the month of October 1874, I submitted estimates for tools and plant required for this district through the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, for 1875-76. The sum of Rupees 1,010 for new tools and Rupees 300 for repair and carriage was required under "*Provincial*," but the Government having allotted only Rupees 300 for the latter and nothing for the former, I naturally concluded that, as has hitherto been the practice, the amount for new tools

was included in the sums placed at the disposal of Superintendent, Public Works Stores, for "London Supplies," and I drew accordingly the tools by an indent in April last. These tools were brought into my accounts numerically in the same manner as those under "Imperial" are treated, and according to the invariable custom in the past.

2. The Superintendent now submits a bill for the tools and demands payment. I explained to him the above facts, but he still insists on my paying the bill. *Vide* copy of his letter attached.

3. I am therefore reluctantly compelled to lay the matter before you for such orders as you may be pleased to issue, as I have no funds to meet this novel demand.

From Lieutenant R. E. HAMILTON, R.E., in charge of Public Works Stores, to Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, dated Chepauk, 16th September 1875, No. 740.

With reference to your letter, No. 475, dated 13th September 1875, I regret to state that as the tools were supplied by the Public Works Workshops the bill cannot be cancelled. The Workshop being a self-supporting establishment requires payment for all articles supplied by it, no exception being made in this respect to any department of Government.

2. The triplicate copy of bill received with your letter is herewith returned.

No. 144-B. From General Superintendent, Public Work Stores, dated 27th September 1875, No. 2,544.

No. 144-C. From General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, dated 4th October 1875, No. 825.

From Lieutenant R. E. HAMILTON, R.E., in charge of Public Works Stores and Workshops, to Major A. DEO. SCOTT, R.E., Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 16th October 1875, No. 889.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 657, dated 13th instant, inquiring why the indent from the District Engineer, Nilgiris, was not supplied from the General Stores, free of charge, instead of by the Workshops on payment, I have the honor to state that the articles applied for by the District Engineer for "Provincial Service" were not then in stock in the Provincial Stores, and had the indent been supplied from the Imperial Stores to "Provincial" the articles could only go on payment, hence the indent was supplied by the Workshop, and as in either case the District Engineer would have to pay for the tools required on this indent, it was deemed advisable that the Workshop should take the supply instead of reducing the Imperial stock, by the issue of the indent and replacing such issue next year by a Budget grant.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1875, No. 3,485.

ACCOUNT, No. 7.

Of the amount required Rupees 937 only being at the disposal of Government under Provincial, that amount is allotted to the Nilgiri District for tools supplied by the General Superintendent, Public

Works Stores, and the District Engineer will report what further sum is required on this account. He should also explain clearly in future, when making his annual indents for tools and plant, whether they are intended to be acquired with or whether without payment, and the General Superintendent of Stores should, when receiving indents, take care that the terms on which the supply is expected to be made are recorded.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Yd. S. T. Austin.

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No 654.

Wares

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With reference to the
letters from the Genl. Suplt. of Mr
Stores quoted in the margin
the undersigned has the honor
to request that it may be
stated why the order from
the St Eves & Vailberies was
complied with by Mr Workshops
on payment, instead of from
the Genl. Stores free of charge
/s/ A de Scott Esq.

Under Secy to Govt

No 101
 Memorandum

From Genl. Supt. P. W. Stores
 No 815 d/12th Octr 1875
 with 1 enclosure
 Ch. Engrs Memo No 657
 d/18th Octr 1875
 From Genl. Supt. P. W. Stores
 No 816 d/27th Sept 1875
 with 1 enclosure
 Ch. Engrs Memo No 602
 d/2nd Octr 1875
 From Supt. M. Engrs No 324
 d/22nd Sept 1875 with
 no enclosure
 Ch. Engrs Memo No 560
 d/21st Sept 1875
 From Genl. Supt. P. W. Stores
 No 809 d/16th Octr 1875
 (To be returned).

The accompanying corres-
 pondence is forwarded to the Com-
 mdr for report as to the pro-
 priety of the charge made by the
 P. W. Stores and with reference
 to G.O. 2494 of the 30th August
 1875.

(By order)
 (Sigs) Adm. Scott
 Major Rb.
 Fort St George
 13th Nov 1875 } Under Secy. to Govt.
 W.D.

By the Comdr. of P. W. Accounts
 with 10 enclosures.

Chief Engineer

Memo. No 701

13th Novr/75

No 602

Memo.

Adverting to his letter No
2544 of 24th September 1875
the General Sup^y of P.W. Stores
is requested to be good enough
to submit safe & Morra's
original Estimate of Stores
which appears to have been
forwarded from the Kilgherry
District in October 1874.

1st, G. Rowalter Major Genl. M.
Chief Secy. P.W. Dep^y

Botacamman
24th October/75 D.

