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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1877, No. 1,993 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 73. From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 13th November 1877, No. 150 W.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1877, No. 1,993 W.

THE Government have no desire to curtail the Examiner's powers in regard to the transfer of Accountants under his control. Manicum Moodelly, with others similarly circumstanced, must be held to belong to the Account Department; and the Examiner will exercise his powers of transfer in this and all other cases as laid down in G.O. No. 878, dated 4th April 1876.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineers.
" Consulting Architect.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
To Mr. Randall.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Letter from the Examiners of Public
Works Accounts, No 150 W dated 13th Nov 77

FOR ORDERS.

Nov. 1877

Edmond Col RB
Secretary to Fort Mro

The J.C. has passed
under the impression
that Main line tunnel
did not belong to the
Aut. Dept.

It appears that
there is an error
in the authority
the Exam. & Service

FOR ORDERS.

Am. Anti-Sl. Socy.
 151 Nassau St. N.Y.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Engineer, Public Works Ac-
count No 150 W dated 13 November 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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es schon
R. f. bezeugen & zu

The Honble Mr.
Hudleston remarks as fol-
lows in connection with
the Examiner's last letter -

"The L. O. (No 1058) is dated 16th Octr 1877) was passed under the impression that Francis Muddale did not belong to the Account Department. It appears that this is an error and I would authorize the Examiner to exercise his usual powers in regard to him." His Grace the

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Governor also states "that
was my understanding,
therefore I concur in pre-
sent note".

In the ordinary
routine the Secretary
would, after receipt of in-
structions of this character,
embodify them in the
form of a draft order and
issue the order without
further reference to Govern-
ment.

The order in the present
case would be to the ef-
fect that when G.O. No. 1050 was
dated 18th October 1877 was
passed the Government
were under a misappre-
hension as to the true
position of Maricuma
Mudali - but as it
would now appear that

Aut. Dept. also in
declines to join the
Government in the
"Account to the
Hon. Secy. of the
Govt. of the Straits
Sett.".

The question in
is much better than
in the Act. Dept. of the
Govt. are liable. The
Govt. is liable to the
Govt. in the
interest of the public
service.

I understand from the
G.O. of 4 April 76 that
the Govt. has been
entirely over the whole
of the Act. Dept. as
a distinct branch of
the Govt. Dept. under
these circumstances I cannot
see how any of the Govt.
can be held to be
affected by one of the
Govt. Dept. in this

The Govt. Dept. is
not liable to the
Govt. Dept. in the
"Account to the
Hon. Secy. of the
Govt. of the Straits
Sett.".

I understand that the
Govt. Dept. of 4 April 76 did
not affect the
Govt. Dept. in the
"Account to the
Hon. Secy. of the
Govt. of the Straits
Sett.".

he belongs to the Account
Department, the Examiner
will exercise his usual
powers of transfer in
regard to him. The
logical conclusion to
this order would be that
the Examiner will in
future exercise his powers
of transfer in regard
to all persons in the
position of Maricuma
Mudali.

Before issuing any
order of this kind the
Secretary deems it his
duty to place the facts
of the case clearly before
the Government with
a view to careful con-
sideration of all the
issues involved.

The first question which arises is whether Manic-
cum Mudali does or
does not, belong to the
Account Establishment.
If he belongs to the Ac-
count Establishment,
the Examiner has power
to transfer him, sub-
ject to the condition of
para 2 of G.O. No 878 of
4th April 1876. If he
does not belong to the
Account Establishment,
the Examiner has, it
is understood, no power
to transfer him.

The orders of the
4th April 1876, No 878,
were passed with the
express view of organizing
a separate and distinct
Accounts Establishment.

allude to the Examiners
of the Public Works
they do not volunteer
explained that the
this is the first time
he. I cannot say that
his was the first time
I have seen a distinct
branch of the Public Works
under the control of the
Public Works. I do not know
how the matter was
done.

as the Public Works
Establishment is a
distinct branch of the
Public Works
Establishment, the
Examiner has no power
to transfer him.

had been the case
before
to the Public Works
Establishment of the
Public Works. The work is
being done & the pay
drawn. I cannot say that
the Public Works
Establishment is a
distinct branch of the
Public Works
Establishment. I do not
know how the matter
was done.

It was laid down as a
condition precedent to
admission on this Estab-
lishment that candidates
selected principally
from the men at present
employed in Accounts
duties in the Public Works
Establishment, shall pass
the prescribed examina-
tion as laid down in the
Public Works Codes of the
Government of India,
and that they shall be
gazetted as Accountants
on their expressing their
willingness to conform
generally to the conditions
of the service - one of
the conditions being trans-
fer at the discretion of
superior authority.

