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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd November 1879, No. 2,755 W.

General
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 11. From F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., M. INST. C.E., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Madras, 24th September 1879, No. 32 W.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 2,254 W., of the 3rd September, ordering the pay of certain foremen on these works to be charged against "Establishment," I have the honor respectfully to lay before His Grace the Governor in Council a few points which, as Mr. Parkes' representative here, I think I should ask to be recorded with a hope that a slight alteration in the order may be sanctioned.

2. In the list of men who are to be attached to "Establishment" and removed from "Works" (paragraph 2 of the Government Order), there appear Messrs. Lowe, Gunther, Scott, and D'Silva. All of these are actually employed on the works, and they do physical work with their own hands, not being mere overseers. In the case of H. C. Scott, his whole time is devoted to examining the rolling-stock that brings "rubble base" and has no supervision of work to perform whatever.

3. At the same time there are left as chargeable to "Works" Messrs. Allen, Carter, and Duffy, whose work in no way differs from that of Mr. Lowe and Mr. Gunther, in its distribution, except that Mr. Duffy is entirely chargeable to the different works at the south pier, and only on very exceptional occasions is he called to work at the north.

4. In Mr. Parkes' letter to Government of December 4th, 1873 (with G.O., No. 1,433, of May 25th, 1875), paragraph 3, it is stated that "the expenses of foremen on the work are included in the rates on which the estimate is based," and it has hitherto been understood that the Government Order of May 25th, 1875, gave approval of the estimate so based.

5. In support of this view I may also draw attention to G.O. (in the Public Works Department), No. 1,421, of June 7th, 1876, in which, after noting that appointments of foremen do not rest with the Government here, but with the Engineer-in-Chief at home, attention is drawn to the fact that their expenses are included in the rates on which the estimate is based, and states that "they should not be charged to Establishment." Moreover, for four years, the proposal of Mr. Parkes has been adhered to, and all foremen's pay has been divided amongst the sub-heads of work upon which each foreman has been employed.

6. The Government Order of the 3rd September does away with the arrangement sanctioned in May 1875 and confirmed in June 1876, and does not allow of a corresponding alteration in Mr. Parkes' estimate, which is made out from the Kurrachee rates of work and is supposed to cover all the cost of working foremen.

7. The item of "Establishment" will unquestionably exceed Mr. Parkes' estimate without having to bear charges which it was not supposed to include. The reason of this, however, is not the magnitude of the staff, but because of the long delays which have occurred in the work from various causes without the power of reducing the establishment at the time. On the other hand the rates at which the

work itself is being carried out compare favorably with the estimated rates. The order of September 3rd will still further increase "Establishment" and will take from the rates of work a sum which they were intended to carry.

8. All that I would respectfully ask is either that the order in question may not take effect until Mr. Parkes has been referred to, or that the pay of Messrs. Lowe, Gunther, Scott, and D'Silva may be chargeable to Works as at first sanctioned, and as has been done since they were first employed.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1879, No. 2,755 W.

The salaries of the individuals referred to in the above letter were ordered to be charged to the head of 'Establishment' because they were employed on general duties, and not on work belonging to any particular sub-head of the estimate.

2. The reasons given by the Superintendent for charging these men's pay against items of work would apply equally to his own or his Assistant's salary.

3. It is not clear in what way Mr. Parkes is concerned in the matter, or why any reference should be made to him thereon. The Government reserve to themselves the right of directing the expenditure on works carried out under their orders to be recorded in any way they think proper, and do not recognise the position claimed by the Superintendent as Mr. Parkes' representative.

4. On the other hand there is some force in the view put forward by Mr. Thorowgood, and Government will avoid unduly burdening Mr. Parkes' estimate for establishment. The pay of all such employes as can be clearly shown to be employed solely on one item or part of the work will therefore be charged to that item or part, and all others to General Establishment.

5. The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will keep a careful watch over the establishment charges of the harbour works in inaccordance with the last paragraph.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C Howarth.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.
Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated November 3rd.

Issued

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G. O., 3rd November 1879, No. 2755 W.

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Nos. 11-12.

Madras Harbour Works. — Orders as to the
incidence of the establishment charges of
the —

No. 32 W.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

To Colonel R. M. Sankey, C.B. R.E.
Secretary to Government S.W. Dept.
Buildings & Roads
Fort Saint George
Madras, 24th September 1879.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt.

J. H. Thorowgood, Esq. & Co.
Superintendent
M. H. Works

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40. 2254 H-3-9-79 Aug 79

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Establishment

From
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

40. 22755 H-3-11-79

N^o 32 W

Dated 4th September 1879.

Establishment

Requests that the order
regarding - may not
have effect pending reference
to Mr Parkes on the subject

Recd 29-10-79
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Oct 30-10-79
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J. W

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While clearly of opinion
that Mr Parkes should
not be allowed to amend
any Establishment charge
merely with the view to
save the credit of his
original Estimate or to
dictate to Government in
any way, I still think
we are bound to see that
the principles on which
Establishment charges are
apportioned by the S of S
rules are acted up to
strictly. Para 2 of the
C's present note (17th Oct)
lays this down clearly and
I should be glad if you
would reconsider the note
with reference to this and
paras 2 & 3 of the
Lammings note.

W. H.

21/10/79

for carrying these
men's pay against

40. H. 225 H. 3-9-49 Aug.

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Draft has been
rewritten with the
addition proposed.
C only slightly
modified.

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P. W. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

From

The Supt. Madras
Harbour Works

(H.E. No. 326 of 24th Sept 1879)

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in the above letter were
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2. The means given
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for charging these
men's pay against

Superintending Engineers.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Railway Accounts.
Consulting Architect.
Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
General Superintendent, P. W. Stores and Workshops.
Do. do. P. W. Stores Department.
Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
Examiner Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts.

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the Superintendent
as Mr. Parker's representa-
tive.

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Att

Cir 3-10-79
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No 254

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9-10-79

D. W.

With reference
to the observation
in the case by the
H. Co. it will be
as well to consult
the C. and let me
have an Office
note before proceeding
further

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6/10/79

no 464 8/1879
Can you suggest
any addition to the
draft in the same
manner mentioned by
the Hon. Sec. the collector

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charging these men's pay

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Mr. Perrow told Comptroller
the matter up at the
last meeting of the B.C.
Committee, and declined
to interfere.

It is necessary to check
at once any attempt to
set Mr. Parker up as an
independent authority, and
Mr. Perrow told us his
representative; both
so far as their connection
with the Harbour is con-
cerned are simply Engineers
in the employment of the
Government of Madras.

The question, it should
be added, simply concerns
the mode of recording ex-
penditure, and no pro-
fessional point whatever
is involved.

2/10/79 P.H. D.H.
2/10/79 P.H. D.H.

N^o 2755 W P. W. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd Nov. 1879.

Read the following

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Works. (N^o 32 W. d/24 Sept/79)

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of the Harbor Works in
the light of the last
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Att

Supt. M. H. Works. ✓

Exr. R. W. Accts. ✓

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PUBLIC WORKS.



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G. O. 3 Nov 1879, No. 27554

Nov. 11-12

Madras Harbour Works.

Order as to the incidence
of the establishment
Charges of the —

6-9-79