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No. 427. Read the following letter 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, 11th January 1877, No. 368 W :—

With reference to G.O., No. 93, dated 14th August 1876, I have the honor to

From the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to District Engineer, Presidency, No. 1,365, of 12th September 1876.
From Archdeacon, to District Engineer, of 10th November 1876.
From District Engineer, to Archdeacon, No. 4,421, of 16th November 1876.
From Archdeacon, to Examiner, of 4th December 1876.
From District Engineer, to Archdeacon, of 4th December 1876.
From Archdeacon, to Examiner, of 6th December 1876.
From Examiner, to District Engineer, No. 167 P.S., of 19th December 1876.
From Examiner, to Archdeacon, No. 404 X, of 19th December 1876.
From Archdeacon, to Examiner, of 19th December 1876.
From District Engineer, to Archdeacon, No. 4,589, of 16th December 1876.
From the District Engineer, Presidency, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, No. 4,972, of 21st December 1876.

forward, for the information and orders of Government, copies of the correspondence noted in the margin with the following remarks.

2. Government Order No. 93, dated 14th August 1876, instructed the District Engineer, Presidency, to provide Rs. 190, from the Provincial allotment for Minor New Works, for the construction of a piccattah and cisterns to supply water to the cemetery attached to St. George's Cathedral. Previous to the receipt by the District Engineer of this order of Government the Church Committee of the Cathedral, apparently with the object of expediting the work, advanced the estimated cost to the District Engineer, Presidency, and now on receipt of the orders of Government they naturally look to the District Engineer to return the money advanced to him, and to debit the expenditure incurred to the Minor New Works grant in accordance with the instructions of Government.

3. This however the District Engineer declines to do, and he grounds his reasons for declining to return the money on a memorandum received by him from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, which he reads as instructing him not to refund the advance received by him from the Church Committee.

Although in all cases where in a memorandum of the Chief Engineer it is found absolutely necessary to modify an order of Government, it would doubtless avoid inconvenience to all concerned were a copy of the memorandum sent to all officers to whom the original order of Government was communicated. It appears to me that in this case the Chief Engineer's memorandum might very probably have been written on misunderstanding from the District Engineer's letter that the Church Committee had absolutely accepted the expenditure, instead of their having only advanced the money to temporarily meet it.

In any case however the intentions of Government appearing to me beyond doubt, I refer the case in order that it may be settled as soon as possible, the Venerable the Archdeacon having already addressed me three times on the subject. Another reason for referring the case is that it would appear that the estimate of Rupees 190 has been exceeded by about Rupees 70, and for this the sanction of Government appears to be required.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

COPY of a memorandum from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to the District Engineer, Presidency, No. 1,365, dated 12th September 1876.

The money for the picottah and cisterns in connection with St. George's Cathedral having been supplied by the Archdeacon, the work should be carried out therefrom, and the District Engineer's Minor New Works grant reserved for other purposes. There is no necessity to cancel G.O., No. 93, dated 10th August 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

COPY of a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon, to the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 10th November 1876.

With reference to G.O., No. 192, of 31st July 1876, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward to the Cathedral Trustees the sum of Rupees 190, being the amount advanced by them to your department for constructing the picottah and cisterns for water-supply to the Cathedral cemetery.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

COPY of a letter from the District Engineer, Presidency, to the Venerable the Archdeacon, No. 4,421, dated 16th November 1876.

With reference to your letter of 10th November 1876, I have the honor to inform you that I am unable to refund to you the sum of Rupees 190, therein alluded to, as the picottah and cisterns sanctioned in G.O., No. 192, of 31st July 1876, have been constructed from that amount, vide Chief Engineer's No. 1,365, of 12th September 1876, copy enclosed; and that I have no other source from which the charges can be met.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

COPY of a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 4th December 1876.

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of correspondence between this office and the District Engineer, Presidency, and with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 2nd February 1876, No. 232, Financial, and 31st July 1876, No. 192, Ecclesiastical, to request that you will be good enough to take measures for the repayment of the advance of Rupees 190 temporarily made by the Trustees from the Cathedral funds for constructing the picottah and cisterns for water-supply to the cemetery at as early a date as possible.

2. It will be observed that by paragraph 1 of G.O., dated 2nd February 1876, No. 232, Financial, the above charge was to be provided for by the Public Works Department. Also please refer to G.O., No. 192, dated 31st July 1876, Ecclesiastical Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

COPY of a letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 4,665, dated 4th December 1876.

With reference to your letter, dated 29th November 1876, I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 190, which was advanced for the construction of picottah and cisterns for the water-supply to the Cathedral, has been exceeded by Rupees 34-11-7, as on commencing the work it was found necessary to construct four cisterns and an additional length of drain about 30 feet, I shall therefore thank you to place at my disposal the excess sum of Rupees 34-11-7 above referred to, and on its receipt the certificate called for will be duly furnished.

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ENCLOSURE No. 6.

COPY of letter from the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 6th December 1876.

In continuation of my letter of the 4th instant, I herewith enclose the original letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, No. 4,665, dated 4th December 1876, and to request that you will forward a cheque for Rupees 34-11-7 incurred in excess by the District Engineer for the construction of the picottah and cisterns for the water-supply to the Cathedral cemetery.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.

COPY of letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the District Engineer, Presidency, No. 167 P S, dated 19th December 1876.

With reference to a letter addressed to you by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 18th November 1876, I have the honor to inquire why the total cost of the picottah has not been debited to Minor Works Provincial, and the advance of Rupees 190 repaid to the Cathedral Trustees in accordance with G.O., No. 93, dated 14th August 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.

