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P. W. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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26th January 1881, No. 206 W.

General.
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2. Some of the Public Works Divisions in Mysore are being broken up. I would, therefore, suggest that this favorable opportunity should be taken to apply to the Government of India for the temporary services of some of the Accountants who will thus be set free, with a view to their travelling from one divisional head-quarter station to another, to instruct the local Accountants. I would propose that their duty at each station should be to see that all the necessary accounts, registers, &c., are opened, and that the local Accountants and subordinates understand what is required of them in regard to the divisional and sub-divisional accounts. They should also compile the accounts of one month for the division before proceeding on to the next. A second visit to each divisional office should suffice to enable them to see what points had not been properly understood, and to give the instructions requisite to correct any errors.

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(Here enter No. 206-A W., dated 26th January 1881.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

# Govt. of (1881) Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

—To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,

*Dated January, 26th.*

*Issued*

*Read.* *Ex I.*

*G. O., 26th January 1881, No. 206 W.*

JANUARY.
Nos. 138-139.

*Modified system of Account and Forms.* —Ordered that application be made to the Government of India for the temporary services of four Accountants from Mysore acquainted with the — for introducing them in the divisional offices in this Presidency.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 140.

FROM

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

To

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

SIR,—I am directed to forward copy of the Proceedings of this Government marginally noted, and to request that, under the orders of the Government of India, the services of four thoroughly trained Accountants from Mysore may, if available, be placed at the disposal of this Government for employment in the manner indicated by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras.

No. 206 W., dated 26th January 1881.

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

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th January 1881.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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# Govt. of Madras.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE
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Dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1881.

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JANUARY.
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Appointment for the temporary services of four Accountants from Mysore acquainted with the modified system of account and forms for introduction in the Divisional offices in this Presidency.

Hon W Hudleston
Hon Sir Charles Turner

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For orders

I beg to give the proposal here made by the Examiner R&A Accounts my strongest support — and trust that it may commend itself to the Govt of Madras

In the issue upon Account forms mentioned by Mr Grant I have reached what I may call the first stage in the road to systematic scientific accounting which has so long been recognized as the great desideratum in this Department, not only in a financial but of view, but as more particularly ensuring the eventual relief of the Executive Officers from much unnecessary trouble which he now labours under from the defects

Assuming that the Mysore Acct. are intimately acquainted with the System & the forms I am specially qualified for the purpose. I approve the proposal & recommend the temporary services of the four Accts. to facilitate the introduction of the same in the Divl. Offices.

WRA
June 3/81

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of the present very im-
perfect machinery

Knowing what I may
not unfrequently have to
agony of having to start
an Account machine
employing none but old
hands who were all more
or less stiff with the rust
of the old wheels I think it
was a most important
matter to secure at once
thoroughly efficient native
drivers

I do not believe there
is lack of native ability
or aptitude on the part of
the Accountants we have
now in Madras, on fact
many of them are un-
questionably an intelligent
good servants of Govmt
but it is a very long business
to correct erroneous prac-
tice in accounts by many
written memos from the
Examiners Office - They
take much time, are
wildly unsatisfactory;

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intricate and difficult
to take in, whereas by a
process of personal in-
spection and direct prac-
tical instruction as I intend
by despatch twice each
year the Divisional Accom-
tants will probably fall
into their work with a
rapidity which could
not otherwise be attained

When interested in their
work and taught how to
do it we should probably
reach a State in accounts
in a year or two that it
would take perhaps 5
or 6 to reach by what
I may call the "nagging"
process carried on by
memos from the Examiners
Office

The men who are to be
selected will all no
doubt be thoroughly trained
men, and with their high
positions, but in arranging
for this transfer I think it
would be only just to the
Madras Accountants to

Give them an assurance that these men shall not eventually stand in the way of their advance - ment. whenever they are themselves sufficiently qualified & hold the same posts

15.1.81



FROM MAJOR D.H.TRAIL, R.E.

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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2. SOME OF THE P.W.DIVISIONS IN MYSORE ARE BEING BROKEN UP. I WOULD, THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT THIS FAVOURABLE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE TAKEN, TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR THE TEMPORARY SERVICES OF SOME OF THE ACCOUNTANTS WHO WILL THUS BE SET FREE, WITH A VIEW TO THEIR TRAVELLING FROM ONE DIVISIONAL HEAD-QUARTER STATION TO ANOTHER, TO INSTRUCT THE LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THEIR

THEIR DUTY AT EACH STATION SHOULD BE TO SEE THAT ALL THE NECESSARY ACCOUNTS, REGISTERS, ETC. ARE OPENED, AND THAT THE LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS AND SUBORDINATES UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM IN REGARD TO THE DIVISIONAL AND SUB-DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS. THEY SHOULD ALSO COMPILE THE ACCOUNTS OF ONE MONTH FOR THE DIVISION BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO THE NEXT. A SECOND VISIT TO EACH DIVISIONAL OFFICE SHOULD SUFFICE TO ENABLE THEM TO SEE WHAT POINTS HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD AND TO GIVE THE INSTRUCTIONS REQUISITE TO CORRECT ANY ERRORS.

3. THERE ARE 24 DIVISIONS, AND I CONSIDER THAT ONE EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THRU' THE ABOVE MENTIONED WORK FOR A DIVISION IN ABOUT ONE MONTH; SO THAT 4 ACCOUNTANTS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY REQUIRED FOR 6 MONTHS.

4. THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS PRESIDENCY BY THAT TIME MAY PROBABLY AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY OF PROVIDING FOR THESE MEN PERMANENTLY, AS WELL AS OF PROMOTING SOME OF THE LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS WHO SHEW THEMSELVES WORTHY OF ADVANCEMENT.

5. IF MY SUGGESTION IS APPROVED OF, I REQUEST THAT THE APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MAY BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.

P.W.DEPARTMENT.

No. [illegible]

DATED JANUARY 1887.

RECD. 19th

REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF 4 ACCOUNTANTS FROM MYSORE TO TRAVEL FROM ONE DIVISIONAL OFFICE TO ANOTHER TO INSTRUCT LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS.

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Applying for the temporary services of 4 Accountants from Mysore acquainted with the Modified System of Account and Forms for introduction in the Civil Offices in this Presidency

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To

Dated

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