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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 185 W.

No. 18.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 7th May 1877, No. 136 E—I.

2. I am to state that, after inquiry into the matter, the Madras Government consider that the need that the Office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts should be temporarily strengthened is very great.

3. I am to ask that, in accordance with the request made by Captain Conway-Gordon to the Accountant-General, the services of six trained Accountants may, until the pressure of work caused by the famine shall have ceased, be placed at the disposal of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

1st June 1877.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 21ST. MAY 1877.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W.

I FORWARD FOR INFORMATION AN
EXTRACT OF MY LETTER TO THE ACCOUNT
ANT GENERAL; WITH REGARD TO THE EX-
TRA ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.

KEEP-WITH.

Genl. No.

dated

187 .

2. THE FACT IS THAT THE EXECUT-
IVE BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS
BEEN LARGELY INCREASED BY OFFICERS
DEPUTED FROM OTHER PROVINCES, BUT
NO CORRESPONDING ADDITION HAS BEEN
MADE TO THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH.

3. THE FOLLOWING WILL GIVE
ROUGH IDEA OF THE AMOUNT OF EXTRA
WORK THROWN ON THIS OFFICE IN CON-
NECTION WITH FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

4. THERE ARE NEARLY 700 WORKS
IN PROGRESS, SEPARATE REGISTERS ETC
HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED IN THIS OF-
FICE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE. THE
OUTLAY ON WHICH HAS TO BE ACCOUNTED
FOR AND TO UNDERGO THE SEVERAL PRO-
CESSES OF AUDIT AND ADJUSTMENT DIS-
TINCT FROM THE NORMAL OUTLAY. THE

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WORK OF AUDITING ESTABLISHMENT
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IT WAS BEFORE.

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AUDIT IN CONNECTION WITH FAMINE
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IS THE NUMBER I APPLIED FOR TO
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, P.W.DE-
PARTMENT.

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM
THE EXAMINER, P.W.ACCOUNTS TO THE
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, P.W.DEPART-
MENT, NO.257.A., DATED 28TH. 3.
1877.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOW-
LEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER

NO.13.G.DATED 7TH.MARCH 1877 AND
IN REPLY TO FORWARD FOR YOUR INFOR-
MATION & FOR SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS
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OF MADRAS G.O.NO.789, DATED 7TH.
MARCH 1877, FROM WHICH YOU WILL OB-
SERVE THAT TO MY GREAT REGRET THE
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WITH SOME EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANTS
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ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH FAMINE
RELIEF WORKS.

2. ON THIS SUBJECT, I HAVE NOW
TO LAY BEFORE YOU THE FOLLOWING OB-
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NEW ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS HAVING
BEEN FORMED IN CONNEXION WITH THE
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RS.240 IN ALL PER MENSEM. THIS
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WERE ENTERTAINED; BUT THIS HOWEVER
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CONNECTION WITH THESE TWO NEW DIVISIONS NECESSARILY REQUIRED THREE TRAINED ACCOUNTANTS. THE NET RESULT OF THE CHANGES CONSEQUENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE TWO NEW FARMING DIVISIONS WAS THEREFORE TO LEAVE MY OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT WEAKER THAN BEFORE.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FARMING RELIEF WORKS HAVE THROWN A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE OF WORK ON THIS OFFICE. SEPARATE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURE ARE SUBMITTED FROM ALL DIVISIONS CARRYING OUT FARMING RELIEF WORKS, AND THESE HAVE TO BE POSTED IN SEPARATE SUB-REGISTERS. THE NUMBER OF SALARY BILLS RECEIVED FOR AUDIT ROSE DURING THE LAST FIVE MONTHS, TO THE FOLLOWING EXTENT:-

OCTOBER.....135	} NORMAL
NOVEMBER.....134	
DECEMBER.....148	
JANUARY.....182	} EXCEPTIONAL
FEBRUARY.....207	

WITH EVERY PROBABILITY OF THIS NO. FURTHER INCREASING. THE PRESSURE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH OF THE OFFICE AT LENGTH BECAME SO GREAT THAT FINDING ON ONE OCCASION (THE 15TH INSTANT) THAT THERE WERE NO

LESS THAN 60 SALARY BILLS IN ARREARS, AND THAT THERE WAS EVERY PROBABILITY, IF SOMETHING WAS NOT DONE, OF SERIOUS DELAY OCCURRING IN THE SUBMISSION TO YOUR OFFICE OF THE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS, I CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO DEAL SUMMARILY WITH THE EVIL AND TO DELIBERATELY NEGLECT SOME PORTION OF THE OFFICE WORK IN ORDER TO EFFICIENTLY CARRY OUT THE REST.

