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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th June 1880, No. 1,323 W.

General Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 6. From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 31st March 1880, No. 1,588.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, has forwarded to me for allotment of funds four bills recently sent in by the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops on account of railway charges for several articles supplied on different dates since August 1877. Much inconvenience must be occasioned from such delays on the part of the Public Works Stores Department, as the records of previous years should be turned up in the divisional offices to ascertain the correctness of the bills. In one of the bills above alluded to, the date of the despatch of the consignment has not been entered by the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores, owing probably to the date not being now ascertainable in his office.

2. No orders appear to have been passed by Government as to the timely submission by the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores of bills for adjustment after the consignments have been despatched to Divisional Officers. But as in G.O., No. 2,867 W., dated 13th November 1879, stringent orders have been passed as regards the time within which Divisional Officers should adjust bills forwarded by the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops, it appears necessary that orders should be passed by Government enjoining the speedy submission by the latter officer of bills for adjustment. The bills for railway charges should, I think, be sent in for adjustment within a month after due.

No. 6A. From Lieutenant W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., General Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th April 1880, No. 26-S.

IN returning herewith letter from Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, forwarded for explanation with your memorandum, No. 1,001, dated 3rd April 1880, I have the honor to state that the railway consignor's credit notes for railway charges, &c., amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 8-5-0 entered in the four bills referred to by the Superintending Engineer were only received on the 9th January 1880 from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts with his No. 55-B J, dated 7th January 1880.

2. The bills were submitted immediately to the officer in charge of South Arcot and adjustment effected in the accounts of the same month.

3. I beg to observe that bills for railway charges cannot be submitted by this department to the officers concerned and adjustment effected in the accounts, until the consignor's credit notes for stores despatched are received from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. As regards the bills for stores supplied by this department, they are furnished almost immediately after the receipt has been acknowledged.

4. As regards bills from the Workshop, it is not possible to send these in under one month from the despatch of the articles, as the different accounts of labor and materials take some time to collect; Maistries and other workmen on fixed salaries are also only paid once a month, which renders it quite impossible, as a rule, to submit bills from the Workshop as expeditiously as from the Stores.

5. With regard to bills for railway charges, the Workshop is precisely in the same position as the Stores.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1880, No. 1,323 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 1,324 W., dated 4th June 1880.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1880] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated June, 4th

Issued

Rec'd. *Encl.*

G. O., 4th *June* 1880, *No.* 1,323 W.

JUNE.

Nos. 6-7.

Credit Note System.—Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of the —.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 1,324 W.

No. 8.

FROM

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

To

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

SIR,—The papers recorded in the accompanying Proceedings of this Government No. 1,323 W., dated 4th June 1880. have brought prominently to notice the failure of the Credit Note System in the adjustment of railway charges by the Public Works Store Department.

2. There can be no doubt that the Credit Note System, which was introduced into this Presidency against the wishes of the Departmental Officers, and in conformity with orders from the Government of India, was intended to facilitate transactions; and where it has the opposite effect, it is presumed that there can be no real objection to cash payments.

3. If the Superintendent of the Stores were allowed to pay the railway charges in cash, he could adjust them at once; but, under the existing system, there are no less than five stages through which the Credit Note has to pass.

Firstly, it has to be presented by the Railway Company;
Secondly, it has to be paid, and accounted for, by the Treasury Officer;
Thirdly, it has to be audited by the Provincial Accountant-General, who has then to give intimation of the charge to the Office of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts;
Fourthly, intimation has to be given by the Examiner's Office to the Superintendent of the Stores Department;
Fifthly, the charge has to be adjusted by the latter officer.

4. It is obvious that in practice great delay must be caused by the note passing through so many offices; and as the inconvenience of the system has been so clearly proved, I am directed to request that the General Superintendent may be allowed to make cash payments for all railway charges.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th June 1880.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1880} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated June, 4th.

Issued

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 4th *June* 1880, *No.* 1,524 W.

JUNE.
No. 8.

