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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Read the following papers :—

No. 437. 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, 14th August 1876, No. 169 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Overseer in charge of Hospetta Division, and with reference thereto to solicit the orders of Government.

2. You will see that the executive officer asks to be supplied with 2,000 copies of the Form of Progress Report (Schedule of Expenditure) for the use of the Overseers in his division, in order that the Overseers may submit their reports in a uniform manner.

3. Before complying with this request, I think it my duty to ask whether it is the desire of Government that Overseers should submit these reports at all.

4. The theory of the present system is that compilation of accounts commences in the divisional office, but even this has generally been held to burden the executive staff with too much accounts work; the expediency of commencing the compilation of accounts in district offices has several times been mooted; and the Committee which sat about a year ago went so far as to recommend that the entire compilation should be done in the Examiner's Office.

5. In the face of this, the almost universal practice is for compilation to begin in the Overseer's shed. The Overseer submits compiled accounts to the Sub-divisional Officer, and the latter, after more compilation, submits similar accounts to the Divisional Officer.

6. Whether this compilation of accounts does or does not unduly interfere with the performance of an Overseer's more legitimate duties is a question with which, as Examiner of Public Works Accounts, I am perhaps not directly concerned. But from all that I hear, and from my own knowledge of the nature of the compilations which are expected from an Overseer, I cannot doubt that the time which should be devoted to his legitimate duties must be trenched on most seriously by this accounts work.

7. And as, moreover, all troubles connected with, or due to, accounts are not unnaturally laid to the charge of the Accounts Branch, I feel it my duty, as head of that branch, to state distinctly that as far as accounts are concerned, all compilation by Overseers and Sub-divisional Officers, whether in the way of Progress Reports or of Station Books (which are far worse than Progress Reports), is quite unnecessary; and that it is the duty of the Divisional Accountant to do all compilation from the cash accounts of the disbursers of the division.

8. If therefore the preparation of these compilations—Station Books and Progress Reports by Overseers—is required on other grounds; if it is required for administrative purposes by the executive officers or by District Engineers, I should be glad to have this distinctly recognized.

9. For my part I think these compilations are not required on any grounds, and I should be glad to see them positively forbidden. I should be glad to see the

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30th October 1876. No. 2,896.*

compilation of accounts left to the Accountants, and Overseers free to attend to their legitimate duties.

From the Officer in charge of the Hospetta Range, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Hospetta, 18th July 1876, No. 50.

I HAVE the honor to request you will furnish me, if available, with 2,000 copies of the old Progress Report, Forms C C, for supply to Overseers in this division to enable them to submit their reports in a uniform system.

(Signed) A. VARADARAJU MOODELLIAR,
Overseer, for Range Officer.

No. 437-A. From W. B. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ramandroog, 13th October 1876, No. 2,739.

With reference to your endorsement No. 1,249, dated 19th August 1876, I have the honor to state that I have ascertained from the Range Officers that the documents submitted to them by Overseers are not Progress Reports but are simple statements, in the enclosed form, containing a brief account of particulars of work performed during each month. These papers are found useful in the Range Office, as they afford the necessary information for filling in the remarks column of the Progress Reports prepared for the District and Local Fund Board Offices.

2. The Officer in charge, Hospetta Range, will be informed that the forms of Progress Reports applied for by him, for the use of the Overseers, are unauthorized and unnecessary.

No. 438. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1876, No. 2,896.

ACCOUNT, No. 22.

THE Examiner's letter will be circulated to all District Engineers for their information and guidance, as also of Range Officers and their subordinates, with a view to these latter being restricted as much as possible to executive duties, and freed from preparation of all but the simplest initial accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin,
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From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
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Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
Lowrey-Jordan.

Examined, P. W. Harwick

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From P.W.D.
1876
The Examiner
P.W.D.

To
The Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

Memo: No. 1249 dated 19th Aug. 1876

(Here enter letter from A. Varadarajan
Moody Overseer - Hospetta Range)
1250 dated 8th July to Govt

Copy of the above forwarded to
the D.S. Bellary who is requested
to state how it is that Overseers
have to send in Progress Reports
and if the practice is universal
ad. S.H.H.

Enclosed

D.S. Bellary -

No. 437

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Dated 11th August 1876

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Hospetta Range Office.
18th July 1876.

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Madras.

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them to submit their Reports in a uniform
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I beg to
Signed / A. Varadarajan Mod.
Overseer for Range Officer

(True copy)

Attest
Supt. Correspondence Branch
Office of Examiner, P.W. Accounts.

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No. 2739.

District Engineer's Office,

BELLARY,

13th October 1875

Wm. Hammond.

FROM

The District Engineer
Bellary

TO

Chief Engineer and
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Madras.

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Enclosures.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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to Prof. Sedgwick, Oct

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Thanks for Conspiring!

Aug 26-10-76

Public Works Department.

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Read the following :-

Sheffer Officer in Charge.

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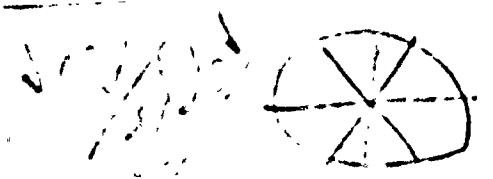
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The Revenue letter
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Govt. of Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secy of P. W. & C.

Dated 1876
 Issued
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 G. O. No. 1876, No. 38

Nos. 1 & 2

Complete list of
 the works of the
 P. W. & C. for the
 year 1876-77.
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 containing the works
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