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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th May 1879, No. 1,346 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 70. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Chepauk, 18th April 1879; No. 6 B.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, that on the 8th and 10th ultimo Captain H. LeM. Carey, Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, inspected the office of the Bangalore Division; the Executive Engineer, Lieutenant Romilly, being present.

2. There are no sub-divisions in this division, as it merely comprises Bangalore Cantonments. The Executive Engineer and two Overseers, Serjeants Patton and MacAlister, are the disbursers. These last receive cheques from the Executive Engineer according to their requirements, from which they make their payments, recording them in a cash-book form. This after all is nothing more than an imprest account, and Executive Engineer informed Captain Carey that he was going to give fixed imprests to the Overseers instead of the present fluctuating system. With so little work as is going on now in the division, imprests will be quite sufficient, more especially as, the Executive Engineer and his subordinates being in the same station, imprests can be recouped as often as necessary.

3. Captain Carey reports that he carefully examined the books and registers and accounts of the office and found them as a rule neatly and carefully kept, complete and up to date. In one or two points the accounts were deficient. Contractor's accounts are not ledgered, nor are they entered on Form No. 571, so that it is necessary to turn to each bill to ascertain how any contractor's accounts stand. Captain Carey recommended the Executive Engineer to enter his contractor's accounts in a ledger and also on Form No. 571, and he promised to do so. No statement of road metal is kept, as metal is wanted it is quarried and put down at once, paid for, and the transaction is finished. Thus there is no check whatever on the subordinate. A statement is wanted showing how much metal is quarried, and how much laid down per mile of road, with rates. The Executive Engineer has promised to open out such a return, the form for which will be supplied to him from this office. The initial accounts of stock are very clearly and carefully kept, but there is nothing to show how the balances of the stock ledger are abstracted with the "abstract of stock balances." Captain Carey showed the Accountant how to do this on a suitable form, which will be kept up in future.

4. Work in the division is mainly carried out by daily labor and is properly accounted for on suitable forms. Captain Carey pointed out to the Accountant that the abstract of expenditure by sub-heads should be entered on the out-side page of the day-book. This will be done in future.

5. The stock balance is small, only Rs. 1,342. Stock was last verified and found correct when Lieutenant Romilly took charge in February. The prices at which it is now valued are said to be fair.

6. The outstanding balance of miscellaneous advances is Rupees 368-5-0; of this Rupees 353-5-0 are on account of cemeteries, and have been outstanding for some time. The proper course in accordance with G.O., No. 752-B, dated 9th December 1878, seems to be for the Executive Engineer to get the Chaplain to submit bills for the expenditure, and then to apply to the Superintending Engineer for funds. The Executive Engineer has promised to do this, and the sooner these outstandings are adjusted the better.

7. The Executive Engineer speaks well of the Accountant, Mr. Stevens, and Captain Carey reports that he found him intelligent and well acquainted with every thing connected with the Divisional Accounts, which is the more credit to him as he has not been very long in the Bangalore division.

8. Copy of this report will be sent direct to the Executive Engineer for information.

No. 71.

ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1879, No. 1,346 W.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. D. August
State Comptroller

GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT

Govt. of 1879. 10.10.1879.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER,
THIRD BRANCH,
BANGALORE DIVISION.

Dear Sir,

Received

Order No. 1001 dated 10.10.1879.

MAY

No. 1001

Respectfully Report by the Deputy Engineer of the office of the Bangalore Division, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Third Branch.

FROM THE EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS,

BANGALORE.

TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

BUILDINGS & ROADS BRANCH.

NO. 1001.

BANGALORE, 10TH APRIL 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF
GOVERNMENT THAT ON THE 10TH INSTANT, CAPT. W. L. M. CAMP
BY EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS, INSPECTED THE OFFICE OF THE
BANGALORE DIVISION, THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, LIEUT. ROWLEY
BEING PRESENT.

2. THERE ARE NO SUB-DIVISIONS IN THIS DIVISION, AS IT
MERELY COMPLETED BANGALORE CANTONMENTS. THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER AND TWO OFFICERS, SENIORS, PATTON & MACALISTER
ARE THE DISBURSED. THESE LAST RECEIVE ONE ONE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ACCORDING TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS, FROM
WHICH THEY HAVE THEIR PAYMENTS, RECORDING THEM IN A CASH
BOOK FORM. THIS AFTER ALL IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN IMPROVED
ACCOUNT, AND EXECUTIVE ENGINEER INFORMED CAPT. CAMP THAT
HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICERS FOR
SINCE OF THE PRESENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. WITH SO LITTLE
WORK AS IS GOING ON NOW IN THE CIVILIAN DEPARTMENT, IT

3. CAPT. CAREY T. WELLS THAT HE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND REGISTER AND ACCOUNTS OF THE MINE, AND FOUND THEM TO BE VERY NEATLY AND CAREFULLY KEPT, COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE. IN ONE OR TWO PLACES THE ACCOUNTS WERE DEFICIENT. CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNTS ARE NOT UNDERSERD, NOR ARE THEY ENTERED ON FORM NO. 271, SO THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO TURN TO EACH BILL TO ASCERTAIN HOW ANY CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNTS MAY BE. CAPT. CAREY WOULD HAVE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TO ENTER HIS CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNTS IN A LEADER AND ALSO ON FORM NO. 271 AND HE PROMISED TO DO SO. NO STATEMENT ON ROAD METAL IS MADE; AS METAL IS WANTED IT IS ORDERED AND PUT DOWN AT ONCE, PAID FOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION IS MINOR. THERE IS NO CHECK WHATSOEVER ON THE ACCOUNTS. A STATEMENT IS KEPT SHOWING HOW MUCH METAL IS ORDERED, AND HOW MUCH LAYS DOWN FOR MILE OF ROAD, WITH DATES. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HAS PROMISED TO OPEN OUT SUCH A RETURN, THE FORM FOR WHICH WILL BE SUPPLIED TO HIM FROM THIS OFFICE. THE INITIAL ACCOUNTS OF STOCK ARE VERY CLEARLY AND CAREFULLY KEPT, BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO SHOW HOW THE BALANCES OF THE STOCK LEADER ARE ABSTRACTED WITH THE 'ABSTRACT OF STOCK BALANCES.' CAPT. CAREY OFFERED NOW TO DO THIS ON A SUITABLE FORM WHICH WILL BE KEPT UP IN OFFICE.

4. WORK IN THE DIVISION IS VASTLY CARRIED OUT BY DAILY
LABOR AND IS FINALLY ACCOUNTED FOR ON SUITABLE FORMS.
CAPT. CAFFEY POINTED OUT TO THE ACCOUNTANT THAT THE ABSTRACT

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