4. THIS HAS BEEN DONE, AND IT IS ONLY RIGHT FOR ME HONESTLY TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE NOW GETTING THROUGH THE WORK SIMPLY BY NEGLECTING ALL CHECK OVER THE BALANCE RETURNS OF STORES, THE CONTRACT ACCOUNTS, AND THE HALF-YEARLY RETURNS OF BUILDINGS RENTED AND AVAILABLE FOR RENT. THEY WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT SOME FUTURE TIME. AND FURTHER, I HAVE REASON TO FEAR THAT OWING TO THE WEAKNESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT, ALL CHECK OVER ^{the} VOUCHERS, (ALWAYS AN EXCEEDINGLY WEAK POINT IN THIS OFFICE) IS VIRTUALLY IN ABEYANCE.

5. IF YOU AGREE WITH ME IN CONSIDERING THAT THIS STATE OF THINGS SHOULD NOT CONTINUE A MOMENT LONGER

THAN NECESSARY, I WOULD ASK YOU TO
TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE NOTICE
OF THE GOVT. OF INDIA WITH A VIEW
TO MY BEING PROVIDED WITH A FEW
TRAINED ACCOUNTANTS. A FURTHER
MONEY SANCTION IS USELESS, AS
TRAINED P.B. ACCOUNTANTS ARE NOT
HERE AVAILABLE, NOR IS IT OF ANY
USE TO ASK FOR APPRENTICES. I
WANT READY MADE ACCOUNTANTS. MORE-
OVER AS SOON AS THE NUMBER OF EX-
ECUTIVE DIVISIONS IS REDUCED, AS
IT WILL BE BEFORE VERY MANY MONTHS
ARE OVER. I SHALL HAVE A LARGE
NUMBER OF SPARE ACCOUNTANTS ON MY
HANDS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Letter from the Govt of India
No. 136 C.A. dated 7th May 1877.*

FOR ORDERS.

Ed from Colonel R.E.

Sey. to Govt. P.W.D.

*I do not approve the
improving and also
Sey. Lt. L.A.*

FOR ORDERS.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 136 E. A.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Establishment
Account*

To

*The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department*

Simla, 7 May 1877

Sir,

It is understood from a communication received from the Accountant General P. W. D. that the officer of the Examiner of Accounts Madras is much pressed at present in consequence of the additional work necessarily thrown on it in connection with the outlay on famine works. I am therefore directed to state that if on enquiry this is found to be the case the Government of India will be glad to

Cr 28-5-77

To endeavour to help the Madras -
Government by the loan of a few -
trained accountants

P.W.D.
14th 77
No. 4942

I have the honor to be ^{from} ^{the Govt. of India}
your most obedt servt.

J. M. [unclear] [unclear]
for Under Secy to the Govt of India
[unclear]
Date 4th May 1877
No 136 E.S.

Q 7-3-77 No 8904
" 5-4-77 " 1155-
Ext 2nd Office Note 9 21-5-77

To
For remarks
[unclear]
15/7/77

Q 10/6/77 No 1155

Q 20-5-77

No 182 W.D. Public Works Dept.
11 June 77
Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the

Read the following

From the Government of India } H.E. No 136 E.S. of 7th May 1877.
The Examiner Pub. Works Accts } " " of 21st May 1877

Ordered that the
following letter be sent
(H.E. No 180 W.D. of 1 June 77)

To the Examiner
Pub Accts with
Copy of letter No
185- 1st June 77
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1847
PUBLIC WORKS.

To the ^{Star} ~~Govt~~ of P. W. & C.

Dated

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No. 15

Additional Accountants
for the Office of the Examiner
of Public Works Accounts - The Govt
of Madras addressed re
regarding the supply of -

Requesting that the ser-
vices of six trained ac-
countants may be placed
at the disposal of the
Examiner of Public Works
on account of extra work
occasioned by famine.