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P. W. DEPARTMENT

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Supg. Engineer's Office, II Circle
Coimbatore, 14th August 1881

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
II Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer

thru' the Examines P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring
to your notice that last April
the Examines in his letter No. 1158th
Copy enclosed brought to my notice
that the Executive Engineer of the
West Coast Division had forwarded
with his accounts for January 3 Bills
for which proper Certificates were
not given and requested instructions
regarding them.

I forward the Bills and the
Executive

Executive Engineer's letter No. 171
dated 13th July giving explanation
regarding them but as this expla-
nation is to me far from satisfactory
I have no course left but to forward
the matter to you for orders.

2. As far as I can trace the
matter the facts of the case are as
follows.

The Contractors on the Nilgiris
have been allowed to forward
their Bills irregularly and the System
of requisitions ~~recd.~~ to the Contractors
was far from satisfactory.

3. In the month of July 1880.
Mr. Mitre was ordered off to
Vengalapatam, on his return in
October he took charge of

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the Sub Division and found there
were several outstanding accounts
for materials ~~recd.~~ unsettled. He for-
warded these Bills to the Executive
Engineer on the 30th October and after
some references the Executive Engineer
in his Memo No. 248 dated 23rd Dec^r
1880 directed that the Contractor
should be paid for all that could
be certified for. On this order the
Bills were paid on the 17th January 1881
forwarded to the Executive Engineer
but the Certificate was incomplete
Mr. Pringle however without giving
any explanation contented himself
with initialling the Bills and forwarding
them to the Examiner who very
properly declines to pass them
without explanation.

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4. I cannot explain the delay in forwarding the explanation the papers were sent to Mr. Traill in April, Mr. Pringle does not find them until the 21st June although reminders were sent, and it is not until 3 weeks afterwards that he reports on the matter.

5. With regard as to the Officers responsible for the irregularity the enclosed Statement shows the dates of the requisitions &c. they are from 23rd June to 30th September. Major Morant was in Charge up to the 20th September when Mr. Pringle took Charge. I cannot but think had that officer gone thoroughly into the accounts when at Ootacamund with Major Morant that these irregularities

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irregularities would have come to notice ~~been~~ explained and corrected without difficulty, this however Mr. Pringle did not do and the result was matters got worse until Mr. Milnes return in October 180.

When the Bills were sent in Mr. Pringle ought to have thoroughly gone into them which he has not done even now and reported the case to me for orders.

6. With regard to the Bills Mr. Pringle should have no difficulty in obtaining information and being able to certify on the following items.

44 Sheets Corrugated iron	Rs. 165	Reddy Seng Edumanda
3200 lb Flat iron	400	Healy
40 Cft Teak wood with Carriage	135	Edwards
272 Paras Chancery	340	Do
	<u>Rupers 1040</u>	

and I have directed this to be done. This reduces the amount not

not certified for to Rs 335-1-9
not including Rs 777-12-10 for
Carriage

The enclosed Statement shows
by whom the requisitions were
made and the receipts granted

the abstract is as follows

Mathoorvalas Pillai Clerk in the Office	Rs. Rs. P.
	205-3-9
Mr. Wilson - Draughtsman	5-7-9
Soondram Pillay Storekeeper	24-6-3
Sgt Edwards - Over-seer	98-2--
No Vouchers	1 14 "
Total	<u>335-1-9</u>

It is I consider hopeless to
obtain regular certificates for the
above materials after this lapse
of time.

With regard to the
Carriage the Statement shows the
details, the abstract is as follows.

Carriage

Cartage	Rs. 260-12-10
Railway Carriage	1115 10 -
Consignment to Exec. Engineer	190-8- "
do to Essooof Sait	108-9- "
	<u>705-7-10</u>
No Vouchers	72 5 -
Total Carriage	<u>777 12 10</u>

The items of Cartage are admitted
by Overseer ^{Sgt} Edwards and Stealy
with the exception of Rs 20-9-6
admitted by others.

For the Railway Carriage there are
Essooof Sait's Bills also admitted by
the Overseers.

