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## Government of Madras

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT

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3rd July 1876. No. 1,675.*

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Read the following papers —

No 23 From Lieutenant-Colonel J H M SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th March 1876, No 130.

I HAVE the honor to submit letter, No 320, dated 14th March 1876, from the Examiner of Railway Accounts, and to request the favorable consideration of Government to the proposals therein made

2. Mr. Macdonald's arrangement to place his two Accountants on the same footing as those in other parts of India seems fair and entails no unnecessary payment of arrears. It will be observed that the application is made at the suggestion of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department

3 With reference to paragraph 4, I beg to be favored with the orders of Government. I see no objection to the placing of the Accountants in this Presidency on the same footing in respect to house-rent as those at Calcutta. The Assistant Examiners in this Presidency receive the indulgence

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From R G MACDONALD, Esq., Examiner of Railway Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J H M SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 14th March 1876, No 320

I HAVE the honor, at the suggestion of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to invite your attention to the letter from the Government of India to the Government of Madras,

No 436 E A, dated 18th December 1875,

G O, No 3,615, dated 27th December 1875 sanctioning a proposal to place the Accountants attached to this office upon the same footing as regards pay as Accountants of the same rank in other parts of India, and to solicit the favor of your referring the points raised for the orders of the Government of India through the Government of Madras

2 The two Accountants interested are Mr St John Buchan and C N Balu Chetty Garu, and the question is from what date their increments may be drawn. If they be only allowed to draw their first increment one clear year from the date of receipt of the sanction, they will not have been placed on the same footing as Accountants in other parts of India. At the same time it is against rule to give retrospective effect, except when specially ordered to sanctions. I therefore venture to propose as a fair arrangement that Mr Buchan, who was appointed a 3rd-grade Accountant upon a salary of Rupees 160 a month from the 20th August 1872, be allowed to draw Rupees 190 a month from the beginning of the first month subsequent to the date of receipt of the sanction, viz, from the 1st January 1876, and that he be allowed to draw Rupees 200 a month from the 1st September 1876. C A Balu Chetty Garu was appointed in the 4th Grade from the 13th April 1872, and he has been drawing Rupees 100 a month since the 1st January 1873, in accordance with memorandum, No 419 E A, dated 14th December 1873, from the Government of India. He seems entitled to receive Rupees 101 from the 1st January 1876, and Rupees 108 from the 1st May 1876

3 Both these Accountants are well deserving of any consideration that can be shown to them. They were highly esteemed by my predecessors Major Moberly and Mr Williams, and they continue to render excellent service under me

4 I learn that the Accountants in the Examiner's office at Calcutta draw Presidency house-rent, and I have the honor to inquire whether the Accountants attached to this office may not be granted the same privilege

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
3rd July 1876. No 1,675.

No 103

REFERRED to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for remarks on the proposal with regard to house-rent to Accountants

FORT ST GEORGE,  
21st March 1876

(Signed) G W WALKER, Major-General, R E.  
Secretary to Government, P W D

No. 23-A From Lieutenant-Colonel J H M SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st June 1876, No 269.

At the instance of the Examiner of Railway Accounts, I have the honor to inquire whether any orders have been passed upon his letter, No 320, dated 14th March 1876, submitted to Government with this office No 130, of the 16th idem.

No 23-B. From Captain L CONWAY-GORDON, R E, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St George, 23rd June 1876, No 76 W.

In reply to your memorandum, No 108, dated 21st March 1876, together with your subsequent reminder, No 933, dated June 10th, 1876, I have the honor to remark that as I was aware that the subject of granting Presidency house-rent to Accountants amongst others has been for some months under the earnest discussion of a Committee, of which we both are members, it did not appear to me necessary to trouble you further with my personal opinion in the matter

2 Whatever decision is ultimately arrived at, must, I conclude, apply not only to the Public Works Accountants in the office of the Examiner of Railway Accounts, but to the whole of the Public Works Accountants in the Presidency generally, and knowing, as I did, that the subject as a whole was under discussion, it appeared to me improper to force on a decision with regard to two or three of the Public Works Accountants which, if once made, must be held in justice to apply to all

3 I think the subject under discussion will be best dealt with by the Public Works Code Committee, and I consequently return the papers submitted to me under cover of your former memorandum.

No 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1876, No. 1,675.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 4

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council approves of the subject being taken into consideration by the Public Works Code Committee

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg Under Secy. to Govt, P W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways  
" Code Committee

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No 933

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Memorandum

The undersigned has the honor to enquire whether a reply may be expected on the subject of the letter from the Examiner of Railway Accounts No 320 dated 14th March 1876 referred to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts on the 21st March

Signed G. W. Walker Major-General  
Secretary to Government

Order in Council  
18th June 1876

To the Examr of P. W. Accounts

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OF MADRAS

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SECRETARY.

Fort St George, June 2nd, 1876.

OFFICE NOTE

To C.

