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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

26th March 1878, No. 1,529 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 375. From Major J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 21st March 1878, No. 241 S.L.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,270 W, dated 12th instant, I have the honor to state that the Executive Officer concerned was Lieutenant deVillamil, R.E.

2. I have no doubt that in the Tripatore Division the limit of three days' expenditure has been found insufficient, and a little consideration will show that it must necessarily be so.

3. Between the despatch of an imprest account from an Overseer to a Range Officer, and the receipt by the former of the money to recoup his imprest, time must elapse sufficient for the completion of the following processes:—

- (a)—A letter to pass from the Overseer to the Range Officer's head-quarters.
- (b)—The same from the Range Officer's head-quarters to his camp.
- (c)—A cheque to pass from the Range Officer's camp to the Overseer who may or may not be at his own head-quarters.
- (d)—A Lascar to go from the Overseer's camp to the Taluq Treasury.
- (e)—The Lascar to wait (often half a day and sometimes more) till the Treasury Officer chooses to attend to him.
- (f)—The Lascar to return to the Overseer with the money.

4. If the Overseer's head-quarters coincide with those of the Range Officer and both are at head-quarters, the whole of these processes may be condensed into a single day, but if the Range Officer is fifty miles from his head-quarters, the Overseer twenty from his (and from the Treasury) and the two head-quarters thirty miles apart, the time occupied may be not one day, but five or six, and the three days' imprest will be exhausted before a fresh supply can be received.

5. The amount of imprest to provide against all risks of arrears must be the expenditure for one day *plus* the maximum time necessary for an imprest holder to communicate with the Range Officer, obtain an answer, cash the cheque, and receive the money, and this in a range of more than one taluq cannot safely be taken at less than six days.

6. I had actually drafted a letter on this subject with reference to the reduction of imprests to a limit of Rupees 1,000, when G.O. No. 1,914 W of 3rd December 1877 fixing three days' expenditure as the limit was received; I was pretty sure then that even this would be found too small in some cases, but thought it best to test the matter by actual experience before making any reference thereon.

7. The difficulty has not been experienced in any other division because everywhere else we have had a Sub-division officer with a drawing account of his own in

each taluq, and where this is the case the time required for recouping an imprest is not likely to exceed two or three days. It is however evident that even then inconvenience and delay may arise from a very small accident or misunderstanding, and I should recommend that a general limit of seven days' expenditure instead of three should be adopted.

8. Inquiry will be made as to what are the other "irregularities and informalities" referred to in paragraph 3 of Lieutenant deVillamil's letter; I do not think they are likely to be of any great importance, but it would have been better if they had been reported to this office direct, in which case it might have been found practicable to avoid them.

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1878, No. 1,529 W.

PROVIDED that the application from the Overseer to the Range Officer is made in time, the Government are of opinion that the limit of three days should prove sufficient.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Salem.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" *Revenue & Finance Dept.*

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Cont. of 1878: Quarters.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SALUM.
Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated March 20th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 204 March 1878. AL. 1220 W.

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Nos. 375-376.

Cash Imprints.—The limit of three days' pay is the maximum amount of — considered sufficient, provided that the application from the Overseer to the Range Officer is made in time.

District Engineer's Office,
Salem 21st March 1878.

N. 24/SL

From

The District Engineer,

Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
D. S. W.

Sir

With reference to G. O. No. 1270 W of 13th Inst. ant, I have the honor to state that the Executive Officer concerned was Lieut. de Villamil, R.E.

2. I have no doubt that in the Tripatore Division the limit of three days' expenditure has been found insufficient, and a little consideration will show that it must necessarily be so.

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- (b) The same from the Range Officer's head quarters to his camp.
- (c) A cheque to pass from the Range Officer's camp to the Overseer who may or may not be at his own head quarters.
- (d) A lascar to go from the Overseer's camp to the Taluk Treasury.
- (e) The lascar to wait (often half a day and sometimes more) till the Treasury Officer chooses to attend to him.
- (f) The lascar to return to the Overseer with the money.

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5. The amount of imprest to provide against all risks of arrears must be the expenditure for one day plus the maximum time necessary for an imprest holder to communicate with the Range Officer, obtain an answer, cash the cheque and receive the money, and this in a range of more than one taluk, cannot safely be taken at less than six days.

6. I had actually drafted a letter on this subject with reference to the reduction of imprests to a limit of Rs. 1000, when G.O. No: 1914 W of 3rd December 1898 fixing three days' expenditure

expenditure as the limit, was received. I was pretty sure then that even this would be found too small in some cases, but thought it best to test the matter by actual experience before making any reference thereon.

7. The difficulty has not been experienced in any other division because every where else we have had a sub-division officer with a drawing account of his own in each colony, and where this is the case the time required for reconquing our imprint is not likely to exceed two or three days. It is however evident that even then inconvenience and delay may arise from a very small accident or misunderstanding, and I should recommend that a general limit of 4 days' expenditure instead of three should be adopted.

8. Enquiry will be made as to what are the other "irregularities and informalities" referred to para 3

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of Mr. de Villamil's letter; I do not think they are likely to be of any great importance, but it would have been better if they had been reported to this Office direct, in which case it might have been found practicable to avoid them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most Obedt. Servant.

Paul Benoit Major, &c.,

District Engineer.

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From

The District Engineer,
Salem.Letter from the District Engineer Salem
No. 241 S.L. dated 21st March 1898.FOR ORDERS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
D. P. W.E A Mrd Colonel R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.Dated 21st March 1898.
Recd:

No. 241 S.L.

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that a limit of 4 days for
- be fixed, instead of 3.

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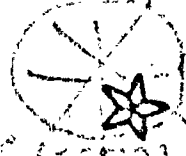
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Sub Dir. App.