For the Consignment to the Executive
Engineer and Essooof Sait there are
Railway Delivery notes

8. I do not consider
that there has been fraud but
as the Vouchers are not satisfactory
and it is impossible for proper
Vouchers

Vouchers or Certificates to be made
out it is necessary from the case to
be reported for orders and the Examiner
given sanction to pass the items
namely No 335-1-9 for Sundries and
No 777-12-10 for Carriage total No 1112-14-7
The remainder No 1040 to be admitted
after the Executive Engineer has examined
into the items and given the necessary
Certificates.

9. I think it right to point
out that these serious irregularities
commenced soon after Major Morant
left Botacammund for his Head
quarters at Calicut and the
West Coast. They ought to
have been found out and reported
when Major Morant and
Mr.

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Mr. Pringle were at Botacammund
in September and Mr. Pringle is
I consider much to blame in not
reporting the matter when it was
brought to his notice in October.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

M. M. M. M. M.
Supg Engineer. 2nd Circle.



Q. L. T. H. ... as supplied and work done, and names of works to be debited.

Bar.	Pct.	Amount of work done	Total for each work
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Brought forward			
Household Goods			
1 lb	Copper tacks 3/4"		135 9"
6	Brushes Paint of sizes	7-4 brush	1 4"
6	Bottles Turpentine	12-12 bottle	2 12"
1 1/2	Soap	8-8 bar	14 "
2.00	Flat iron	2-4 H	4 00 "
44	Corrugated iron 7 ft	3-12 Sheet	165 "
44	Felt	2-2 ft	58 "
4	Kegs whitelead	6-11 keg	24 "
18	Bottles Boiled Linseed oil	10-10 bottle	11 4"
12	Carts hire for carting corrugated iron to the Government House	1-4 Cart	15 "
40	Cubieft. Oakwood	3-1 Cubieft	126 "
Carried over			885 11 2

Check the above against the contract, and that the materials, when delivered, are of such quality as to be fit for the purpose for which they are required.

[Ref. W. H. Form No. 138.] [P. W. H. Form, Chap. XIX, Sec. 1, Para. 88.]

West Coast Division
Nigeria Sub-Division
Total.
Voucher No. 37
Bill No. 37

Name of Supplier. *Samuel Smith*
Quantity.
Number. Unit. Materials supplied and work done, and names of works to be debited.

Brought forward			
Household Goods			
1	Bar iron 3/8" x 1/2"	2-8	14 "
12	Reps Thick wire about 75 ft long and about 1" diameter	12-12 Reps	9 "
60	Nails 9"		1 14 "
1 lb	Copper tacks 3/4"		1 4 "
1	Gross 1" screws		12 "
1	D ^o 1 1/2" D ^o		1 2 "
10	Dozen 3" screws	10-10 Doz	1 14 "
2	Bars Round iron 19 lb	2-2 lb	2 6 "
1	D ^o D ^o 14 lb	2-2 do	1 12 "
50	Baskets Bamboos	1-1 basket	3 2 "
2 7/8	Paras Slaked lime	1-4 Paras	3 40 "
1	lb 3/4" Iron tacks		2 "
1	D ^o Shingle nails 2"		9 1/2 "
1	Gross 1" screws		12 "
14	lbs Putty	3-6 lb	3 1 "
2	lbs 2" Shingle nails	3-3 do	6 "
1	D ^o 1" D ^o D ^o		3 "
1	Gross 1/2" brass screws		9 "
11	Dozen Glass of sizes		5 "
11	Gross 6" screws		7 8 "
Carried over			127 6 "

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Materials supplied and work done, and names of works to be debited

Rate Per Amount of work done Total for work done

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Brought forward

100 lbs Linseed oil			1 1/4	
100 lbs Turpentine			" 6	
100 lbs Pitch			" 6	
100 lbs Shingle nails 2"			" 16	
100 lbs Mull			" 3	826
100 lbs 1 1/2" Screws			" 59	
100 lbs Hinges 3"			" 6	
100 lbs Brass			" 12	
100 lbs Nails Round			" 3	109
Carried over				128/153

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Engineer

Payment of this bill

West Coast

Division

Voucher No.

of

Nilgiri

Sub-Division

Taluk

Bill No.

of 1877

Name of Supplier, &c.