The Genl. Sup^y P.W. Stores

200 1/2
small

Should it be possible
to send the original
of the letter from the
General Sup^t of
Prostores to the D.E.
Nielgherry No 324 of 23rd
Sept 1/75.

Memo No 602
of 2-10-75

M. 7644/75
7/75

No 560
Memo.

Letter from the D.E.
Nielgherry No 324 of 23rd
Sept 1/75.

Adverting to the letter
from the General Sup^t of
Prostores to the D.E. Nielgherry
No 440 of 16th Sept 1/75, the
Chief Engineer has the honor
to request that the original
indent sent in by Capt.
Normant may be furnished

Sgt. G. Walker. Major Genl.
Potacamund Chief Eng^r. P.W. Dep^t
24th Sept 1/75

Warrant on the Public Works Stores for the delivery of the following articles.

Articles	to be repaid	to be kept	value	Remarks
Axes Pick Europe	7		100	
Crowbars with claw	145		100	
Hammers Europe	10		100	
Hammers sledge 12 lb			50	
Dr. - claws breaking 2 lb			300	
Shovels Europe			40	
Spades	10		40	
Bill hooks			100	
Jumpers steel <u>1/2</u> diameter 7 ft long			40	

District Engineers Office

Ootacamund

1st April 1875

J. H. M. J. Captain 1875

District Engineer

W. 7644/75
10/75

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PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT,
Chaparral, Mexico, 4th Octo 1875.

No. 825

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS STORES AND WORKSHOPS.

To

The Chief Engineer P.M. D.
Cotacaurum

Sir,

Enclosures.

"Provincial"

In Compliance with your
Memo. No 602, dated 2^d October 1875.
I have the honor to forward the
original Estimate of Stores, from
the Melgherry District, dated
30th October 1874, required for the
Year 1875/76.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

R. E. Macullos L.P.C.

Secy. Genl. P.M. D. Chaparral.

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PRESIDENCY WORKSHOPS, D. P. W.,
Chepauk, Madras. 27th September 1875.

No. 2544

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS AND STORES,

To

THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Octacamond

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to forward
herewith the original Indent for
Tools dated 1st April 1875 received
from the District Engineer,
Velgheerries called for in your
memo No 560 dated 24th September 1875.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

R. E. Hamilton D.P.W.

In charge of P. W. Workshops and Stores

From

J. W. 1075. D. P. W.
No. 6576

The General Superintendent,

P. W. Stores,

To

The Chief Engineer
Octacamond

Dated

4th

12th

Oct 1875

1875

Received

No. 825

Enclosures, 1

Forwarded to the Engineer

Advocate of Chav

from the Public Works

Department for 1875

RECEIVED

J. W. 1075-
2/11/75

Recd from P. W. 15/10/75 No 12-10-75
P. W. Chief Engineer

Provincial
Communications

List of Tools and Plant required in the Neilgherry District for the Year 1875-76.

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To be procured from

Description of articles

Local Market General London
Stores India Total Grand
Remarks.

approximate
value
of each
amount to amount to amount

Axle Pick Europe	100	100	-
Crowbars with Claw	100	170	-
Hammer Europe	250	150	-
Hammer sledge 12 lb	100	150	-
W. Club breaking 2 lb	500	300	-
Shovels Europe	40	75	-
Spades 10 lb	40	70	-
Bill hooks	Doz 2	15	-

Repair and Carriage of Tools 500

Total Repairs 1310

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District Engineers Office
Pottamunth 30th Oct 1874

per order. Captain R. B.
District Engineer
Neilgherry

District Engineer's Office
Catamund 22nd Sept 1875

No. 324

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From
The District Engineer
By Rail Express
To
The Chief Engineer
and Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
in the month of October 1874 I submitted
estimates for Tools and Plant required for
this District thro' the General Superintendent
P.W. Works for 1875/76. The sum of Rs 1000
for new tools and Rs 500 for Repair and
Carriage was required under "Provincial"
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Superintt

Mr. 7644/75
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The Superintendent now sub-
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above facts but he still insists on
my paying the bill. I enclose copy of
his letter attached.

I am therefore reluctantly compelled
to lay the matter before you for such
orders as you may be pleased to issue,
as I have no funds to meet this novel demand.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obt. servant
John Horant
District Engineer

From No. 6194
The District Engineer
Trichinopoly
To The Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Deptn.

