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P. W. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

24th January 1879, No. 291 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 246. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 14th January 1879, No. 432 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information and orders of Government, the accompanying copy of disallowance list, No. 170, of 1878-79, containing the reply of the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works to certain objections raised by this office with regard to a charge incurred by the Superintendent for advertising.

2. The objection raised by this office was in effect that the charge could not be passed without the sanction of Government, and the essence of the reply is that the charge would remain in the accounts of the Harbour Works, all the orders of Government and the action of this office notwithstanding.

3. As matters now stand I have orders from the Government of India to conduct the audit of the expenditure incurred on the Madras Harbour Works in strict accordance with the rules of the Public Works Department, and the orders of this Government in that department as regards advertisements are that no expenditure for advertisements is to be incurred without the special sanction of Government. That this last order is now in force is certain, as it was only in August last that Government passed orders specially sanctioning certain expenditure for advertisements in the Bangalore Division.

4. It therefore appears to me to be beyond doubt that this office was in order in objecting to the expenditure, and that by forwarding to the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works a copy of the order of Government on the subject we took all reasonable precautions to inform the Superintendent the authority under which we were acting in order that he might feel satisfied that no unnecessary trouble was being given him.

5. In conclusion it only remains for me to request that the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works may be instructed by the Chief Engineer to conform generally with the rules of the Public Works Department.

6. Should he be of opinion that this or any other regulation of the Public Works Department is inconvenient or obstructive to the free progress of the works, it appears to me to be his obvious duty to represent the matter to the proper authorities and have the rule relaxed in his particular case. But at present I see no reason why a check over the cost of advertising, if considered expedient in the case of the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division, should be inexpedient in the case of the Superintendent of the Harbour Works.

2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 24TH JANUARY 1879, No. 291 W.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1879, No. 291 W.

The Chief Engineer's memorandum of the 22nd January 1876 was in some measure a warrant for the Superintendent's action, to which formal sanction will now be accorded.

2. The Examiner is authorised to pass any similar charge which may be hereafter incurred without reference to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Edw. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.
Gobt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

Dated January 24th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 24th January 1879, No. 201 W

JANUARY.

Nos. 246-247.

Charges for advertisements in Local Newspapers. — Formal sanction accorded to the action of the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, in incurring — and the Examiner authorised to pass similar charges for the future without reference to Government.

[Est. Wks. Form No. 251.]

[Chap. XX, ii., 5.]

[P. W. D. Form No. 47.]

No. 140 of 1878/79
Presidency District Madras Harbour Division or Office. List of Disallowances
from the Contingent Bill for November 1878.

Name and Rank.	Amount disallowed.	Reason of Disallowance.	Explanation by Executive and District Officers.
1/a/ Advertisements inserted in the Standard for wanting a clerk 1 10.		1/a/ Audit suspended. It is presumed by the Superintending Intendant, that the	
Do. Do. in the Times 7 5.		of the authority under same authority which order	
Do. Do. in the Athenaeum & Daily News. — do } 5 12.		which the charge has him to construct a harbour been incurred as at Madras and to adhere under the orders con. for materials required	
Do. Do. in "Mail" & do } 5 10.		5th February 1879. (Copy by of obtain a clerk by ad- attached) the same advertisement.	
Total	21 5.	tion of Government	If the Examiner chooses to

is necessary to admit disallow the charge it is a matter of indifference to the Superintendent as the

1/a/ G. Brown amount will be put down by Ex. Acct. to the S. C. Contingencies

1/a/ F. H. Thoroughgood
Supt. M. H. Works
2nd December 1878

(True Copy) *[Signature]*
Superintendent Correspondence Br.

Carried forward ...

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FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 433.V.

CHEPAK, 14th JANUARY 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD FOR THE INFORMATION AND
ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT THE ACCOMPANYING COPY OF DISALLOWANCE
LIST NO. 170 OF 1878-79 CONTAINING THE REPLY OF THE SUPER-
INTENDENT OF THE MADRAS HARBOR WORKS TO CERTAIN OBJECTIONS
RAISED BY THIS OFFICE WITH REGARD TO A CHARGE INCURRED BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ADVERTISING.

2. THE OBJECTION RAISED BY THIS OFFICE WAS IN EFFECT
THAT THE CHARGE COULD NOT BE PASSED WITHOUT THE SANCTION
OF GOVERNMENT; AND THE ESSENCE OF THE REPLY IS THAT THE
CHARGE WOULD REMAIN IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE HARBOR WORKS, ALL
THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ACTION OF THIS OFFICE
NOTWITHSTANDING.