Raoof Saib

Quantity

Number Unit

Materials supplied and work done, and names of works to be debited

Rate

Per

Amount of work done

Total for work done

Brought forward

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15	Sheets	Logline	" 4	Sheets	3 1/2
7	lb	Putty	" 36	lb	186
2	oz	Borax	" 1	oz	2
6	Panes	Glass of sizes	" "		1
1	Hinges	3" with screws	" "		3
1	Plank	6 1/2" x 13" x 1 1/2"	" "		25
3 1/2	Yards	Screws of sizes	" "		23
7 1/2	lb	Solder	" "		4
15	lb	Tar	" "		18
3	Yards	Wire	" 3	Yards	9
7	6 ft	Flat iron	" 2	ft	12
2	Panes	Glass 10" x 8"	" 2	Panes	4
16	do	do	" 2	do	2
2	lb	Putty	" 36	lb	7
10	do	Pitch	" 2	do	4

Carried over

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Materials supplied and work done, and
names of works to be debited.Rate Per. Amount of
each item. Total for
each work.

Brought forward

76 16 7

13 Cases of flooring tiles and
Bamboo basket tiles
weighing 57 Maunds
and 2000 from
Madras to Ottacumund
both Railway fare and
Cart hire

71 66

19 Cases of tiles weighing 39
Maunds and 3300
from D^o to D^o D^o

52 1

1 Parcel of brass masonry, doorlocks
and handles weighing 4000
from Mettapollium to Ottacumund

200 16 9

Carried over

West Coast Division.

Voucher No. of

187

Nilgiri Sub-Division.

Taluk.

Bill No. of 137

Name of Supplier, &c.

Raoof Saiti Carriage bill.

QUANTITY.

Number. Unit.

Materials supplied and work done, and
names of works to be debited.

Rate. Per.

Amount of
each item.Total for
each work.

Constructing Govt. House and

Brought forward

200 87 1

19

Bar iron weighing 47
Maunds and 9000
from Mettapollium to
Ottacumund

35 7 1

9

Railing iron weighing 1 Maund
10000 from D^o to D^o

1 1 1

3

Pounds Lead sheets weighing
37 Maunds + 37000
from D^o to D^o

28 8 1

3

Rolls of lead sheet weighing
29 Maunds + 1000
from D^o to D^o

21 12 3

5

Beams weighing 215 Maunds
and 36000 from
Madras to Ottacumund
both Railway fare and
Cart hire

338 4 1

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Packages of stones weighing
22 Maunds + 23000
from D^o to D^o D^o

42 11 1

2

Granite stones weighing
49 Maunds + 35000
from D^o to D^o D^o

81 8 1

Carried over

749 10 1

749 10 1

50 Articles Consisting of Crowbars,
jammers and deadwood-
boxes both weighing

23 Insects from 1965

1 Case. Containing^g mathematical
instruments weighing
10 sars from Mettappolliam
to Polasamund.

Brought forward

3 Cases weighing 10 Maunds
and 10 Seers from
Ottacamund to Madras
my Cart hire to
Mettapollhem

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1 Case of Stationary weighing
22½ cwt from
Metropolitan to Pla
Camund

1 Parcel weighing 30 lbs from
Potacamund to Mutha
pollicin and thence
to Coimbatore both
Railway fare & cart
hire

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1 Parcel weighing 80 lbs from
Atascamund to
Calicut. 80

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ENCLOSURE
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P. W. ACCOUNT

QTY	Unit	Materials supplied and work done, and names of works to be debited.	Date	Per.	Amount of each item	Total for work
		Brought forward			5-17-5	
2	Parcels	weighing 15 lbs from Portacarnaud to Madras both Railway fare and Cart hire			10-29	
Total Rs						147/12

I hereby certify that the above claim is correct, and that the same is due to the Sub-Division from the 17th January 1881.

Given and signed under the hand of the Sub-Division Officer.

17th January 1881
V. P. M.

Seven hundred and seventy seven annas twelve pice less only in full payment of this bill.

777/12-10
17th December 1880
17th January 1881

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P. Carriage

1 Date mat

3.

15.

6 Bottle of lamp oil

3.

Wellington
half yearly
repairs

6 Brooms (coconut)

46

6 Baskets (small)

12.

1 Dungry

1 Bandy load of

quartz lime

35.

Grout House

1 sheet of perforated
zinc

6.

2-7-80 3-7-80

Public carts

6 Bamboo mats

18.

5 Bags of oil cakes

25.

Contingencies

2 Candles

1 8.

1 5.

1 3.

1 2.

1 2.