CREDIT NOTE SYSTEM.—Addressing on the inconvenience experienced by the introduction of the —and suggesting the advisability of reverting to the system of cash payments.

No 1588 3rd Circle Superintendent's Office
Chepauk 31st March 1880.
Despd 1st April 1880

From

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Executive Engineer South Arcot Division has forwarded to me for allotment of funds, four Bills recently sent in by the Superintendent P.W. Stores and Workshops on account of Railway charges, for several articles supplied on different dates since August 1879: Much inconvenience must be occasioned from such delays on the part of the P.W. Stores Department, as the records of previous years should be turned up in the Divisional offices to ascertain the correctness of the Bills. In one of the Bills also

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alluded to, the date of the despatch of the consignment has not been entered by the Superintendent of the P.W. Stores owing probably to the date not being readily ascertainable in his office.

2. No orders appear to have been passed by Government as to the timely submission by the Superintendent of P.W. Stores of Bills for adjustment after the consignments have been despatched to Divisional officers. But as in G.O. No. 2867 W, dated 13th November 1879, stringent orders have been passed as regards the time within which Divisional officers should adjust Bills forwarded by the Superintendent P.W. Stores and Workshops. it appears necessary that orders should be passed by Government enjoining the speedy submission by the latter officer of Bills for adjustment. The Bills for Railway charges should, I think, be sent in for adjustment within a month after due.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Arthur Thos Read Major R.E.
Ag Supdg Engineer 3rd Circle.

P.W.D.
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From

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

No 1588

Dated 31st March 1880
Desp^d 1st April "
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Bills — Informing the inconvenience caused in adjusting the — of P.W. Stores.

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PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT,
Madras, 8 April 1880.

No. 26 S.

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS STORES, &c.,

To

THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

I am returning herewith letter from Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle forwarded for explanation with your Memo No 61 dated 8 April 1880, I have the honor to state that the Railway Consignee's Credit Notes for Railway charges &c amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 8-8-- entered in the four Bills referred to by the Superintending Engineer were only received on the 9 January 1880 from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts with his No 185 B dated 7 January 1880.

The bills were submitted immediately to this Office in charge of Conductor Scott and adjustment effected in the accounts of the same month.

I beg to observe that bills for Railway charges cannot be submitted by

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by this Department to the Officers
concerned and adjustment effected in
the accounts, until the Conveyance's Credit
Vales for items despatched are received
from the Examiner of Public Works
Accounts, as regards the Bills for Items
supplied by this Department these are
furnished almost immediately after the
Receipt has been acknowledged.

As regards Bills from the
Workshop it is not possible to send
these in under one month from the
despatch of the articles as the different
accounts of labour and materials
take some time to collect, Invoices and
other sundries as fixed salaries are also
only paid once a month which renders
it quite impossible for us to submit
Bills from the Workshop as expeditiously
as from the Store.

With regard to Bills for Carriage
charges the Workshop is precisely in the
same position as the Store.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Servant

Wm Baddeley

Lieut.t R.E.

Superintending C.R. Public Works &c.

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Public Works Store Department.

From

The General Superintendent,
P.W.D.
S.A.F.R.O.V. Stores, &c.,
Madras,

No. _____

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept
Madras

No. 26 S.

Dated 8th
Despd. 8 } April 1880.
Recd.

No. of Enclosures.

Explains the cause of delay in submitting bills for Railway charges due to officers concerned.

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SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 13th April 1880.

OFFICE NOTE.

To C

Please read the enclosed from Jun. Asst at O.T. Stores, and let us know if you can suggest any means for shortening the time occupied in communicating Railway charges. 1323 1324

Why should not the Superintendent, when he despatches articles by railway be informed thereof the charges to be made?

Do private consignees of goods have to limit

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a monthly or some other
they Recover the freight
charges payable by them,
and if not, why should
a Government Department
be in a different position?

S.W.

To No 161 of 25.2.5.80
Encl.

W.

