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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th March 1876.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 479. 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, 14th January 1876, No. 201W :—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government (No. 3,454), under date December 6th, 1875, as I have some doubt as to the exact meaning to be attached to the words "*their supply*," I have the honor respectfully to inquire whether I am correct in assuming that it is the intention of Government to authorize the supply of one copy of the Madras Civil Engineering College Text-book to each *Divisional*; and one copy to each *Sub-divisional*, office, but none to the *District* offices.

2. With regard to paragraph 2, I may remark that no such book as a *Stock** Ledger is prescribed in the Madras Manual of Accounts, and, as far as I am aware, no such book is maintained in the divisional offices. If, however, such a book were maintained, nothing charged off finally to *Contingencies* can, in accordance with the rules, be brought on to the *Stock* Ledger.

3. What I conceive is the intention of Government is to maintain in the several Public Works Offices some record, not only of the Civil Engineering College Text-books, but of *all* books of reference supplied by Government. Books of reference are neither *Stock* nor *Tools and Plant*, they are *Office records*, and as such are dealt with in the Public Works Code XV, iii. I would therefore respectfully suggest that to paragraph 17 of Chapter XV, iii, the following new clause be added at end of paragraph :—" *A list of books of reference supplied at the cost of Government.*"

No. 479-A. Memorandum by Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 28th January 1876, No. 200.

No. 479-B. 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, 4th February 1876, No. 236 W.

With reference to the subject referred to in your Memorandum, No. 200, dated January 28th, 1876, my opinion is as follows :—

Standing Order, No. 26 of 1870, refers to *ordinary* books of reference on professional subjects. By "*ordinary*," I conceive is meant such books of reference as are ordinarily sold at the booksellers, and such as might reasonably be expected to form a part of the equipment of an Engineer.

2. As opposed to ordinary books of references, there will always be a number of works treating of subjects special to one country or province, the scope of which is too limited to command a general sale, but of which the publication may be properly encouraged by the Government of the country concerned. The publication of such works the Government of India have on many occasions encouraged from motives of policy; I may mention, for instance, the Rurki Professional Papers on Indian Engineering, Moncrieff's Italian Irrigation, &c.

* The word "*Store*" used in the Proceedings of Government, in the technical nomenclature of the Public Works Department (*vide* Public Works Code XVII, ii, 1), includes both *Tools and Plant* and *Stock*, and as the value of *Tools and Plant* is charged off finally, a *Store* Ledger in contradistinction to a *Stock* Ledger could not exist under the present system of Government Accounts.

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3. The broad distinction here laid down appears to be clear enough, although its application in many cases may be doubtful. To illustrate my meaning. While I do not think the State is in any way called upon to provide a Public Works Officer with Tredgold's Carpentry, I think the State might, with advantage, supply the same officer, if serving in the Punjab, with a copy of Stewart's "*Punjab Forests*," or, if serving in Madras, with any book treating specially of the timber procurable in that Presidency.

4. The Standing Order, paragraph 13 A, should, I think, be read in connection with paragraph 13 of the same Chapter of the Public Works Code, and with Chapter III, Section 7, paragraph 7 B. It appears to me to apply more to the Controller than to the Government. See also Resolution by the Government of India, No. 2,359, dated 30th August 1872, by which it is left to Local Governments to decide what newspapers or other periodical publications may be furnished to public officers.

5. I conceive it is left to each Government to decide to what extent it will supply its officers with books of reference, each case would in ordinary course be carefully considered by Government, and should the matter be even questioned, the considerations which satisfied the Madras Government as to the advisability of the measures taken, would doubtless satisfy the Government of India.

6. The particular publications referred to in your first paragraph appear to me to come within the category of works published with the approval or under the authority of Government. In this view I consider the advice given to Government by my predecessor to be sound. He first asks for a definite ruling with regard to certain specified works, and he then lays down much the same abstract principle as I have sketched above.

7. I do not therefore think it either necessary or advisable to ask Government to revise or cancel their Order, No. 737, of 16th March 1875, referred to.

8. I do not think the insertion of a provision for the custody of books of reference would make the Code inconsistent, Government demonstratively having the power to order the purchase of special books of reference—(*Vide* Resolution by the Government of India above referred to).

