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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th March 1878, No. 1,270 W.

General Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 154. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 2nd March 1878, No. 219 W.

As desired I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, the accompanying copy of an exceedingly frank letter received from the Officer in charge of the Tirupatur Division.

2. The letter apparently needs no remark from this office, as it is to the orders of Government and not to those of this office that the remarks of the Executive Officer refer. I need only say that this Office Circular No. 71 of 1877, with its addendum is entirely in accord with G.Os., Nos. 1,131 W and 1,914 W, dated, respectively, 19th October and the 3rd December 1877.

Copy of a letter from the Officer in charge of Tirupatur Division, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 4th February 1878, No. 3,420.

With regard to your addendum to Circular No. 71 of 1877, dated 23rd January 1878, I have the honor to inform you that I am unable to comply with it.

2. If Government Orders about paying coolies are to be carried out, the Overseers *must* have more than three days' pay for the coolies as imprest.

3. If my Overseers were machines (or even thoroughly trained) and I never moved from head-quarters, I doubt whether the system *could* work; but as Overseers cannot do more than a certain amount of work, frequently make mistakes, and I am very frequently out in the district, it is *impossible* for the system to work; arrears would accumulate, which it would be impossible to work off.

4. If you should not be satisfied with my explanation, I hope you will refer the matter to Government for their orders on the subject, and if necessary I shall be happy to give a detailed account of the numerous irregularities and informalities which I have been committing to enable me to carry out the main principle of the *Government* Orders, viz., *regularity of payment*. I have ignored all orders which clashed with this.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1878, No. 1,270 W.

THE Government desire to be informed what limit the Executive Officer, whose name should be given, wishes to have fixed for cash imprests, and why the maximum laid down in G.O., No. 8 W, of the 4th January, should be insufficient in his division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Salem.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Esd. E. C. Shunker.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Examiner of Public Works
Accounts No 219 W dated 2nd March 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Lt Col R.E.
Secty to Govt P.W. Dept

Forwarded
Secretary Public
Works Department for
orders
5 Mar/78

Noted

No orders will be issued on the
Objections specified in the
Memo with regard to Accounts
by Mesrs, or by them at all
except in very general terms,
which the Auditor
difficulty in - I am not
aware that any Auditor here
has ever any other practice
than to note objections
on the orders & proceedings
he and to forward the
file - & Index - Memo
Papers for which any Auditor
Secretary - 3 days happened Auditor
Post-Office & it does not
Memo but file & Memo retained
Accounts under Rules

CIRCULAR No. 71 of 1877.

From

THE EXAMINER, PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Fort Saint George, 4th December 1877.

WITH reference to G. O., (P. W. D.) No. 1134.-W., dated 19th October 1877, communicating Resolution of the Government of India, directing that impresta shall in future be limited to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 in each case, the undersigned has the honor to request that, upon receipt of this Circular, all existing imprests exceeding the above limit may, as soon as possible, be reduced to Rs. 1,000, and intimation of the same furnished to this office.

2. If in any case it is found inconvenient to reduce an imprest to Rs. 1,000, the imprest holder should be made a Sub-divisional Officer with the sanction of the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department, *vide* P. W. Code, Chap. XVII. i. 3.

L. CONWAY-GORDON,

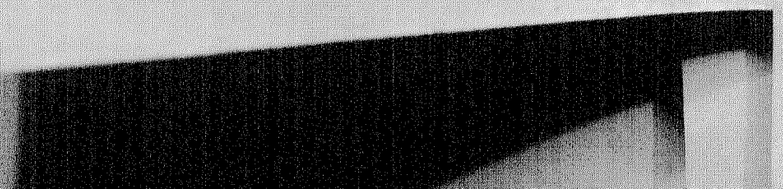
Examiner, P. W. Accounts.

ADDENDUM TO CIRCULAR No. 71 of 1877.

Cheprak, 23rd January 1878.

THE instructions contained in the Circular above quoted should be held not to apply to the imprests held by Subordinates employed in the Famine Districts. Their imprests should be regulated with reference to the rule laid down in G. O., No. 1914 W, dated 3rd December 1877, viz., *that the maximum amount of imprest should be the amount of pay drawn for three days by the Coolies employed upon the work in connexion with which the imprest is required.*

L. CONWAY-GORDON,
Examiner, P. W. Accounts.



D. THE LETTER APPARENTLY NEEDING REMARK FROM THIS

OFFICE AS IT IS TO THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO

THOSE OF THIS OFFICE THAT THE REMARKS OF THE EXECUTIVE

OFFICER REFER. I NEED ONLY SAY THAT THIS OFFICE CIRCULAR

NO.71.OF 1877 WITH ITS ADDENDA IS ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH

GOVERNMENT ORDERS NOS.1184.S. AND 1016.S. DATED RESPECTIVELY

21ST OCTOBER AND THE 3RD DECEMBER 1877.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR R.E.

CIRCULAR

23-8-78

ENCLOSURE NO.12.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE-
PAYOR DIVISION TO THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.NO.2650 DATED
4TH.FEBRUARY 1938.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR REFERENCE TO CIRCULAR NO.71.OF
1937 DATED 22ND.JANUARY 1938, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM
YOU THAT I AM UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH IT.

IN GOVERNMENT ORDERS ABOUT PAYING COOLIES ARE TO BE
ENROLLED BUT THE OVERSEERS MUST HAVE MORE THAN THREE DAYS
PAY NOR THE COOLIES AS ENTITLED.

IF MY OVERSEERS WERE MACHINES ; OR EVEN THOROUGHLY
TRAINED ; AND I NEVER MOVED FROM HEAD QUARTERS I COULD
MANAGE IN A MONTH A GOOD MANY MORE PAY AS OVERSEERS CARRIED OU
MORE THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK, FREQUENTLY MAKE MAST
TAKES, AND I AM VERY FREQUENTLY OUT IN THE DISTRICT IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SYSTEM TO WORK, ARREARS WOULD ACCUMU
LATE WHICH IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK OFF.

IF YOU SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH MY EXPLANATION I HOPE
YOU WILL REFER THE MATTER TO GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR ORDERS
ON THE SUBJECT AND IF NECESSARY I SHALL BE HAPPY TO GIVE
A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE NUMEROUS IRREGULARITIES AND IN-
FORMALITIES WHICH I HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO ENABLE ME TO
CARRY OUT THE MAIN PRINCIPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDERS VIZ.
REGULARITY OF PAYMENT. I HAVE IGNORED ALL ORDERS WHICH
CLASHED WITH THIS.

(TRUE COPY)

CHIEF ACCTT. IN EXP.P.W.ACCTS.
CLASS B.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P.W.D.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

No. 219 W.

2nd March

DATED [illegible] 1878.

SIR,

Ref. 1. Jan. 1878 No. Ex.
Dgt. 3 Dec. 1877 " 1914-1915 W.
" 19 Dec. 1877 " 1134 W.
" 28 Sept. " " 801 W.

ENCLOSURES.

FORWARDING COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TIRUVADI DIVISION, ON THE SUBJECT OF INQUIRY TO BE SUBSTANTIATED.

Ref. 1270/78.

No. 1270 W. Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12th March 1878.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Exc. P.W. Accounts, No. 219 W, dated 2nd March 1878.

The Government desire to be informed what limit the Executive Officers, whose means should be ascertained, wishes to have fixed for such enquiries, and why the provisions laid down in G.O. No. 811 of the 4th January should be insufficient in this instance.

GWT 11/3

District Engineer, Salem.
Examiner P.W. Accts.

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Cert. to No 92