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2. I ask this from Government not so much on the ground that this is in accordance with the Public Works Code and with the recommendations of the Madras Public Works Code Committee; not so much on the ground that it is seldom that a circular is received from the Government of India which indirectly is not connected with finance; not so much on the ground that officers of the Accounts branch belong to the Public Works Department as much as those of the Executive branch, but solely on the ground that officers of the Accounts branch are often Engineer Officers; that they look back to the time when they themselves were on constructive work, and forward to the time when they will be so employed again, and that it is to the interest of the public service that these transfers between the two branches of the department should be effected with as little friction as possible by giving such officers an opportunity of keeping themselves acquainted with all changes of administration, of policy, or of system, with all improvements in engineering processes, and with all the other interesting matter which the Government of India consider it advisable to advertise generally to the Public Works Department.

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ESTABLISHMENT, No. 24-B.

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(True Extract.)

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

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## SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 4 October 11. 1876.

## OFFICE NOTE.

To

Your No. 258 W 4/9-10-76.

In the case of Circulars from India, which relate purely to engineering matters, do you want them officially communicated to the Premier, P.W.D., or do you want spare copies only sent for "C's information"?  
 Para 3 of your letter printed with Govt. Order No. 2547, of 22-9-76, points to the former supposition. Personally I fancy the latter is what you wish.

W  
11.10.76.

From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts No. 258 W dated 9th October 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

With original  
draft of Order referred to.

I think the subject of the Circular is a fine Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. by all the country. It is difficult sometimes to define the connection with the P.W.D. and how can be in question to the country then all.

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From

THE CONTROLLER,  
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department  
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 9<sup>th</sup> October 1876.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lowrey Gordon

Inspector, P.W. Accounts.

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From

The Examiner,

P.W. Accounts

To

The Secretary to Govt

P.W. Department.

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 1876.

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N<sup>o</sup> 258 N.

Govt of India Secretariat—

— Requests that this  
Office be supplied with  
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From Examiner

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W.H.  
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6. P. H. A. ✓ 28-10-76

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Engineer of S. W. A.*

Dated

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G. O., 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1876, No. 2822

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Government of Madras

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