76

Total 70 14 64 11.

1 Candle

16

1 8.

1 5.

1 3.

1 2.

1 2.

3 2.

6.

C.O. 76

23-7-80

442
15

1-7-80

3-7-80

Sundaram Pillay 14-7-80

13-7-80

17-7-80

22-7-80

2-7-80

30-7-80

13-7-80

3-6-80

23-6-80

22-6-80

25-6-80

26-6-80

28-6-80

29-6-80

2-7-80

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Contingencies

Brought over

2	Skins of Twine	16	
2	Candles	3	
2	—		16
1	—		
1	—		3
1	—		
2	—		
1	—		
1	—		6
1	—		
1	—		
3	Ink Brasers	8	
2	Boz Steel pen	2	
1/2	# of tack nails		

Tools & Plant

Contingencies

1	Brass Padlock	4	4
1	Staple		
1	Skein Twine		
6	yd. of wax cloth	24	
5	skins of Twine	39	
3	yd. of wax cloth		

Good House

3	Bags of oil cakes		
5	—		@ 5 Rs
1	—		
3	—		
6	—		

Public Cattle

1	Dry Small baskets	9	
7	Cupprays	7	328
3	Ropes (each) by day	12	
3	—	12	

Currencies 83 1/2

6

46

3

3

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16 13

6-7-80

7-7-80

9-7-80

10-7-80

12-7-80

2-7-80

25-7-80

10-8-80

16-8-80

25-8-80

30-8-80

25-6-80

10-7-80

5-7-80

10-7-80

6-7-80

24-6-80

16-8-80

Sondarumilly 14-7-80

— 12-7-80

3-8-80

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Brought over ————— 88 1/2

Govt House	3	Bags of oil cake		
"	3	Do		30 ..
	4	Cord ropes — 3 ad	12.	
Govt. Carts	24	Scaffolding rope	12.	
	15	Bamboo mats	3 12.	
	6	Bamboos	12.	
	1	Lock	1.	
Govt House	24	Bamboo baskets		1.
Brick field	1	Common lock		
	2	Skins twine	16.	
	1	Gunny needle	6.	
Govt House	3	Small Paint Brushes	1 6.	
"	13 1/4	Bars of soap	14.	
"	1	1/2 Copper tacks 5/4	4.	
"	3	Small paint Brushes	6.	
"	6	Bottles Turpentine	8.	
"	14	lb Putty	3 1.	
"	1	Cwt white lead	2 1/2 "	
"	18	Bottles Linseed oil	11 4.	
"	44	ft. of Selt		
"	4 1/2	Sheets of Corrugated Iron		
"	32.00	lb. of flat iron		
Govt House	40	Cft. of teak wood	120 "	
Govt house	12	Carts for Dr.	15 ..	
	7	1/8 Round bar iron		

Brought over ————— 114 1/2

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26-7-80

20-7-80

12-7-80

27-7-80 3-8-80

5-8-80

30-6-80

13-7-80

13-7-80

23-6-80

24-6-80 25-6-80

12-8-80 13-8-80

9-80 9-80

13-8-80

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Brought over			
J & P. Carriage	2	Bottles of linseed oil	1 4.
"	1/2	" Turpentine	" 6.
"	100	ft Reapers—	6 4.
Post office Churambady	3	Doz 1 1/4" screws	" 5 9.
	1	Pair of hinges—	" 6.
	1	Padlock brass	" 12.
	6	Nails (small)	" 3.
Depot Hosp ^l	1 1/2	Skins of log line	3 8.
Marad ^l Dr ^l	6	lb putty—	1 5.
B. Ks 1/2 yearly rep	1	oz Borax—	" 1.
"	3	Panes of glass 10x8"	" 8.
Lock Hosp ^l	2	— Dr ^l — Dr ^l —	" 4.
Marad ^l Dr ^l	10	— Dr ^l — Dr ^l —	2 ..
Commandants house	2	lb of putty—	" 7.
"	10	" Pitch—	1 4.
"	1	Gross 3/4" screws	6 2.
"	1	" 1" Dr ^l —	2 3.
"	1	" — 1/2" Dr ^l —	"
Wellington Barracks Repairs	15	lbs of Tar—	1 8.
"	3	yd ^l of Dungry	" 9.
"	6	ft of flat iron 1/2"x1"	" 12.
Wellington Barracks Rep ^l	6	Doz 1/2" screws—	"
"	1/4	lb solder—	" 4.
"	1	oz Borax—	" 1.
"	2 3/4	lb 1" round iron rod—	5.