Maniccum Mudali
now Examiner

has fulfilled none of
these conditions, and has
not been gazetted as an
Accountant. Until he
has been so gazetted he
must be regarded as
a "Clerk". That he was
so regarded by the
Examiners himself on
the issue of the orders
of the 4th April 1896 is
evident from that
Officers Circular No 40 of
1896, in para 5 of which
it is stated that "those
who elect to remain
in the service on their
present footing, as also
those who fail to pass
the substance examina-
tion, will be considered
as Clerks, employed
on Accounts duties".
Such men are subjected

And now pay
Acc -
3/11/96

Yes, but the law
is that his list
is practically that
of a Clerk.

and therefore
the Exam.
of the list
is the same

is the same as
the list of the
Examiners

to certain disabilities spe-
cified in the succeeding
clauses of the Circular.

Had Mr. Mainwaring
volunteered for
the Account Department
proper, and the Examiners
sided so as to entitle
him to be gazetted as
an Accountant, there
would have been no
question of the Examiners
power to transfer him
in common with all
other gazetted Accountants.

It now rests with the
Government to decide
whether the Examiners
shall also have power
to transfer all "Clerks"
employed on Accounts
duties against their
declared wishes, con-
trary to all press de-
mands.

in this and their Depart-
ments, and having in
view the peculiar dis-
advantages under which
they labor as regards
Salary - it having
been expressly declared
that no hope can be
held out to them of
advancement in the
Accounts Branch, and
that their present salaries
will be secured to them
only as far as possible.

Such an order is
likely to cause wide
spread commotion
among the men affected.
The Secretary has there-
fore noted down the
facts of the case as
they present themselves

to him in order that
the issues and conse-
quences may be well
weighed before a final
decision is come to.

Wm Caldwell
Secretary to Fort M.D.

Nov 1/77
true
in

Wm Caldwell

Spence & Co. Employed
on account of duties
FOR ORDERS.

Am. State Attorney, 1889
1-17-77

Bellevue & Co.
Next day
H. C. M.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Marikun Woodell's
Case.

FOR ORDERS.

This subject was
marked for discussion
in Council today but
as the undersigned was
not called in further
orders are solicited as
to the disposal of the
papers. The Examiner
urges early orders, as
pending the decision of
Government, he is
making no transfers.

The subject will
be discussed at
the meeting of the
Council on the 17th
inst. Pending the
decision of the
Government.

After discussion, the
Council has agreed
to transfer the papers
to the custody of the
Examiner. The
undersigned is
instructed to
make no transfers
until further
orders.

W. H. Woodell
Under Secy of Port

Manikam Mooshy & Co.
FOR ORDERS.

Handwritten notes and signatures in the left margin, including a large signature and the word "Manikam" written vertically.

Extensive handwritten notes in the left margin, covering several lines of text, likely related to the official business or a personal account.

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FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 12TH. NOVEMBER 1877.

10. 150. M)

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF G.O. NO. 104 N.Y. DATED 16TH. OCTOBER 1877, AND FOR REASONS HEREIN- AFTER GIVEN, TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THESE ORDERS MAY BE RECONSIDERED, AS THIS LATE DECISION OF GOVERNMENT HAS RENDERED IT NEARLY IMPRACTICABLE FOR THE EXAMINER TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT.

2. TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO THE ISSUES INVOLVED, I WILL BRIEFLY RECAPITULATE ALL THE FACTS OF THE CASE :-

THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT IN MADRAS, AS IN ALL THE OTHER PROVINCES OF INDIA, CONSISTS OF TWO ESTABLISHMENTS :-

1STLY. AN ESTABLISHMENT OF GRADED AND GAZETTED 'ACCOUNTANTS' WHO HAVE PASSED THE PRESCRIBED EX- AMINATION FOR THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH, AND WHO RANK WITH THE UPPER SUBORDINATE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND,

2NDLY. AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 'CLERKS', WHO HAVE

NOT PASSED THE TECHNICAL ACCOUNTS EXAMINATION, AND WHOSE STATUS IS EXACTLY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE 'CLERKS' IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