SO LONG AS THE PRESENT SYS-
TEM REMAINS IN FORCE I DO NOT SEE
HOW DELAYS, (OCCASIONALLY OF
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT) ARE TO BE
WITH CERTAINTY PREVENTED AS THERE
ARE SO MANY STAGES AT WHICH WANT
OF PROMPTNESS MAY CAUSE DELAY
1ST. IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE
CREDIT NOTE BY THE RAILWAY COM-
PANY 2ND. IN THE PAYMENT OF AND
ACCOUNTING FOR IT BY THE TREASURY
OFFICER 3RD. THE AUDIT BY THE AC-
COUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS, AND

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Desp 26-5-80. Ans 6.6.80

INTIMATION BY HIM OF THE CHARGE TO
THIS OFFICE AND INTIMATION BY THIS
OFFICE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT WORK-
SHOPS 5TH. IN ADJUSTMENT BY HIM. THE
SYSTEM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INTRO-
DUCED AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE DE-
PARTMENTAL OFFICERS OF THIS PRESI-
DENCY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ORDERS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

AS THE INCONVENIENCE OF THE SYS-
TEM HAS BEEN PROVED, I DO NOT SUP-
POSE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IF THE
CASE WERE CLEARLY REPRESENTED WOULD
OBJECT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT PAYING
THE RAILWAY CHARGES IN CASH AND THUS
ENABLE HIM TO ADJUST THEM AT ONCE
WITHOUT WAITING UNTIL THE CREDIT
NOTE HAD PASSED THROUGH SO MANY
HANDS AND ACCOUNTS.

THE CREDIT NOTE SYSTEM WAS IN-
TRODUCED WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATE
TRANSACTIONS AND WHERE THIS IS FOUND
NOT TO BE THE EFFECT OF FOLLOWING
IT, I PRESUME THERE CAN BE NO REAL
OBJECTION TO CASH PAYMENTS INSTEAD.

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Is it worth while to
object to India the
distinctness of such Payments
being made by the Secretary
of State in Cash?

It must be remembered
that the Workshops are
supposed to be worked on
commercial principles, and
often do on a considerable
extent from ordinary Public
Establishments 2

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 4th June 1880.

Read the following:—

From the Superintg
3rd Circle (H.E. No. 1588 of 31 March/80

" Genl Supt Dr Stores (" 26 5 of the 8th April/80)

Ordered that the
Govt of India be ad-
dressed.

(H.E. No. 1324 W 4th June/80

To

The Secy to the
Govt of India, P.W.D.

Sir,

The papers re-
corded in the accom-
panying Proceedings of
this Govt have brought
prominently to notice
the failure of the Credit
Note System in the
case of additional
cases of the Tuticorin Railway

charges by the Public Works Store Department.

2. There can be no doubt that the credit note system, which was introduced into this Presidency against the wishes of the Departmental Officers, and in conformity with orders from the Govt. of India, was intended to facilitate transactions; and where it has the opposite effect, it is presumed that there can be no real objection to cash payments. If the Superintendent of the Stores were allowed to pay the railway charges in cash, he could adjust them at once; but under the existing system there are no less than five stages through which the credit note has to pass.

First, it has to be presented by the Railway Company:

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Thirdly, it has to be audited by the Provincial Accountant General who has then to give intimation of the charge to the Office of the Examiner P.W. Accounts:

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Fourthly: intimation has to be given by the Examiner's Office to the Dept. of the Stores Dept.:

Fifthly: the charge has to be adjusted by the latter Officer.

3. It is obvious that in practice great delay must be caused by the rule passing through so many Offices and accounts, and as the inconvenience of the system has been so clearly proved, I am directed to request that the Govt. Dept. may be allowed to make cash payments for all railway charges.

Dr. Mitchell
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Govt. of (1880) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Read. Encl.

G. O., 4 June 1880, No. 1323/4 (P)

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Credit Note System.

Ordered that the Govt. be addressed on the subject of the —.

Credit Note System.

Addressing on the experience of the introduction of the ~~Credit Note System~~ and suggesting the advisability of ~~introducing the introduction of the~~ ~~Credit Note System~~ system of Cash payments