3. AS MATTERS NOW STAND, I HAVE ORDERS FROM THE GOVERN-
MENT OF INDIA TO
CONDUCT THE AUDIT OF
THE EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON THE MADRAS HARBOR WORKS IN
RESOLUTION BY THE GOVT. OF INDIA
NO. 2649 OF 30TH. AUGUST 1878.

Name and Rank.

Amount
disallowed.

Reason of Disallowance.

Explanation by Executive and
District Officers.

Brought forward

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N.B.—This space should not be written upon as it is required for filing the list.

N.B.—The explanations by Executive and District Officers should always be given on this paper the one under the other in the col. provided for the purpose.

STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT,
AND THE ORDERS OF THIS GOVERNMENT IN THAT DEPARTMENT AS
REGARDS ADVERTISEMENTS ARE THAT NO EXPENDITURE FOR AD-
G.O. NO. 369 OF 5TH. FEBRUARY 1867 } VERTISEMENTS IS TO
BE INCURRED WITHOUT THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF GOVERNMENT.
THAT THIS LAST ORDER IS NOW IN FORCE IS CERTAIN, AS IT
WAS ONLY IN AUGUST LAST THAT GOVERNMENT PASSED ORDERS
G.O. NO. 3747. N. OF 22ND. AUGUST 1878. } SPECIALLY SANCTION-
ING CERTAIN EXPENDITURE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE BANGALORE
DIVISION.

4. IT THEREFORE APPEARS TO ME TO BE BEYOND DOUBT
THAT THIS OFFICE WAS IN ORDER IN OBJECTING TO THE EXPENDI-
TURE, AND THAT BY FORWARDING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
MADRAS HARBOR WORKS A COPY OF THE ORDER OF GOVERNMENT ON
THE SUBJECT, WE TOOK ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO INFORM
THE SUPERINTENDENT THE AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH WE WERE
ACTING IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT FEEL SATISFIED THAT NO UN-
NECESSARY TROUBLE WAS BEING GIVEN HIM.

5. IN CONCLUSION, IT ONLY REMAINS FOR ME TO REQUEST
THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MADRAS HARBOR WORKS MAY BE
INSTRUCTED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER TO CONFORM GENERALLY WITH
THE RULES OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT.

6. SHOULD HE BE OF OPINION THAT THIS OR ANY OTHER
RELATION OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT IS INCONVENIENT OR OB-
STRUCTIVE TO THE FREE PROGRESS OF THE WORKS, IT APPEARS
TO ME TO BE HIS OBVIOUS DUTY TO REPRESENT THE MATTER TO
THE PROPER AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THE RULE RELAXED IN HIS

PARTICULAR CASE. BUT AT PRESENT, I SEE NO REASON WHY A
CHECK OVER THE COST OF ADVERTISING IF CONSIDERED EXPEDIENT
IN THE CASE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF THE PRESIDENCY
DIVISION, SHOULD BE INEXPEDIENT IN THE CASE OF THE SUPER-
INTENDENT OF THE HARBOR WORKS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Lowry - Foster

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS & MAJOR R.E.

Copy of 24th Jan 1879 at 2914
FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

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

GENERAL BRANCH.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter from the Examiner of Public
Works Accounts No 432 W dated 14 Jan 1879

Mr Thoroughgood is
clearly out of order.
And he should apparently
be told so.

I think Mr. Walker
Memo: of 22.1.79 may
be considered warrant
for Mr. Thoroughgood's action
but not long give formal
sanction. 20 Jan 1879

Edw. Leal M.E.
Chief Engineer &
Secy to Govt M.D.

22.1.79

R.L.

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6822-1-76-141
8025-8-76-2261
" 22-8-78-3347 W
" 6-11-79-11258 W.

NO. 432. W.

DATED 14 JANUARY 1879.

RECD.

ENCLOSURE ONE.

MADRAS HARBOR WORKS :- FORWARDS
DISALLOWANCE LIST OF-----AND R
QUESTS INSTRUCTIONS THEREON.

Jan 20-1879

FOR ORDERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 24 Jan 79

Read the following:—

From

The Examiner of P. W. Accts. (H.C. No 432 Wd/14th Jan 79)

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Memorandum"

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C. Hughes
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Supt. M. H. W. 1873
Examiner P. W. Accts.

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Obt. of 1879 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O., 24 Jan'y 1879, No 291

Nos. 246-247

Charges for Advertisements
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