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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No 416 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, 13th January 1876, No 199 W —

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government,
under date 25th November 1875, No 3,375, and with reference to the last paragraph
of those Proceedings, to remark that the Divisional Accounts and Returns are not,
on the whole, submitted to this office with the punctuality they might be.

2 The most important accounts that are submitted to this office are undoubtedly
the monthly accounts of expenditure received from the Executive Officers. The
punctual receipt of these accounts is in fact considered so important that a statement
showing all the divisions from which the accounts have not been received by the 20th
is submitted monthly to Government. The following is an abstract of these statements
for the last year —

Statement submitted in—	No of Ranges		Total No of
	from which Accounts had been received	from which Accounts had not been received	Ranges
January .	30	46	76
February . . .	38	38	76
March . . .	34	42	76
April . . .	24	52	76
May . . .	25	52	77
June . . .	34	44	78
July . . .	18	60	78
August . . .	22	57	79
September . . .	23	55	78
October . . .	22	56	78
November . . .	28	50	78
December . . .	25	53	78

3 From this abstract Government will perceive that, during the whole twelve
months, even so many as one-half of the divisional accounts were received within the
proper date on only one single occasion. In the month of July, so many as sixty
accounts out of seventy-eight were late, and the proportion always in arrears would
appear to amount to about 60 or 70 per cent of the whole.

4 As the unpunctuality shown by the returns cannot have failed to have
attracted the notice of Government, it is probable that everything has already been
done that can be done to place matters upon a better footing. But the result is still
very unsatisfactory, and I have accordingly brought the matter specially to the notice
of Government.

5 It is perhaps easier in this case to point out the evil than to suggest a remedy,
but as my experience leads me to a belief that some part of this delay could be
prevented by more energy on the part of the Divisional Accountants, I shall in future,
after due inquiry, deal severely with the Accountant of any division the accounts
of which are constantly in arrears.

No. 199/W

FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.FORT SAINT GEORGE, 12th Jan'y. 1876

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government under date November 25th 1875 (N^o 3375) and with reference to the last para of those Proceedings to remark that the Divisional Accounts and returns are not on the whole submitted to this Office with the punctuality they might be.

2. The most important accounts that are submitted to this Office are undoubtedly the monthly accounts of expenditure received from the Executive Officers. The punctual receipt of these accounts is in fact considered so important that a Statement showing all the Divisions from which the accounts have not been received by the 20th is submitted monthly to Government.

Government. The following is an abstract of these statements for the last year:-

Statement submitted in	No. of Ranges from which statements had been received	No. from which accounts had not been received	Total No. of Ranges
January	30	16	46
February	38	38	76
March	34	42	76
April	24	52	76
May	25	52	77
June	34	44	78
July	18	60	78
August	22	57	79
September	23	55	78
October	22	56	78
November	28	50	78
December	25	53	78

3. From this abstract, Government will perceive that during the whole twelve months even so many as one half of the Divisional Accounts were received within the proper date on only one single occasion. In the month of July, as many as 60 accounts out of 78 were late and the proportion always in arrears would appear to amount to about 60 or 70 per cent of the whole.

whole.

4. As the impunctuality shown by the Returns cannot have failed to have attracted the notice of Government, it is probable that every thing has already been done that can be done to place matters upon a better footing. But the result is still very unsatisfactory and I have accordingly brought the matter specially to the notice of Government.

5. It is perhaps easier in this case to point out the evil than to suggest a remedy, but as my experience leads me to a belief that some part of this delay could be prevented by more energy on the part of the Divisional Accountants, I shall in future, after due inquiry, deal severely with the ~~Divisional~~ Accountants of any Division, the accounts of which are constantly in arrears.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt

Lowry-Jordon

Controller, P.W. Accounts
13/1.

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G.O. Decr/73 No 2983.
24 April/74 No 1052
25 June/75 No 3373
Cl. Engrs. 12.8.912 Janr/76.

W 1876 Sept.
No. 271

From
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts,
To
The Secretary to
Government,
P.W. Department.

No 199th
Dated 13th 3
Recd 14 Janr/76

Bringing to the notice
of Government the want
of punctuality in the
submission of the Divisional
Accounts to this office.

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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25 Janr/76.
Read the following -

From
The Contr. of P.W. Accounts } (No. No 199th 13th Janr/76)

Communicated to all
District Engineers. It is pro-
bable that the practical
step proposed to be resorted
to by the Controller of hold-
ing Range Accountants per-
sonally responsible for con-
tinued delay in submission
of the accounts which they
have to compile, will have
more effect than the exhorta-
tions of Government as con-
tained in Orders No 2983
of 10th December 1873 and
No 1052 of 24th April 1874;

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or than the reminders issued
by the Chief Engineer to the
Range Officers whom he finds
to be most in arrears.

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Division of Accounts

Approving the Comptroller
perposed by the Comptroller
for the permanent in-
crease of ————
Wall & Engineers with
himself.

N^o 416-417

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