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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th February 1877. No. 470.*

No. 298. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 7th February 1877, No. 408-W:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Nos. 106 and 191, dated respectively the 17th November 1876 and the 17th January 1877, prescribing that the cost of land is to be excluded from the expenditure on Local Fund Works on which the 25 per cent. for establishment is charged, and with reference thereto to point out that as the accounts now submitted from the Public Works Divisions do not show payments for land distinct from the expenditure on the other items of work estimates, the change of system now prescribed will involve alterations and further elaboration in the present system of Public Works Accounts. I have therefore referred to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to find out from that officer the most convenient and least expensive manner in which the wishes of Government can be met.

2. On receipt of his instructions as to the change of forms required, I shall be in a position to point out to Government whether any additional establishment will be required to carry the wishes of Government into effect. Any additional establishment required, being for local works constructed entirely by local officers, will, in accordance with the Public Works Code, IV, 18, have to be chargeable wholly to Local Funds.

3. Until the change in system be decided upon, and the proposed alterations advised to the Divisional Officer, the present system, under which the whole expenditure on a work is shown in one line in the schedule, must necessarily continue.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1877, No. 470.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

RECORDED, pending receipt of the further report promised; and communicated to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
.. Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON,

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 408.W.

PORT ST. GEORGE. 7TH. FEBY. 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT, NOS. 106 AND 191, DATED RESPECTIVELY THE 17TH. NOVEMBER 1876, AND THE 17TH. JANUARY 1877, PRESCRIBING THAT THE COST OF LAND IS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE EXPENDITURE ON LOCAL FUND WORKS, ON WHICH THE 25 PERCENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT IS CHARGED, AND WITH REFERENCE 102/107-1000000 THERETO TO POINT OUT THAT AS THE ACCOUNTS NOW SUBMITTED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS DO NOT SHOW PAYMENTS FOR LAND DISTINCT FROM THE EXPENDITURE ON THE OTHER ITEMS OF WORK ESTIMATES, THE CHANGE OF SYSTEM NOW PRESCRIBED WILL INVOLVE ALTERATIONS AND FURTHER ELABORATION IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS. I HAVE THEREFORE REFERRED TO THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO FIND OUT FROM THAT OFFICER THE MOST CONVENIENT AND LEAST EXPENSIVE MANNER IN WHICH THE WISHES OF GOVERNMENT CAN BE MET.

2. ON RECEIPT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE CHANGE

OF FORMS REQUIRED, I SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO POINT OUT
TO GOVERNMENT WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT WILL BE
REQUIRED TO CARRY THE WISHES OF GOVERNMENT INTO EFFECT.
ANY ADDITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED, BEING FOR LOCAL
WORKS CONSTRUCTED ENTIRELY BY LOCAL OFFICERS WILL IN AC-
CORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE. I. IV. 18, HAVE TO BE
CHARGEABLE WHOLLY TO LOCAL FUNDS.

3. UNTIL THE CHANGE IN SYSTEM BE DECIDED UPON AND THE
PROPOSED ALTERATIONS ADVISED TO THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
THE PRESENT SYSTEM, UNDER WHICH THE WHOLE EXPENDITURE ON
A WORK IS SHOWN IN ONE LINE IN THE SCHEDULE MUST NECESSARI-
LY CONTINUE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEY. SERV.;

Lowry Gordon.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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P.W.D.
9 FEB 77
FROM THE EXAMINER, No 1375
P.W. ACCOUNTS.
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
P.W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 408.W.

DATED. 7TH. FEBY. 1877.

RECD.

REGARDING COST OF LAND TO
BE EXCLUDED FROM THE EXPENDITURE
ON LOCAL FUND WORKS.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 Feb/77
Read the following:—

From the Examiner,
P.W. Accounts } H. E. No 408 W 77 Feb/77

Recorded, pending
receipt of the further report
promised; and commu-
nicated to the Financial
Department.

W.H.
9.2.77

Mr. Maule ✓
J. H. W. ✓
26.2.77
D. J. P.

1375
Obt. of 1877 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Comr. of P. W. C.

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 12th Feb 1877, No. 470

Nos. 298-9

Encl. in P. W. C.

Local fund works in
which the 25 per cent for
establishment is charged
Letter from the Commr.
of P. Works regarding
the cost of land to be in-
cluded from the —,
recorded and communicated
to the Finl. Dept.