COPY of a letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 404 X, dated 19th December 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 4th and 6th instant, and in reply to inform you that I am communicating with the District Engineer, Presidency, on the subject, and will address you again shortly.

ENCLOSURE No. 9.

COPY of a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 19th December 1876.

In continuation of my letters of the 4th and 6th instant, I herewith beg to enclose in original a letter, dated 16th December 1876, No. 4,859, from the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, and to request that, under the circumstances therein explained, you will be good enough to forward a cheque for Rupees 34-10-0, the cost of the drain tiles used in the construction of the picottah and cisterns for the water-supply to the Cathedral cemetery.

ENCLOSURE No. 10.

COPY of a letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 4,859, dated 15th December 1876.

In continuation of my letter No. 4,665, dated 4th December 1876, I have the honor to inform you that a further excess of Rupees 34-10-0 has appeared in the estimate for supplying water to the burial-ground of the Cathedral. This excess is on account of drain tiles obtained from the School of Arts, which was omitted in the accounts of the work through the Superintendent of the School of Arts having neglected to send the bill.

2. Under the above circumstances, I beg you will be good enough to place at my disposal this sum of Rupees 34-10-0, and Rupees 34-11-7 referred to in my letter above quoted, at your

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earliest convenience, to enable me to adjust my accounts and to furnish the certificate called for in your letter dated 29th November 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 11.

Copy of a letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, No. 4,972, dated 21st December 1876.

In reply to your letter No. 167 PS, dated 19th December 1876, I have the honor to inform you that before the receipt of the orders of Government, No 93, dated 14th August 1876, directing that the District Engineer, Presidency, will provide funds for constructing picottah and cistern in the cemetery of St. George's Cathedral from the allotment for Minor New Works at his disposal, a sum of Rupees 190 was placed at my disposal by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras on application, and the work ordered to be carried out therefrom.

2. On the receipt of the Government Order above referred to, I informed the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, that the work was ordered for execution from funds placed at my disposal and requested him to cancel the order.

3. In his reply, copy enclosed, the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, stated, the money having been supplied, the work should be carried out therefrom, and there is no necessity to cancel the Government Order.

4. Under these circumstances I beg to state that the cost of picottah has not been debited to Minor Works, 'Provincial,' and the advance of Rupees 190 repaid to the Cathedral Trustees.

5. The expenditure has been shown against the sum of Rupees 190 credited under 'Deposits' in the accounts of this office.

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1877, No. 220.

ACCOUNT, L.O. 25-B.

It is observed that the Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 1,365 of 12th September, was based on an office note from the Examiner to the following effect:—

"If the Archdeacon has supplied the funds, there is of course no need for the District Engineer, Presidency, to do so, but I can see no reason to cancel the Government Order."

"About the correctness of the procedure I can say nothing, not knowing where the Archdeacon got the money, but in all these cases I should simply let the matter alone; if the Archdeaconal Auditor objects to the expenditure it will in due course drift round to us; and if not we shall be saved this expenditure.

"There seems no principle involved, as it can hardly be argued that the erection of a picottah is necessarily a "Public Work" in our technical sense of the term."

2. It appears therefore that the Examiner is directly answerable for the procedure adopted by the Chief Engineer, and he should have given the District Engineer the necessary instructions on receiving his letter of the 21st December instead of referring the matter to Government. Which course he will now adopt.

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3. His attention is likewise called to the Orders* of Government prohibiting copies of correspondence being sent up to them and requiring condensation of subjects in one letter as far as possible.
- * P. D., No. 801, dated 21st May 1859.
P. W. D., No. 119, dated 20th August 1873.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 21st Decr, 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To the General Accountant General
in the 'P. W. DEPT.'

If the Arch deacon
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KEEP-WITH.

dated

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Madras, 21st Decr, 1876.
I have no objection to
the order going on longer
it is clear that the
Arch deacon got back
his coin yesterday
R. Ellis

Monday.

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There seems no principle involved, as it can hardly be argued that the erection of a Presbytery is necessarily a 'Public Work' in our technical sense of the term.

L.C.

No. 2958.

From,

The District Engineer
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government M.O.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 93 dated 14th August 1876, I have the honor to state that a sum of Rs 190 for constructing a well and cisterns to supply water to the cemetery attached to Saint George's Cathedral, was placed at my disposal by the Archdeacon of Madras, on the 21st August 1876 from funds at his disposal, and the work was ordered by me for execution on the 23rd August 1876. I beg therefore that the order which directs me to provide funds from the allotment for Minor San Works at my disposal, may be cancelled.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
E. H. G. V. M. M. O.

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Chief of Staff (Offg) District Engineer Presidency.

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Respectfully submitted,
 Yours sincerely,
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 [Name]
 [Address]
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11-29-76

Rec'd 30 10 1976

From: P.W.D.
 The District Engineer
 Washington
 D.C.

For opinion as to
 the correctness of the
 procedure.

[Signature]

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memo: no. 1365 of 12-9-76

St. George's Cathedral

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FROM THE EXAMINER, *111*
 P. W. ACCOUNTS.
 TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
 P. W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 368. Y.

DATED. 11/1. JAN. 1877.
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No. 220 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 23 Jan 77.
 Read the following:—

From
The Examiners
Mr. Accounts { H.C. No. 368 W. dt 11 Jan 1877

It is observed that the
 Chief Engineer's Memorandum
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No. 801. d/21st Aug. 1859.
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Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Secy of P. W. Dept.*

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G. O., 25th Jan. 1877, No. 220

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Committee attached to
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