2. OF THESE TWO ESTABLISHMENTS, THE LATTER, I.E., THAT OF 'CLERKS', HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN THIS PRESIDENCY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSED ACCOUNTANTS HAS ONLY BEEN LATELY INTRODUCED UNDER THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT, AND AT PRESENT, THIS ESTABLISHMENT MAY BE SAID TO BE IN ITS INFANCY- AS VACANCIES OCCUR IN THE OLD ESTABLISHMENT OF 'CLERKS', ONLY SUCH PERSONS AS HAVE FULLY QUALIFIED AS 'ACCOUNTANTS' ARE ENLISTED, WHILE ALL DUE ENCOURAGEMENT IS HELD OUT TO EVERY 'CLERK' AT PRESENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE HIGHER POSITION AS A GAZETTED ACCOUNTANT- BUT TO THE PRESENT TIME, TO SO SLIGHT AN EXTENT HAS THIS RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT PROCEEDED, THAT OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF MEN NOW EMPLOYED IN THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH, I.E., 152, ONLY 4 ARE PASSED 'ACCOUNTANTS' AND 148 ARE UNPASSED 'CLERKS'. IN MY OWN OFFICE, AS WILL BE SEEN BY A REFERENCE TO PAGE 48 OF THE LAST CLASSIFIED LIST OF THE P.W. ESTABLISHMENT, THERE ARE BUT 2 'ACCOUNTANTS' TO 55 'CLERKS'.

4. AS REGARDS MANICUM MOODELLY, AND THE OTHER 147 CLERKS WHO ARE IN EXACTLY A SIMILAR POSITION, THERE IS NO QUESTION WHATSOEVER AS TO THEIR BELONGING TO THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH. THE QUESTION, ON WHICH THE WHOLE OF THE FORMER ESTABLISHMENT OF 'CLERKS' WERE ASKED TO EXPRESS A DECISION WAS, WHETHER IN THAT BRANCH THEY WERE WILLING TO BE PROMOTED FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 'CLERKS' TO THE SUPERIOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 'ACCOUNTANTS'. THIS QUESTION HAD NECESSARILY TO BE PUT TO THEM, AS THEIR PROMOTION TO THE HIGHER ESTABLISHMENT AS 'ACCOUNTANTS' WOULD INVOLVE

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UNDER THE ORDINARY RULES OF THE SERVICE A LIABILITY TO THEIR BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THIS PRESIDENCY TO BENGAL OR TO ANY OTHER PART OF BRITISH INDIA.

5. THE ONLY ISSUE THEREFORE INVOLVED IN THE CASE OF MANICUM MOODELLY IS THE FOLLOWING :- IS A 'CLERK' ON THE MANICUM P.W. ESTABLISHMENT LIABLE TO BE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE PRESIDENCY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ? THIS QUESTION, I VENTURE TO SUBMIT, CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE- DISTRICT ENGINEERS DAILY TRANSFER CLERKS BETWEEN PLACES WITHIN THE UTMOST LIMITS OF THEIR JURISDICTION- WHENEVER REQUIRED, GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS CLERKS FROM PLACE TO PLACE WITHIN THE PRESIDENCY. AND HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS SO TRANSFERRED THEM- NOT ONLY HAS THE EXAMINER TRANSFERRED CLERKS ON ALL OCCASIONS IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIRED IT, BUT GOVERNMENT ITSELF HAS OFFERED HIM TO DO SO, VIDE G.O. NO. 1278.W. DATED 26TH. OCTOBER 1913, WITHOUT GOING BACK FURTHER THAN THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. I NOTICE THAT IN THAT PERIOD THERE HAVE BEEN OVER SEVENTY SUCH TRANSFERS, AND NEARLY THE WHOLE HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST THE TACIT APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT, HAVING BEEN DULY NOTIFIED IN THE PORT ST. GEORGE GAZETTE.

So far as Manicum Moodelly is concerned, he is liable to be transferred to Bengal P.W.

6. THE REGULATIONS ON THE SUBJECT STAND AS FOLLOWS :- UNDER THE P.W. CODE I.II.23, EXAMINERS HAVE THE POWER OF TRANSFERRING THE 'ACCOUNTANTS' WITHIN THE PROVINCE, AND HAVING THESE POWERS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPERIOR ESTABLISHMENT, A PORTION, THEY HAVE THE POWER OF TRANSFERRING THE INFERIOR. THE PRACTICE SEEMS UNDOUBTED, AND I AM UNABLE TO QUOTE ANY FURTHER REGULATIONS ON THE SUB-

SUBJECT ONLY BECAUSE TO THE PRESENT TIME, I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THE ISSUE BEING RAISED.

7. THE IMPORTANT POINT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ISSUE IS THE MANNER IN WHICH THE WORK OF THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH CAN BE CARRIED ON IF THE RECENT DECISION BE UPHELD- OF THE WHOLE OF THE MEN ACTING AS DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTANTS IN THE 75 DIVISIONS, ONLY ONE IS AN 'ACCOUNTANT', THE REST ARE ALL 'CLERKS'.