Have you made  
any disposal on  
our C. No. 1968 of 76  
(Railway Accounts)  
referred to you  
on 21st March, 1876?

W. H. H.  
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The paper has not yet  
been finally disposed of  
but the Committee will be  
written to on the subject

Memorandum 9338/10 June 1876

Recd. 30.6.76  
Cm. 28.7.76 Dtd 30-6-76  
L. H. H. 5 June

EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS' OFFICE,

Madras, 14th March 1876.

No 320

From

THE EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways,  
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour, at the  
suggestion of the Accountant General,  
Public Works Department, to invite your  
attention to the letter from the Government  
of India to the Government of Madras  
No 436 Est. dated 18th December 1875 con-  
taining a proposal to place the accounts  
attached to this Office upon the same  
footing as regards pay as accountants  
of the same <sup>rank</sup> in other parts of India, and  
to solicit the favour of your preferring  
the points raised for the orders of the  
Government of India through the  
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Government of Madras.

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Both these accountants are well deserving of any consideration that can be shown to them. They were highly esteemed by my predecessors

Major

Major Moberly and Mr. Williams and  
 they continue to render excellent service  
 under me.

Mr. 19/8/76  
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4. I learn that the accountants  
 in the Examiner's Office at Calcutta draw  
 Presidency House Rent, and I have the  
 honour to inquire whether the accountants  
 attached to this Office may not be  
 granted the same privilege.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your Most Obedt Servant,  
 R. G. Macdonald  
 Examiner Railway Accounts  
 Madras.

Encd. *[Signature]*  
 Respecting that  
 Government be advised  
 on the subject of the  
 rent from which the  
 attached accountants,  
 in this office at Calcutta,  
 draw their annual remuneration.

To  
 Mr. Macdonald  
 Examiner  
 Railway Accounts,  
 Madras.

Dated 14th March  
 Recd 15th March  
 1876

No 370

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT  
 CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE  
 Madras, 16th March 1876  
 No. 130  
 From  
 LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,  
 Consulting Engineer for Railways,  
 To  
 MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,  
 Secretary to Government,  
 Public Works Department,  
 Fort Saint George.

Sir,  
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 submit letter No. 320, dated 14th March  
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The Assistant Examiners in this  
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I have the honour to be  
Sir  
Your most obedt Servt.  
Munthoum L. Hol. R. E.  
Cons. Engineer for Railways

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Works Accounts for  
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with regard to house  
rent to Accountants.

Comd'r Major Genl. R.H.  
Secy: to Government  
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Instructions from the  
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Dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 1876  
Recd 18<sup>th</sup> March 1876  
No 130

To  
The Secretary to Government,  
P. W. Department  
Fort Saint George.

From  
The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways,  
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FORMER CASES

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The Cons. Eng. for Railways

No 130

Dated 11<sup>th</sup>

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Recd 18<sup>th</sup>

Subject —

Forwarded as letter from  
 the Examiners of Railway Accounts  
 regarding the payments of  
 salaries for two of his Accountants  
 lately graded, & as regards the  
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras,

1st June 1876

No. 269

From

LIEUT - COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

MAJOR GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R E,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George

SIR,

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 this office N<sup>o</sup>. 130 of the 16<sup>th</sup> idem.

I have the honour to be  
 Sir  
 Your most obedient servant  
 Wm. Stewart Lieut. Col., R.E.,  
 Cons. Engineer for Railways

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From

THE CONTROLLER,  
 PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

The Secretary to Government,  
 Public Works Department,  
 FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
 23 June 1876

Sir,  
 In reply to your Memorandum  
 No 108 dated 21st March 1876 together with  
 your subsequent reminder No 933 dated June  
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 House Rent to Accountants amongst others has  
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 it did not appear to me necessary to trouble  
 you further with my personal opinion in the  
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Whatever decision is ultimately  
 arrived at, must, I conclude apply not only  
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From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department,

Fort Saint George.

Dated

Received

23 June 1876.

No. 269

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 Fort Saint George.  
 No 23

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir, your obedient servant.

Yours most obedient servant  
Lowry-Jordan

Secretary, P. W. Accounts  
General, Government of India  
Bombay, 1st December 1871.

W. L. J.

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From No. 4509  
The Examiner  
P.W. Accounts

To  
The Secretary to Government  
P.W. Department

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Dated 23  
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Gives reasons for  
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ing of Presidency House  
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Letter from the Comptroller for Railways. No 130 of 16 March 76  
Bo. 269 of 1 June 76  
Bo. Examiners, P.W. Accounts. 76 W of 23 June 76

FOR ORDERS.

Major Genl R.B.  
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Received - The Comptroller  
for Railways  
16 March 76  
No 130 of 16 March 76  
Bo. 269 of 1 June 76  
Bo. Examiners, P.W. Accounts. 76 W of 23 June 76

FOR ORDERS

No 1645 of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1906

His Grace the Governor  
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