Archives I – 10,006—16-8 77.

(1) Number of pages 16

(2) Date of repair 21.10.86

(3) Initials of the Referencer

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. / ~~B.P. No.~~	4782 W 4783 W.	Press. / ~~Mis.~~
Dated	17. 12. 1878	~~197-~~

Not to be folded or roughly handled

4782

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th December 1878, No. 4,782 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 191. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Establishment—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 11th November 1878, No. 1,552 E.—G.

I AM directed to state that the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, has brought to notice that the Government of Madras has sanctioned the acceptance by Mr. Grainger, General Superintendent, Public Workshops and Stores, of a fee of Rupees 550 tendered to him by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company, for valuing the block machinery and plant belonging to the Napier Foundry Company.

2. In confirming the action of the Madras Government in this instance, I am directed to draw attention to Public Works Department Circular No. 101 of 1868, from which it will be seen that the special sanction of the Government of India is necessary in all such cases.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1878, No. 4,782 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 4,783 W, dated 17th December 1878.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Stanley.
Spare Copies

PUBLIC WORKS.

4782
2

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 1,783 W

No. 193.

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 11th instant, No. 1,552 E.—G., in which the confirmation of the Government of India is accorded to the action of this Government in authorising the acceptance of a fee by the General Superintendent of Stores, but attention called at the same time to a circular of 1868 requiring the special sanction of the Government of India in such cases.

2. In reply, I am to observe that in themselves authorising the acceptance of the fee by Mr. Grainger, this Government were guided by the Public Works Code recently submitted to the Government of India as revised for this Presidency, under which no reference to the Government of India would be necessary.

3. The circular to which you refer is of old date, and since it was issued the Government of India have apparently been disposed to decentralise as much as possible: while such cases as that under reference, had they to be invariably referred to the Government of India, would, in the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council, perpetuate the disadvantages of extreme centralisation.

The local Government are necessarily in possession of information, which enables them to decide whether the acceptance of a fee is in any way objectionable; while the sanction of the Supreme Government can be merely formal.

4. I am to submit that in such cases the sanction of the local Government should be deemed sufficient, no question of public funds being involved.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th December 1878.

Esd. E. C. Shunker,
Space Copies

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 1552 E. G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Establishment,
General.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla 11th November 1878.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Accountant General, Public Works Department, has brought to notice that the Government of Madras has sanctioned the acceptance by Mr. Grainger, General Superintendent Public Workshops and Stores, of a fee of Rs 550/ tendered to him by Messrs. Arbuthnot and company, for valuing the block Machinery and plant belonging to the Napier Foundry company. —

2 In confirming the action of the Madras Government in this instance, I am directed to draw attention to Public Works Department Circular

circular No 101 of 1868, from which it will be seen that the special sanction of the Government of India is necessary in all such cases.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedt servant,

O. H. Campion

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

No 4782 W

Read

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th Dec 1878.

Read the following :—

From

The Under Secy to the Govt of India P.W.D. (No. No 1352. P.W. d/11 Nov)

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed

No. No 4783 d/17 Dec 78

To The Secretary to the Govt of India P.W.D.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 11th instant No 1552 P.W. in which the confirmation of the Government of India is re-

No 15 d/ 27/11

Go 15-9-75 No 3652 W.
Mis 1-7-75 " 2712 W.
Go 16-2-76 " 1362 W.
" 31-7-73 " 1922.
" 21-1-69 " 187.

-cerded to the action
of the Government in
authorising the receipt
-ance of a fee by the
General Superintendent
of Lines. That attention
called at the same
time to a Circular of
1868 requiring the special
sanction of the Govern-
-ment of India in
such cases.

2. In reply I am to
observe that in them-
-selves authorising the
acceptance of the fee
by Mr Grainger, the
Government were guided
by the P.W. Code —
recently submitted to
the Government of India

as Envoy &c
and in force in this
Presidency, Under the
rules of this Code, no
reference to the Govern-
-ment of India was
necessary in ~~the~~ Wrings
4/6
case.

3. I am to add that
the despatch to which
you refer is of old
date & since it was
received, the object of
the Government of India
~~explanatory~~ to decentral-
-ise as much as
possible, and such
cases as that under
reference, had they
to be invariably referred
to the Government of
India, would in the

opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council afford striking illustrations of the disadvantages of the system of centralization.

The local Government are necessarily in possession of full information, based upon their knowledge of the Officers concerned, which enables them to decide whether the acceptance by nomination of a fee is in any way objectionable; while the Supreme Government, on the other hand, not having that full information, are obviously incapacitated from giving a correct decision except by pure accident. The result, no doubt, being that the confirmation becomes simply formal, and therefore needless.

28.11.79 9/12

I am I submit that in such cases the sanction of the local Govt. should be deemed sufficient to guarantee of public funds being in order.

Capt 6-1-79

No. 3151

Ext. of 1873.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Govt of India

Dated

Rec'd

Read

Ans.

G. G. 17 Rec'd 1873 No. 4782 & 4783

Rep.

Acceptance of a fee by the General Inspr of stores Rec'd by & addressed — regarding the —

Acceptance of fee by the General Inspr of stores.