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Note.

The Consulting Engineer's view seems to be the correct one. The Clerks of his office do not come under the ordinary Public Works Rules. They have nothing to do with the practice and procedure of the Public Works Department, and they are not paid from Ordinary Public Works Funds. They are budgetted for under "State outlay in connection with Guaranteed Railways."

2. It might be left optional with them to qualify and present themselves for examination but to make the examination compulsory would involve their being obliged to learn Rules and Regulations foreign to their ordinary duties.

3. The accompanying draft G.O. is therefore proposed.

R.S.

(upside down)
Sept 11

Memorandum

from the Dept of Justice and
the Dept of State
The following report
from the Dept of the Interior
should be referred and attached
to the bill introduced
for the
of government.

Report

Report of the
Secretary of the
Department of the Interior

to the President



Am. W. Anderson

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No 1077 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25 April 81

Read the following:—

From,

The Consulting Eng^r for Railways (N^o 97 of 8th April 1881)

Endorsement of the Examiners,
S. W. Accounts, Madras } (" " 462 of 9th " " ")

Clerks in the office of
the Consulting Engineer for
Railways will not be required
to pass the prescribed examination
in the Public Works Code,
except in the ^{case} of transfer
to the General and Buildings
and Roads, and Irrigation
Branches of the Department.

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Consulting Eng^r for Ryos. ✓
Examiners, S. W. Accounts. ✓

19/4/81

cc, ad
25-4-81

R.S.

Ch 2356

To W.

1. The Consulting Engineers seem to be the correct one. The Clerk of the office do not come under the ordinary P.W. Rules. They have nothing to do with the practice procedure of the P.W. Dept. - And they are not paid from ordinary Public Works Funds. They are budgetted for under "State outlay in connection with State-aided Railways".

2. It might be left optional with them to qualify and to present themselves for examination, but to make the examination compulsory would involve their being

Obligated to learn
Rules & Regulations
foreign to their ordinary
duties.

R. J.
18/4.

Yes - The I O &
Circulars could only
have effect on the
Clerks of the R. & B. Dept.
in case of such seeking
transfers to either the
R & B or Immigration
Branches, and should
therefore be left
optional in their cases.

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6 25th August 1879
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P.W. 1881 Dept
No 2356

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Forwarded to the Chief
Engineer, Public Works Department,
for disposal, with the remark
that as the clerks of the
Consulting Engineer's office
belong to the P.W. Dept, they
should come under the
same rules as regards exam-
inations, &c, as other clerks
of the P.W. Dept.

D. C. Lindsay
In charge C's office.

Aug 13/81

W. G. B. 1/81

sent to city 16-4-81 R 23-4-81

O. C. W.

EXAMINER
9 APR 81
FMS
V. ACCOUNTS

applied here. The clerks of this office are not sub-
-ject to transfer to other Public Works Department
offices.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. C. Mearns Captain R.E.
for Consulting Engineer for Rygs.

Pd 2356/81

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
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From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
Mr Chief Engineer
Public Works
Department
Dated
Received
No. 97
ENCLOSURES.

Respectfully to
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of the office of the
Department for
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in the D D Code

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 8th April 1881.

No. 99

FROM

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

TO

The Chief Engineer,
Buildings and Roads Branch
Through the Examiner of Public Works Branch

SIR,

Adverting to references noted in

the margin, I have the honour to inquire if the exami-

Enclosures.

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2nd clause of paragraph
221 of the Madras Public
Works Code.Paragraph 8 of Pro-
ceedings of Government
No. 2206 W dated 25th

August 1879.

Circular No. 1053 dated

8th April 1880 from the
Chief Engineer, Build-
ings and Roads Branch.

-amination in the Public Works Department Code there-

-inferred to, is required in the case of the members

of this office establishment.