9. I do not think it advisable to include books of reference as *Tools and Plant*. Besides professional books of reference, there are Almanacs, Army Lists, Tables of Wages, Logarithm books, &c.; there are Administration Reports, Codes and Manuals. If the proposal were accepted, it would be very difficult to draw the line between office records and books considered as *Tools and Plant*. If considered as Tools and Plant, the value of the books would have to be charged to the grant under that class. I am opposed to changing a system common throughout India, without gaining any thing by the change. A list can of course be kept up of the books, in which may be noted their issue and return. All this can easily be done without calling them "*Tools and Plant*."

No. 479-C. 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, 16th March 1876, No. 283 W.

I HAVE the honor to invite your attention to paragraph 1 of this office letter, No. 201 W. of the 14th January 1876, and to request that I may be favored with the

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29th March 1876.*

information therein applied for regarding the class of officers to whom the Madras Civil Engineering College Text-books should be supplied.

2. I notice that in the Salem District, where there are the following officers,—
Three Divisional Officers,
One Special Assistant Engineer,
One Supervisor,

sixteen copies of the Text-books have been purchased.

No. 480.

ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1876, No. 802.

ACCOUNT, No. 19.

It is not considered necessary that the supply of the Civil Engineering College Text-book, "*Elementary Civil Engineering*," at the cost of the State, should be extended to District Engineers, who may be supposed to possess a stock of books on professional subjects. The work will only be issued to Range and Sub-divisional Officers.

2. The book, with others of a similar kind, will be dealt with as prescribed in the Code now under revision.

(True Extract.)

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

To District Engineers.

To the Consulting Architect.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

TO

*The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department*FORT SAINT GEORGE, 14th January 1876.

Sir,

With reference to the proceedings of Government (No. 3454) under date December 5th 1875, as I have some doubt as to the exact meaning to be attached to the words "their supply", I have the honor respectfully to inquire whether I am correct in assuming that it is the intention of Government to authorize the supply of one copy of the Madras Civil Engineering College text book to each Divisional and one copy to each Sub-Divisional Office, but none to the District Offices.

With regard to para 2 I may remark that no such book as a stock Ledger is prescribed in the

Madras Manual of Accounts, and as far as I am aware no such book is maintained in the Divisional Offices. If, however, such a book were maintained, nothing charged off finally to contingencies can, in accordance with the rules be brought on to the Stock Ledger.

3. That I conceive is the intention of Government is to maintain in the several Public Works Offices some record not only of the Civil Engineering College text books but of all books of reference supplied by Government. Books of reference are neither stock nor tools and plant they are office records, and as such are dealt with in the Public Works Code VI. III. I would therefore respectfully suggest that to para 17 of Chapter VI III, the following new clause be added at end of para. "A list of books of reference supplied at the cost of Government."

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Controller P. W. Accounts.

*Footnote.—The word "store" used in the Proceedings of Government, in the technical nomenclature of the Public Works Department (vide P. W. Code VIII. II. 1) includes both tools & plant and stock, and as the value of tools and plant is charged off finally, a store ledger in contradistinction to a stock ledger could not exist under the present system of Government accounts.

W. 1876 Dept.
No. 325

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

Dated 14th } January 1876.
Recd. 17 }
No. 201/W.

Requests to explain the
meaning of the words
"then simply" as used
in G. O. No. 3454 of the
6th December 1875.—

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From The Comr of P. W. Accts

No. 201 H

Dated 14th 3rd Jan'y 1876
Recd 17th 3rd Jan'y 1876

Subject:—

Requests to explain the meaning of the words "their supply" as used in G.O. No 3454 of 6th Decr 75

ENCLOSURES.

From Original papers
" Warrant. Adms

Orders and Proceedings in file.

Department.	No.	Date.	ENDORSEMENTS.		
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"	417	17 th 3 rd Jan'y 76			
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No 26 of 1870
Para 13A
Sub C XV

No 200

The undersigned has the honor to request that the Comr P. W. Accounts will be good enough to inform him whether, in his opinion the standing order of the Comr of India marginally noted precludes the Comr of India from sanctioning the issue to Officers of the Dept generally of such works as Schoenij's estimating, the L.E. College drawing course and Rogers' Elementary Civil Engineering.

