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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th December 1879, No. 3,251 W.

Account-General.

Read the following paper:—

No. 74. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Coimbatore, 3rd December 1879, No. 748.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Executive Engineer, Nilgiris, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Ootacamund, 20th November 1879, No. 549.

With reference to Public Works G.O., No. 2,835 W., dated 10th November 1879, endorsed by your No. 167 of the 14th idem, I have the honor to submit the required explanation on paragraph 10 of the Examiner's report.

2. The practice of doing private work in the manner described has been in vogue in this division ever since I took charge (nine years ago), and was also adopted by my predecessor.

3. In 1876, Government in their Public Works Order No. 1,755, dated 11th July 1876, sanctioned the arrangement. I beg to invite perusal of that order and of the letters printed with it.

4. The suggestion of the Examiner, that the private parties should supply funds in advance, is really in practice often unworkable. Where the work is at all extensive and clearly defined, it is now and has always been the practice to prepare an estimate beforehand and obtain funds in advance. But in the case of petty works, such a plan (even if practicable) would double the work in this office, entail delay, and, in case of the estimate being exceeded, cause ultimate annoyance and difficulty. But it is not practicable. Members of Council and other gentlemen frequently send to this office furniture to be quickly repaired, or request leaks in their houses to be speedily stopped, and so on. It is possible to oblige them by doing the work and billing them for it afterwards. But to go through the circumlocution of an estimate, funds paid in advance, &c., would be impossible, and if insisted on such work would have to be declined. Moreover, the present practice is that which obtains in the Presidency workshop, in the jails, and in other public departments.

5. The present arrangement does not really present the aspect of a disbursement of Public Works funds on account of private parties, as represented by the Examiner. For a great deal of money is received in advance from private or semi-private persons for work to be performed, and this is entered under the head *Deposits*. The money, as received, is at once paid into the treasury and drawn upon by degrees as expenditure is incurred. This money under Deposits invariably exceeds the expenditure under "Miscellaneous Advances." Nor do my applications for funds ever take into account Miscellaneous Advances. These are more than covered by the deposits. In October's accounts, for example, the balance under Deposits was Rs. 4,550, while the Miscellaneous Advances amounted to only Rs. 2,094.

6. I beg further to observe that when Lieutenant Beauclerk, R.E., examined this office in May 1878, he noticed the Miscellaneous Advance Account which then amounted to Rs. 4,871. I showed him the Government order quoted in my paragraph 3. He replied that he was satisfied, and took no notice in his report of this matter.

7. To show that no risk is run by the present arrangement, I beg to add that of the sixteen items in the Miscellaneous Advance account for April 1879, which amounted to Rs. 5,223, only one appears in the same account for October (the total of which amounts only to Rs. 2,094), and this is the excess expenditure on the Devála Apothecary's quarters, which is now before Government.

8. Regarding the advance to Govindoo Pillay, I beg to explain that he is a Road Superintendent (whose pay is charged to works), and is in charge of the two roads to Gúdalúr and Sígúr. At the beginning of this season he asked me for a private advance of Rs. 150. As the working season was then beginning and it was important to encourage him, I gave him the advance alluded to. I did not like to do so out of my own pocket for fear of any misunderstanding arising, but entered it in the Miscellaneous Advance account, so as to be sure of its being eventually recovered and not overlooked. All has been now recovered

9. I trust these explanations may be considered satisfactory, and that the harmless practice hitherto in vogue may be allowed to continue.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 2,835 W., of 30th November 1879, and with reference to paragraph 4 of this office letter No. 717, dated 23rd November 1879.

(Signed) A. S. RUSSELL,
for Suptg. Engineer, Fourth Circle.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1879, No. 3,251 W.

THE Government accept the explanation furnished by the Executive Engineer, Nílgiris, in regard to the practice obtaining in his division of doing work for private parties and charging the expenditure to the "Miscellaneous Advance Account" pending payment by the parties concerned.

2. Considering, however, the changes about to be carried out in the *personnel* of the division, His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that it is not expedient to allow this practice to continue, and accordingly resolves to make it an absolute rule that no work be done in future for any private party.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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ACCOUNT.
GENERAL.

Govt. of {1879} Madras.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 16th.

Issued

Encl. Encl.

G. O., 16th December 1879, No. 3,251 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 74-75.

Doing work for private parties and charging the expenditure to the "Miscellaneous Advance Account" pending payment by the parties concerned.—Absolutely prohibits the practice of —.

Executive Engineer's office
Ootacamund 20th November 1879

No. 549

P.L. 325/3

From
The Executive Engineer
Nilgiris

To
The Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to P.W.G.O. No. 2835 W dated 10th November 1879 endorsed by your No. 167 of the 14th idem I have the honor to submit the required explanation on para 10 of the Examiner's Report.

2. The practice of doing private work in the manner described has been in vogue in this Division ever since I took charge (nine years ago) and was also adopted by my predecessor.

3. In 1876 Government in their P.W. order No. 1755 dated 11th July 1876 sanctioned the arrangement. I beg to invite perusal of that order and of the letters printed with it.

