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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th July 1876. No. 1,913.*

No. 473. Read the following letter 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, 17th July 1876, No. 119-W. :—

In their Order, No. 252, dated 3rd February 1874, Government declined to adopt a proposal from this office to issue printed duplicate cheque books, and so much inconvenience is experienced from the want of these printed duplicates, that I have the honor respectfully to request a reconsideration of the orders then passed.

2. The truth is that at present there is rather a conflict of orders on this subject.

Comptroller-General's No. 295, of 9th June 1873.

Do. „ 690, of 4th September 1873.

Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 2,081-G, of 25th October 1873.

From the correspondence noted in the margin, copies of which are enclosed, Government will observe that before their orders of the 3rd February 1874 was passed, the Comptroller-General, and the Accountant-General, Public Works Department,

had both distinctly directed this department to use printed duplicate cheques, whenever duplicate cheques were required.

3. In the ordinary course of business, it needs be that cheques are lost, and at present, when this contingency happens, I hardly see what course is open to the executive officer. He has no printed duplicate books, and his manuscript duplicate cheques are invariably and very properly refused payment at the treasury.

4. I am not aware of the reason that induced Government to disapprove of the introduction into this Presidency of printed duplicate cheque books; the use of which is prescribed under the orders of the Government of India in both the Financial and the Public Works Departments.

5. Elsewhere such cheques are in ordinary use, and should no sufficient reason at present exist for their not being introduced here, I would strongly recommend that duplicate cheque books be issued to the department as early as possible. On receiving the general approval of Government, I will settle all details with the Accountant-General, Madras, who agrees with me as to the advisability of the course proposed.

From H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Officiating Comptroller-General, to R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 9th June 1873, No. 295.

With reference to your letter, No. 1,533, dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Controller of Public Works Accounts at your Presidency should be referred to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for instructions regarding the course he should adopt when cheques issued by Engineer Officers have miscarried.

2. I agree with you in the opinion that duplicate cheques bearing the same numbers and dates should be issued, but I do not think it at all safe that they should be in manuscript. I would suggest that as in cases of supply bills, the duplicate cheques should be printed in blue ink without the numbers which would be entered by hand at the time of issue, and that the word "Duplicate" should be printed in red ink across the cheque.

No. 2,252.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts with reference to the 2nd paragraph of this office letter, No. 1,468, dated 21st May 1873.

(Signed) D. TEAGIAH,
Asst. to the Accountant-General

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Copy of a letter from the Comptroller-General, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 690, dated 4th September 1873.

With reference to your letter, No. 1,379-G, dated 21st July last, I have the honor to solicit your attention to paragraphs 22, 23 and 24 of the Indian Bill Rules, and to observe that the rules therein contained apply to the loss of cheques and issue of duplicates, as well as to the issue of duplicates on loss of bills. If cheques intended for duplicates are not now printed in your department, they may without inconvenience be printed in the manner suggested in my No. 295, of 9th June last, and as regards the risk attending their custody by Executive Engineer, I would remark that if original cheque books are allowed to remain in charge of these officers, the risk apprehended in regard to *duplicates* is not clearly understood. Besides, no sufficient reason has been shown for allowing in the Public Works Department so important a deviation from the practice of other departments in this respect. I have accordingly to request that the suggestions in my letter cited may be carried out at your earliest convenience.

From Captain A. J. FILGATE, R.E., Deputy Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Simla, 28th October 1873. No. 2,081-G.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1,373-G, dated the 21st July last, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Comptroller-General, from which it will be seen that that officer requires that printed forms of duplicate cheques should be used in this department when original cheques are lost or destroyed.

2. The Superintendent of Government Printing at Calcutta has received instructions to print a form of duplicate cheque book for use by disbursing officers of the department who are not in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, and you may obtain a sample of the form from that officer before taking the necessary steps to carry out the orders of the Comptroller-General in the Madras Presidency.

No. 474.

ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1876, No. 1,913.

ACCOUNT, No. 43.

Under the explanations now given by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, which were withheld in his predecessor's application of 8th January 1874, His Grace the Governor in Council withdraws the refusal contained in G.O., No. 252, of 3rd February, and authorizes the introduction of duplicate cheques for use by the officers of the Public Works Department.

2. The Examiner will arrange the necessary details both with the Accountant-General and in the Lithographic Department, Madras.

(True Extract.)

Colonel.

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts
To District Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.

Exd. W. H. French.
Spare Copies

N^o 295

Comptroller General's Office
Central Accounts Branch
Calcutta, the 9th June 1873

From
The Comptroller General,
To The Accountant General
Madras.

Sir, With reference to your letter N^o 1553 dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Controller of Public Works Accounts at your Presidency should be referred to the Accountant General, Public Works Department for instructions regarding the course he should adopt when cheques issued by Engineer Officers have miscarried.

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I have &c.

(Signed) H. A. Mangles.
Offg. Compt^r General.

N^o 2252.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts with reference to the 2nd para of this Office letter N^o 1468

dated

Dated 21st May 1873.

(Signed) J. Leagiah

Asst. to the Accountant General

True Copy

J. Leagiah

Supt. Correspondence Branch
Office of Commr, P.W. Accounts

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Copy of a letter from the ⁵³Comptroller General
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N. 2081 G.

From The Accountant General P.W. Department
To The Controller of Public Works Accounts
Madras
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Madras Presidency

I have etc.
(Signed) H. J. Fitzgerald Captain R.E.
Accountant General

(True Copy) 1800.11

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Wks. Form No. 2.]

No. 1191

From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

17th July 1876.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Lowry-Jordan

Examiner, P.W. Accounts

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From No. 5123

Mr. George W. A. C.

To The Secy. to Government
P. W. Department

Dated 17th
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Public Works Department.

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Under date the 27th July 76
Read the following:—

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The Examiner of
Public Works Accounts } (A.E. No. 11977 of 17th July 76)

Under the expla-
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Engineer of Public Works
Accountant

District Engineer

Revenue Department

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Duplicate Cheques.

Authorizing the use of
by officers of the P.W.
Dept. in instructing the
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of the accounts
and the lithographic
Dept. of the Govt.