Whether in view of the order in question, the Controller in his letter printed in the Rec. of Comr of the 16th March 1875 No 737, advised the Comr correctly, and if not, whether it would not be desirable that it should be referred to the Comr to revise or cancel the order quoted.

Whether the insertion in the Code of any provision for the custody of books of reference would not in view of the standing order of Comr of India, which forms part of the code, make the Code inconsistent.

Whether there is any objection from an Account point of view to the insertion of the books which have actually been supplied, in the half yearly balance return of tools & plant, and to the record of their temporary issue and return on occasion in the daily expense receipt account.

Sd/- Lt Col George
28th Jan'y 1876

To The Controller of P. W. Accounts.

By Order /
Sd/- Adm to Stott May 1876
Under Secy to Comr

Under Comr's letter
201 H of 4-1-76

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Form No. 2

No. 236 W.

FROM
THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 4th Febry 1876.

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9. I do not think it advisable to include books of reference as Tools and Plant. Besides professional books of reference, there are Almanacs, Army Lists, tables of weights, Logarithm books, etc. there are Administration reports, Codes and Manuals. If the proposal were accepted it would be very difficult to

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I have the honor to be Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt.

Lowrey Gordon

Controller, P.W. Accounts

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The Controller of
The Accounts

The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Department

P. 226 W.

Dated 4th
Recd 5th February 1876

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Opinion as
to whether certain stand-
ing Orders of Govt of
India precludes the
Madras Govt from issuing
to certain Offrs the C.E.
College drawing course
& Rogers' Elementary Et
cuis Engraving

Ch 29 March 76 P.W. 479

Current No. 916

From

The Govt of Madras

No. 236

Dated

Reed.

4 Feb: 1876

Subject:-

Gives his opinion as to whether certain standing orders of the Govt of India preclude the Madras Govt from issuing to certain officers the C.E. College Drawing course & Rogers' Elementary Civil Engineering

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Orders and Proceedings in file.

Department.	No.	Date.	ENDORSEMENTS.		
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From

Hammer,
THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

*The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.*

Fort St. George, 16 March 1876.

Recd 2-17

Sir

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2. I notice that in the Salem district, where there are the following officers:

3 Divisional Officers.

1 Special Assistant Engineer.

1 Supervisor,

16 copies of the Text books have been

OT 1876 Dept
From No 2049
The Examiner

Rw. Accounts

To
The Secretary to Govt.

Rw. Department

N^o 283 W.

dated 16 }
Sept 17 } March 1876
Rev 20 }

Requests to be forwarded
with the information
called for in this Office
letter N^o 201 W, of the 14th
January 1876, requesting
to Explain a certain portion
of a Govt Order anent Civil
Engineering bills & for Dept
Books

Ph 29 March 76 B N 479 C.

FORMER CASES.

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.. 6th Dec^r 3454 - "

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From

The Examiner
of P.W. accounts

No. 2837

Dated

Recd.

March 1876

Subject:—

Request to be
favored with the infor-
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Civil Engineering Test
Book in his letter
No 201 W of the 14th Jan'y 76

ENCLOSURES.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th March 1876
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The Exr. of P.W. Accounts (H.C. No. 201 W of 14th Jan'y 1876)
Memo. by Under Secy. P.W. D. (— 200 — 4th 28th —)
The Exr. of P.W. Accounts (— 236 W of 4th Feb'y —)
— do — do — (— 283 W of 16th March —)

It is not consider-
ed necessary that
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C. E. College Test
Book "Elementary
Civil Engineering"
at the cost of the
State should be
extended to District
Engineers, who may
be supposed to
possess a stock
of books on pro-
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professional subjects.

The work will only
be issued to Range
and Sub-divisional
officers.

2. The book with
others of a similar
kind will be dealt
with as prescribed
in the Code now
under revision.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Nearest Engineers.

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G. O., 29 Mar. 1876, No.

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Nos. 479-480.

Ext-Boite on Elementary
Civil Engineering - —

Exhibiting that the — be
issued only to Range and
Sub-divisional Officers.

M.H. Williams
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