C & over

22 937322. 400 ..

1 10.

29-6-80

25-6-80

24-7-80

3-8-80

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20-7-80

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Brought over

137 13 57

24 33 7322.400...

Wilmington Ba.	3	Glasses 12" x 10"	8.	} 376
makes Repairs	1	lb of putty	36	
"	1	3" hinge with	3.	
"		screws		
"	1	skew of log line	4.	
"	1	Plank 8-3" x 13" x 1 1/2"	25.	

Total V. No 35 ——— 1302 59 140 89 57

Add V. No 34 ——— 70 14. 64 11.

Grand Total of the
Amounts of Requisitions } 1373 39 205 39 57

24 33 7322.400...

3. 6.

24 63 7382.400...

14	Bricks Teracotta	5 10.
61	Bricks	9 .
1	Paral	12.
18	Stone	8 7.
5	Cases tile	7 9.
7	Cases glazed tiles	7 10.
1	Paral	16
19	Bars Iron	35 7.

C. over 78 104 400...

5 10.

9 12.

8 7.

9 9. 66.

9 110. 114.

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35 7.

78 104 400... 1710

127-80

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17-80

27-80

207-80

246-80

296-80

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Brought over 78 104

9 Iron railings } 1 8 .

1 Case stationery } 1 8 .

2 Rolls of lead } 21 12 3

Sheet }

15 Cases flooring } 37 3 .

tiles and } 5 7 6

23 Bamboo } 5 7 6

basket tiles }

4 Boxes glazed } 5 5 3

tiles }

2 Blocks of stone } 37 8 .

5 Cases St. Tiles } 30 . .

14 baskets }

3 Cases tiles } 4 8 .

1 Parcel } 1 4 .

4 Packages stone } 16 15 .

1 Survey Instru- } . 8 . . 8 .

ment }

1 Parcel from } . 13 .

Madras }

Carried over 241 84 . . 8 .

78 104 . . . 17 10 .

1 8 . " 15 . 29-6-80

21 12 3 28-4-20 28-7-80

24 14 . 15-7-80

42 12 6 3 12 .

5 53 3 10 . 25-9-80

37 8 . 44 . . 23-9-80

30 . . 22 1 . 23-9-80

5 12 . 3 . . 6-8-80

16 15 . 25 12 . 16-8-80

3-7-80

13 . 5-7-80

13 . 102 134 137-6 . 145-10 .

Brought over — 241 84 . 8 .
 1 Lin parcel + 1 Box 14 . 14 .
 Carriage of 89 }
 Jumper to Coon } 14 6 . 14 6
 Dr of 30 Jumper }
 to Salem } 5 10 6 3 10 6

260 12 10 5 6 6 14 6

+ Add for Railway }
 Carriage } 145 10
 406 6 10

4 Y. W. logs — 102 8 .
 1 Dr — 51 4 .
 14 Bto. Flooring }
 tiles } 11 14 .
 12 Cases 23 B. Baskets }
 Y. Tiles } 24 14 .
 190 8 .

7 Cases glazed }
 tiles } 11 14 .
 Card over — 11 14 .

13 . 102 13 4 13 7 6 . 145 10 .

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13 . 102 13 4 13 7 6 . 145 10 .

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16-9-80

19-80

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Brought over 11 14

5 Cases Tiles	66
3 Cases Flat tiles	3
4 Boxes Galva- nized tiles	3 10
5 Cases black g. Tiles	10 3
2 Granite stones	44
3 Packages g. Tiles	3 12
4 Dr. g. Stones	25 12

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Abstract of V. No 35 (Carriage Bill).

Carriage	260 12 10
Railway Carriage	145 10
Conveyance to & from	190 8
Dr. to Govt. Secy	108 9

705 7 10

Amount not checked
for 72 5

Total of V. No 35 777 12 10

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1-8-80

22-7-80

16-9-80

12-7-80

4-9-80

15-5-80

Co-sinitator
4th August 813

M. M. Major R.E.

Supg Engineer II Circle

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From, The Examiner P.W. Accounts
Madras.