I am of opinion that this exami-

-nation may be fairly dispensed with, as far as

the working of this office goes, where a knowledge of

the first eleven chapters of the Public Works Code

(the portion prescribed for the examination of clerks)

will be almost inapplicable; though the principles laid

down in chapters 4 and 6 may, to some extent, be

applied

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th August 1879, No. 2,206 W.

General.

Establishment.

No. 119. Proceedings of Government, dated 25th August 1879, No. 2,206 W.

THE first three chapters of the new edition of the Public Works Code have now issued from the Press, and the progress made in regard to the rest is such as to warrant the conclusion that the production of the remaining chapters will proceed henceforward with regularity and promptitude.

2. As the successive issue of the chapters at regular intervals affords the best opportunity for the thorough study and mastery of each of the special subjects treated of, it has been decided by His Grace the Governor in Council, that immediately on being printed, two copies of each chapter shall be sent to every Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer's Office (with expansible covers for the reception of others as they appear). One of these to be retained for the use of the head office in each case, and the other to be circulated for perusal by sub-divisional officers, &c.

3. Superintending and Executive Engineers are expected to interest themselves personally, not only in acquiring a complete mastery of the contents of each chapter as it appears (much of the matter being now new or freshly compiled), but in enforcing the study of the contents by all under their orders.

4. Till the work has appeared in its complete form with an appropriate Index, as also with the Appendices and the authorised Forms, it will be impossible to exact the rigid adherence to rules which is so beneficial in preventing useless work and correspondence, while ensuring the most perfect liberty of action and responsibility as regards the successive grades of the Department, but at the same time a sensible effort and advance towards the attainment of this may even now be made, and the sooner this is done the better.

5. One of the main advantages of the Code is the facility it affords for referring to the orders of Government in support of any action taken, and as the edition now issuing gathers up the substance of all useful Government Orders, either of this Government or of the Government of India, Heads of offices may at once insist, that, so far as possible, the paragraph of the new Code (or the number of any Standing Order which may in the interval be circulated) is quoted in all official correspondence passing through their hands instead of the number and date of the corresponding Government Order. This rule will of course become absolute hereafter, and unless where serious public inconvenience would be occasioned thereby, the documents failing in this respect should be returned for revision.

6. Again, whenever an officer or subordinate refers for orders, any matter which he is himself competent under the Code Rules to deal with, the superior office should not decide or take action for him, though of course, if the reference come in the form of asking advice, this should be freely afforded. Independence, which in any way within the rules of Government should be carefully fostered by all authorities, will with the feeling of responsibility, which is no less desirable, be thus as far as possible

insured. Acting on the same principle every effort should be made on the careful inspection of offices to stop unhesitatingly any really useless clerical work, and above all to prohibit the adoption or use of forms or returns of account which have not been specifically ordered by Government.

7. In conclusion, it may be as well to observe, that as no excuse will hereafter be received on the plea of ignorance of the rules of Government, measures will be taken for ascertaining the knowledge of these rules on the part of members of the Department.

8. Superior officers in their inspections will be expected to satisfy themselves on this point, and acquaintance with the Code will be made one of the specific subjects of examination of Assistant Engineers, paragraphs 153—155. All clerks drawing more than Rupees 50 per mensem will be considered probationary till they have passed a satisfactory examination in the Code, and for all such appointments subsequent to the publication of the complete edition, acquaintance with the Code will be made an indispensable condition. The rules on this subject will issue at a subsequent date, but in the meanwhile the individuals concerned should take the opportunity afforded by the successive issue of the several chapters to master the subject in the most thorough manner.

9. Any member of the Department wishing to have his private copy of the Code issued to him in successive chapters as they come out can have this done by making the requisite application to the Examiner. On completion of the work such copies may be exchanged without extra charge against fully bound copies.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineers.
 „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
 „ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
 „ „ of Railway Accounts.
 „ Consulting Architect.
 „ Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
 „ „ Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August 25th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 25th August 1879, No. 2,206 IV.

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