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Forwarded to the
Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle for early report.

(By order)

Per *[Signature]* Major R.B.

19th March 1881 } Dy. Chief Engineer
1881 } P.W.D.

N^o 172
P.C.

Communicated to
the Exec. Eng^r West Coast
Div for immediate report.

[Signature]

12th March 1881

P.W.C.A. 1591

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

P.W.C.A. 2326
1/81

NO. 239 W

DATED 16th MARCH 1881.

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Di. 23-3-81

BRINGING TO NOTICE THE INAT-
TENTION SHOWN BY THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER WEST COAST DIVISION IN
REPLYING TO AUDIT NOTES ON ACCOUNTS
FROM APRIL 1880.

To the Sup^y Engineer
II Circle

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N^o 172
P.C.

FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 239 W

MADRAS, 16th MARCH 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING TO YOUR NOTICE FOR SUCH ACTION AS YOU MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY THE INATTENTION SHOWN BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WEST COAST DIVISION, IN NOT REPLYING TO THE AUDIT NOTES ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE ON HIS MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

2. THESE REPLIES ARE DUE FROM THE MONTH OF APRIL, OR, IN OTHER WORDS, NOT A SINGLE AUDIT NOTE ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS DIVISION FOR THE CURRENT OFFICIAL YEAR HAS BEEN REPLIED TO.

3. IN THE AUDIT NOTE ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1880, I SPECIALLY DREW HIS ATTENTION TO THIS FACT, AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE REPLIES WITH EXPLANATIONS AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY, AND THE OMISSION TO FURNISH THE REPLIES WAS AGAIN PROMINENTLY BROUGHT TO HIS NOTICE IN THE AUDIT NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1880.

4. ON THE 11TH. FEBRUARY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WAS

SPECIALLY

SPECIALLY ADDRESSED ON THE SUBJECT IN LETTER NO. 909 S.E. 2ND
AND REMINDERS SENT THEREON ON THE 5TH AND 10TH INSTANT
BUT UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, NEITHER HAVE THE REPLIES BEEN
RECEIVED NOR EXPLANATIONS FURNISHED REGARDING THE DELAY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

D. H. Trail

MAJOR R.E.
OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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P. W. C. 20. 2336.
From
The Superintendent
Second circle

R No 43
20/4/81
No 400 A

To C.

For information
and return.

Dated 9th April 1881.
Recd: 11
Recd: 13

No. 161

C. I.

of D. W.
No 66
23/4/81
13/4/81

To, W.

Seen and returned
with thanks -

Temporary assistance
to enable the Sec. Engineer
to have all the arrears
in accounts work brought
up to date will be
given by this date at
once -

23/4/81

C. I.

Σ. I.

Audit Notes: -

Forwarding with
his own remarks, copy
of letter from the
Executive Engineer
West Coast Dn, report-
ing on the delay in dis-
posing of the — from
the Examiners

No 1083 Wd 25 April 81
Recorded

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C. I.
D. W.

N^o 611.

Encl. Eng's Office W. C. D.
Camp Coy. H. April 1881.

From

The Executive Engineer

West Coast D^o

To.

The Superintending Engineer

2nd Divn, Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
No ¹⁷²_{we} dated 23rd March/81 on Dy Chief
Engineer's No 720 of 19th idem, I regret
to say that I have only now become aware
that the audit notes were in arrears for
so long. The Head Accountant has never
informed me of the fact and I have trusted
a good deal to his having kept the accounts
pretty well up to date as he has done in
all matters that I have looked into.

It has been the custom when I
am on tour for the Head Accountant to
retain all papers relating to accounts,
and this explains my not being aware of
Major Lail's urgent calls, which, being con-
tained in audit notes have not been seen
by me. Had a separate letter or reminder
been sent my attention would have been
drawn to the state of affairs but in the
absence of this I have unfortunately not
thought of audit notes in the presence of other
work.

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The matter should undoubtedly have been brought before me by the Head Accountant - but he has already brought to the notice of the Examiner that he is unable to keep up the correct work in this Division without an Assistant Accountant and to my own knowledge he works out of hours on all occasions. It is to this heavy work that he attributes the arrears. The monthly accounts are ^{so} heavy that they cannot be done by the 20th of the month seldom before 24th to 26th and this leaves little time, before the preparation for the next months accounts have to be made.

I again express my regret for the delay and hope that the Audit books will be ready before very long. I trust the assistance long since sought from the Examiner will be forthcoming.

I have &c

(signed) E. H. Pringle
En. Engineer, W. C. D.

No. 161

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to his memo No. 720 of 19 March 1901. x herewith ref. 2

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The Executive Engineer has been informed that it is his duty on his return to Head quarters after a tour to go through all important papers with regard to accounts that may have come in during his absence.

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and that the audit note is a very important
one -

2. It is to be regretted that the Exa-
-miner did not call the attention of the
Office to the fact that his calls had not
been answered by the Executive Engineer.
It is not known when the audit notes for
Sept^r, Oct^r & Nov^r were received in the
Executive Engineer's Office, but had
the Examiner applied to this Office in
January probably his reference to Govt.
would not have been necessary.

3. The Supg. Engineer has already
reported that he considers an Assistant
Accountant is required in the Chingleput
and West Coast Divisions -

M. M. M. Major, R. E.,
Supg. Engineer
2nd Divⁿ

Camp Ootacamund
9th April 1881

To.

The Chief Engineer
P. R. D.

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