To, The Superintending Engineer
2^d Circle.

No. 41582² Madras, 12th April 1881.

Sir, I have the honor
to forward herewith for your in-
formation the
marginally noted

V. No. 34 of January/81 in favor of		Bills that accom-
Fazell Mahomed & Co. for — Rs. 72-1-0		panied the Accounts
V. No. 35 of Do — Do —		of the West Coast
Essorof Saib for — Rs. 1303-0-9		Division for the
V. No. 35 — Do — Do for — Rs. 777-12-10		month of January
		1881.
Total —	2152-14-7	2. You will

observe that the Certificates to the
Bills signed by Conductor Milne
are to the effect that the claims are
correct as far as can be judged,
and the reason assigned for
this

Mr. 2492/2

this absence of complete certainty is, that the parties who ordered and received the materials are not now in the Division.

3. Two of the Bills are for comparatively large amounts, and the Executive Engineer offers no remarks whatever as to the steps taken by him to have the claims verified nor does he give his opinion in the matter, as one would reasonably expect him to do, the correctness of the Bills being involved in a certain amount of obscurity.

4. By whom the Articles were ordered, when, or if, they were

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were received, and what has led to the delay in adjustment are points that the Executive Engineer does not touch upon and he apparently considers that, in so far as he has attached his initials to the receipt for payment, he has done his duty.

5. If the parties alluded to by Mr. Milne are still in the Department and employed in other Divisions the Bills might have been forwarded to them for verification. But without some further particulars as to the steps taken by the Executive Engineer to ascertain whether the payments were made really for work done and materials supplied on behalf of Government, I do not feel justified in accepting the

the Vouchers and beg to forward
them therefore to you for instructions.

6. I may add that I have
asked the Executive Engineer
to furnish further particulars
in regard to these Bills, but
as he has not replied to a single
Audit note on his Accounts for
the past year, nor returned the
Vouchers &c. sent therewith and
as other letters to him also have
remained unanswered, I consider
it the wiser course to report the
defects in the Bill to you at
once.

I have &c.

(Sig) D L Gordon
in Charge Examiner P.W.
Accounts Office
(True Copy)

[Signature]
Supt. Engineer's Office



Executive Engineer's Office
Calicut. 13 July 1881.

No. 171.

From,

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division
Calicut

To,

The Supg. Engineer
2nd Circle
Coimbatore.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo

No. 270 dated 21st April 1881 I
have the honor to report as below.

2. I am quite unable in the
first place to account for the
mislaying of the Memo under
reply and its accompaniments,
from the date on which they
should have reached Mr. Trill
to whom they were sent during
my absence on leave, and the

Original letter
from Examiner
P.W. Accounts
No. 41 SE 2 of
12th April 1881
with 3 Bills
returned.

the date 21st June 1881 when
after return I found the Cover
Containing them amongst
private papers of my own as
reported verbally to you. The Memo
was at once endorsed by me
and sent to the Accountant whose
time however was so fully occupied
with the May Accounts, then overdue
he was unable to attend to it im-
mediately.

3. The Bill originally forwarded
by Essoof Sait, the General Supplier
at Ootacamund, Contained Certain
private items entered in error by
the Supplier, and it was returned
to Mr. Milne with my Memo (Copy appended)
No. 175 dated 12th November 1880.

on

Copy appended)

4 On the 10 December Mr. Milne
Submitted four Bills with his letter
No. 167 - There were not properly Certi-
fied to and were again returned with
my letter No. 248 (Copy appended)

appended
(118 Indents)

5. Mr. Milne added the best
Certificate he could, and having taken
what steps I could to satisfy myself
of the accuracy of the Charges, by question-
ing the persons who had signed the
indents for materials two of whom,
Mr. Wilson Draftsman and Soondram
Pillai, Clerk were in my own Office, I
passed the Bills.

6. I have no recollection of
Major Morant having mentioned
the Bill, though he brought Essoof
Sait to my notice as an old and
good Supplier to the Department.

7. As Steps had been taken
to prevent recurrence of cases
of



of long outstanding Bills
I did not consider the matter
one which required reporting.

8. I should have made
a remark in this instance in
the Bill, but when there are
so many and the majority of
them petty it is an easy matter
to escape notice when when
initialling.