IN THE ORDINARY ROUTINE OF BUSINESS, I AM DAILY CALLED UPON TO DISPOSE OF CASES IN WHICH THESE MEN FALL SICK, OR APPLY FOR LEAVE- CASUALTIES TAKE PLACE BY DEATH OR RETIREMENT, AND FREQUENT CASES OCCUR, IN WHICH FROM EITHER ALLEGED INCOMPETENCE OR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER, A CHANGE OF ACCOUNTANTS IS THOUGHT ADVISABLE BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER CONCERNED. NOT UNFREQUENTLY, WHEN A TEMPORARY GLUT OF WORK TAKES PLACE, AN URGENT DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS ASSISTANCE IS SENT IN BY ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS, AS SOON AS HE SEES THERE IS A PROBABILITY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF HIS DIVISION FALLING INTO ARREARS.

8. TO ILLUSTRATE THIS ABSTRACT VIEW OF THE POSITION AT THIS PRESENT MOMENT, THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF THE CUDDAPAH DISTRICT WANTS A CHANGE IN THE MADANAPALLI DIVISION :- THE BANGALORE ACCOUNTANT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES :- THE ACCOUNTS 'CLERK' OF THE CHIKKAROL DIVISION HAS APPLIED FOR LEAVE :- THAT OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION, NELLORE, HAS BEEN SENT IN TO HEAD QUARTERS ON MEDICAL CERTIFICATE :- THAT ATTACHED TO THE SOUTHERN DIVISION, NELLORE, HAS DIED- THE ACCOUNTS CLERK OF THE POLUR DIVISION IS ALSO DEAD; WHILE THAT ATTACHED TO THE

REFN 23d
VIZIANAGRAM DIVISION HAS LATELY FOR THE THIRD TIME REPORTED AS THOROUGHLY INEFFICIENT.

9. UNLESS I CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THE POWER ALWAYS HITHERTO EXERCISED BY ME OF TRANSFERRING THE CLERKS ATTACHED TO MY BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT AS THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEMANDS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IN ALL THESE CASES, I CAN FILL NO VACANCIES, I CAN GRANT NO LEAVE, AND I CAN GIVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS NO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. A VACANCY HAVING ONCE OCCURRED MUST EVER REMAIN A VACANCY, UNLESS SOME FINE HAND IS ENLISTED ON THE SPOT.

10. AT PRESENT, IN DEFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF GOVERNMENT, I HAVE NOT TRANSFERRED ANY 'CLERK' TRAINED IN ACCOUNTS WORK FROM THIS OFFICE TO FILL THESE EXISTING VACANCIES- THE ACCOUNTS WORK IN THESE DIVISIONS MUST, HOWEVER, BE STEADILY FALLING INTO ARREARS, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING TO SUBMIT THE P.W. ACCOUNTS OF THIS PRESIDENCY IN AN INCOMPLETE STATE TO THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT, I SHOULD BE MUCH OBLIGED BY RECEIVING AN EARLY REPLY TO THIS REFERENCE.

11. THIS IS THE ONLY REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE INVOLVED. THAT REGARDING THE 'CLERK' MANICUM MOODELLY PERSONALLY IS COMPARATIVELY UNIMPORTANT, AND ON THIS IT IS UNNECESSARY FOR ME TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER THAN THAT I PERSONALLY KNOW THE MAN, AND ON THIS AND OTHER OCCASIONS HAVE CAREFULLY GONE INTO THE PAPERS REGARDING HIM.

THE DELIBERATE OPINION I HAVE ARRIVED AT AS HEAD OF THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT IS THAT IT IS NOT TO THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO RETAIN MANICUM MOODELLY ANY

LONGER IN THE MOUNT DIVISION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO RE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Lowmy-Gordon

EXAMINED, I. W. ACCORDANCE.

END. A.F.
12-11-77

CE. S.H.
12-11-77

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. P.W.D.
GENERAL BRANCH.

original 16th Oct^r No. 1058.W.
" 26 " " 1278.W.

150. J.P.

DATED 10TH. NOVEMBER 1877.
H. E.

467th Dec. 73 No. 73

REQUESTING TO RE-CONSIDER
THE G.O. PASSED ON THE CASE OF
MANICUM MOODILLY, AND FORTHWITH
CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS RELATIVE TO
THE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTANTS.

Recd. 6.12.

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1995 W Public Works Department.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 7 Dec 77
Read the following:-

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Public Works Accounts

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Examiners, P.W. accounts
G.O. No. 878 d/4 April 1877
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This original bone
was found in the
same place as the
other one.

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**Dept. of 1877
PUBLIC WORKS**

To
The Examiners of P.W.

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*Transfer of clerks employed
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Examiners to be in
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