4. The suggestion of the Examiner that the private parties should supply funds in advance is really in

in practice often unworkable. Where the work is at all extensive and clearly defined it is now and has always been the practice to prepare an estimate before-hand and obtain funds in advance. But in the case of petty works such a plan (even if practicable) would double the work in this office, entail delay and in case of the estimate being exceeded cause ultimate annoyance and difficulty. But it is not practicable. Members of Council and other gentlemen frequently send to this office furniture to be quickly repaired, or request leaks in their houses to be speedily stopped and so on. It is possible to oblige them by doing the work and billing them for it afterwards. But to go through the circumlocution of an estimate, funds paid in advance &c., would be impossible and if insisted on such work would have to be declined.

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when Lieutenant Beaucleck R.E. examined this office in May 1878 he noticed the Miscellaneous advance account which then amounted to Rs 4871. I showed him the G.O. quoted in my para 3. He replied that he was satisfied and took no notice in his report of this matter.

7. To show that no risk is run by the present arrangement I beg to add that of the 16 items in the Miscellaneous advance account for April 1879 which amounted to Rs 5223 only one appears in the same account for October (the total of which amounts only to Rs 2094) and this is the excess expenditure on the Devalah Apothecary's Quarters which is now before Govt.

8. Regarding the advance to Govindoo Pillay I beg to explain that he is a Road Superintendent (whose pay is charged to works) and is in charge of the two roads to Cuddalur and Seagore. At the beginning of the season he asked me for a private advance of Rs 150. As the working season was then beginning and it was important to encourage him I gave him the advance alluded to. I did not like to do so out of my own pocket for fear of any misunderstanding arising, but entered it in the Miscellaneous advance account so as to be sure of its being eventually recovered and not overlooked. All has been now recovered.

9. I trust these explanations may be considered satisfactory and that the harmless practice hitherto in vogue may be allowed to continue.

I have &c

[Sigd] J L L Morant Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

No. 748

True Copy - Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 2836 W of 10th November 79 and with reference to para 4 of this office letter No. 717 dated 23d November 79

A Russell
for Supdg Engineer
4th Circle

Countersigned
3d December
1879

G.O. No. 1755 of 11-9-76
Ins. G.O. No. 2831 W. of 10-11-79
G.O. No. 3052 W. 1-12-1879

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From

The Supdg. Engineer
Fourth Circle.

G.O. No. 3261 W of 16-12-79

Dated 3rd
Recd: 5 December 1879.

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No. 7168.

Practice of doing private work: —

Submitting copy of a letter from the Nilgiri Dn., affording explanation with reference to the — noticed in G.O. No. 2833 W of 10th Nov. 1879.

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Circ: 8-12-

Hon. Mr. Hindlestone

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For orders

Please see the annexed correspondence and notes about private work done by the Executive Engineer at Ootacamund

If it I think my question whether even with an Executive Engineer resident at Ootacamund a system of this kind should be allowed, but as this Government has lately ruled that only an Assistant should be stationed there I have no hesitation in recommending that any such system should be absolutely prohibited in future

Platt
7/12/79

Under the above ruling the system must be discontinued for the future

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SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 6th Dec 187 9

OFFICE NOTE.

To W

I think this case should be submitted to Government for orders—

The subject was considered in G.O. 1755 of 11th July 1876, and it was then decided that the present system should be continued; but the conditions will be materially altered when Ootacamund is no longer the head-quarters of an Executive Engineer, and Joint Asst even if an Assistant

Personally I am opposed

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P. W. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th December 1879. READ the following

From the Secy Board
Fourth Circle (R) No. 7409 3rd Dec 79

The Government accept the explanation furnished by the Executive Engineer, Nilgiris, in regard to the practice regd to the Division obtaining in his Division of doing work for private parties and charging the expenditure to the "Miscellaneous Advance Account" pending payment by the parties concerned.

2. Considering however the changes about to be carried out in the personnel of the Division, His place

In the execution of private work by public officers at all, save under very exceptional circumstances, and that not on "narrow financial grounds" but on "broad administrative" ones; if however the execution of such work is allowed at all, there seem no risk in the present system - Major Ouseley's letter shows that the risk of loss is infinitesimal, and that the enforcement of payment in advance would in many cases be tantamount to a refusal to execute work -

S DW

* see Co's letter No 81 W dt 24th June published with G.O. quoted -

the Governor in Council is of opinion that it is not expedient to allow this practice to continue and accordingly ~~to~~ declares it to be absolute ~~that no work shall be done in future for any private party, except on the deposit in advance of the estimated cost of the work~~ to be considered ~~as~~ undertaken by the executive & public servants of the Govt. ~~except~~ such as are alluded to in the Executive Engineers report —

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Sd Engr & Archt
Eyr Brs
Pubn Dept

A W Prize
absolute

Please arrange

Arbitration cannot be

Attd
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F. W. Department. 5th Dec 1879

No. 3251 W

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th December 1879

READ the following

From

The Supt Engineer 4th Circle (No. 2742 dt 3rd Dec 1879.)

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Abbt

16/12/79

Supt Engrs & Circle
Exec P.W. Accts
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To

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G. O., 16 Dec 1879, No. 3257

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