No. 324
Dated 22nd Sept 75
Received 24

Memo No 560.
24-9-75
Forward copy of letter
from the General Super
P.W. Stores, for the
necessary order regu-
lating the amount of his
Bill for Tools
supplied to this
District. 11/7644/5
9/75

District Engineer

13/750
From

Public works Stores Department
Chennai, Madras 16th Sept 75

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The General Superintendent
Public works stores

To

The District Engineer
Trichinopoly

Sir

With reference to your letter No.
476 dated 15th September 1875, I regret
to state that as the Tools were supplied
by the P.W. Workshops, the bill cannot be
cancelled. The workshops being a
self supporting establishment requires
payment for all articles supplied by it
no exception being made in this respect
to any Department of Government.
The duplicate copy of bill received
with your letter is herewith returned

I have &c
Sd/ A. B. Starnallie Lt Col.
Incharge of P.W. Stores

/ True Copy /

per order Captain R. C.
District Engineer

PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT,
Canton, Md., 16th October 1875.

No. 889

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS STORES AND WORKSHOPS,

To

THE Under Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Canton

Sir,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Memo No. 887 dated
10th instant, inquiring why the Indent from the
District Engineer's requisities was not supplied
from the General Stores free of charge, as stated of
by the Workshops on payment. I have the honor
to state that the articles applied for by the
District Engineer for "Provincial Service" were
not then in stock in the Provincial Stores, and
had the Indent been supplied from the Imperial
Stores to "Provincial" the articles could only go
on payment, hence the Indent was supplied
by the Workshop, and as in either case, the Dist.
Engineer would have to pay for the tools re-
quired on this Indent, it was deemed advisa-
ble that the Workshop should take the
supply instead of reducing the Imperial
Stock by the issue of the Indent and
replacing such issue next year by a
Budget.

No. 889

11-7644/5

Budget Grant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant.

R. E. Hamilton Esq. M.C.
Incharge of P. W. Stores & Works.

From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 29th November 1875.

Sir,
With reference to your Memorandum
No. 401 of the 13th November 1875, I have the
honor to report as follows:-

2. The charge made by the General
Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Works-
shops, for certain tools supplied by him to
the District Engineer, Nilgiri, appears to me
perfectly proper under the circumstances.
The District Engineer, Nilgiri, indebted on the
Public Works Stores for certain tools required
for Provincial Services. The articles, if in
the Provincial Store of Tools would have
already ^{been} finally paid for from Provin-
cial ^{funds} and would consequently have been
supplied to the District Engineer, Nilgiri,
for Provincial Services without payment.

Sub

D. W. 1875
From
No. 6710

The General Superintendent,

P. W. Stores,

To

The General Superintendent

to be paid to the

to be paid to the

Dated 16th October 1875
Received 20th

No. 889

Enclosures

State that the

Articles in the name

of the District Engineer

Nilgiri were for the

Provincial Services &

were not to be in

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3. Throughout the transaction there would
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on the indent, the General Superintendent of
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ably have concluded that he was to comply
with the indent from any source.

On the other hand I think the General
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before carrying out the order, should have
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portance. It is a question of time, rather
than of amount. The Provincial funds will
only pay for the Tools used, and that
must have been done in any case. An
allotment of funds is all that is required
to adjust the amount.

5. Government Order No 2474 of the 30
August 1895 does not bear directly on this
particular case.

6. I return the enclosures received with
your Memorandum.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt,

Lowrey-Jordan.

Controller, P.W. Accounts.

AB.

Copy of Memo. by 7019 W-harp

P. M. 1875
From No 7644

The Controller

P. M. Accounts

To

From

The

The Secretary to Government
P. M. Department

Dated 29th November
1875

C. 10

No 156 W.

Enclosures to C. No 7644.

1. From D. E. Milgherins No 324
of 22nd Sept 1875
2. From Genl Supt P. M. No 544
of 27th Sept 1875
3. From Genl Supt P. M. No 825
of 4th Oct 1875
4. From Do Do No 899
of 16th Oct 1875

Reports on the change
as made by the Genl
Supt. P. M. Stores & Work.
Shops for certain tools
supplied to the
District Engineer
Nigeria

No 144

Cir 7-12-75

No 3485

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9 Dec/75

Read the following:—

For

The Controller of } (P.L. No 156 W of 29th Nov. 1876)
 Streets }

Of the amount required
Rs 937 only being ~~available~~
at the disposal of Government
under Provincial, that amount
is allotted to the Sd/-y, Messrs
District for tools supplied by
the General Superintendent
Public Works Stores and the
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what further sum is required
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care that the terms on
which the supply is expected
to be made are recorded

Aug 1

1644
GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dist: Engrs Presidency

Date

From

To

By

1875 No 3485

11/11/45

Tools supplied to the by the
and Capt. R. M. Stiles, to the
Railway Dept - A sum of Rs
739 allotted for — with
certain instructions to the
Capt. R. M. Stiles, when attend-
ing to future indents -

St Engrs Presidency
St Engrs Bangalore

C. M. Walker

11/11/45

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