9. I beg to take exception
to the Examiner's Assumption
that I considered my duty done
when attaching initials to the
document. The accompanying
Correspondence proves that consider-
ably more was done.

I have &c

(Sig) E. H. Pringle

1 June 1871 Exe. Eng. W. Coast D.

*W. H. Pringle
Supt. Engineers Office*

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Sept 1871
No 386 of 15 Sept 1871

To the S.E. of

Land & Survey

Land & Survey

to your letter No 335

of the 4th inst. I have

been unable to ascertain

but you will call on

Mr. Pringle for an

immediate & specific

Explanation as to the

proceedings in the

matter referred to

By para 1375 of

the Code it was Mr.

Pringle's duty to demand

and Mayor demands

to give "a complete

"Statement of all un-

"adjusted claims in

when taking charge

of the Division - If

this was done by

should show the
practical results as
applied to the present
Case - if not he should
show why the respon-
sibility attaching to
his proceedings under
para 1377 should not
now be enforced -

He must also clearly
explain why he re-
sisted to take the
small amount of trouble
involved in checking,
as could easily have
been done, the four
items aggregating

Rs 1040 mentioned
in your para 6

He must further
explain his reasons
in the accompanying

^{20/2/27}
unpardonable neglect
with which he has
systematically treated
the references made
to him by the Examiner
as shown in para 6
of that Officer's letter
No 41 SE 2^d dated
12th April

I am
Yours
O. H. H.

17.7.87

Recd 12/18/87

Endorsement on Accountant C.
Nagayak's explanation on the delay
of Accounts and asking for
an Assistant Accountant dated
4th February 1881.

Forwarded to the Superintending
Engineer with reference to his Nos.
2680 & 21 dated 23rd December 1880
& dated 24th January 1881 respectively.
The Executive Engineer is of opinion
that the account work is too
heavy for one Accountant. C.
Nagayak is a very steady
hard worker.

A good deal of the delay
is simply due to the size of the
Division and the time lost in the
Post Office.

1st Lt. E. H. Bringle
Lieutenant } Executive Engineer
8th February } West Coast D.
1 February

Lieutenant }
18 Aug 1881 } Executive Engineer

N^o 360 S. B. 2nd

From,

The Examiner

P. W. Accounts

Madras.

To,

The Executive Engineer

West Coast Division

Madras 23rd July 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to this office N^o 360 S. B. 2nd of 6th July 1881 and to request that no further delay be allowed to occur in submitting replies to audit notes from August 1880, which were reported to be completed some time back. The delay may, I request, be fully explained.

I have &c.

Sd/- R. T. Voulker.

Asst Examiner P. W. Accounts

(True copy)

Enclosure

Colicut

Executive Engineer

13th August 1881

West Coast Division

Executive Eng'g Office

No. 91

Calicut 30th July 1881.

To,

The Engineer

P. W. Accounts

Madras.

Sir,

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Accountant to Nayanah explaining the cause of the delay. I have the honor to state that the replies to Audit Notes will be sent as soon as possible.

2. I enclose copy of another letter from the Accountant in which he requests to be allowed to give up the Account Branch. I have not a word to say against him in the matter of diligence and hard work, but he is clearly unfit to cope with the heavy work of this Division and if the change is made by permission of the Superintending Engineer I must beg that some one competent to carry out the duties, or a permanent assistant to C. Nayanah.

B.

You are the best judge of

of qualification of the various Account-
ants in Madras & can say whether
any Accountant is below the
ordinary standard or not. For
my part I believe the account
work of the Division to be utterly
beyond the power of an ordinary
man hence I must decline to
blame C. Nagaraj for the many
lapses of memory and delays
which do much to ward off
some of the very worst that
can be thought of.

I have &c
Sd/- E. N. Whingle
Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

(True copy)

Enclosed

Respectfully, Executive Engineer
15 Aug 1881 West Coast Division

N. 462 S. 8. 2?

From,

The Examiner

P. W. Accounts

Madras

To,

The Executive Engineer

West Coast Division

Madras 10th August 1881

Copy of the following forwarded
to the Executive Engineer West Coast
Division with reference to his N^o 91
of 30th July 1881.

Sd/- P. C. Gordon
Examiner, P. W. Accts.

Copy of letter from the Examiner
P. W. Accounts to the Superintending
Engineer S. C. Coile, N. 461 S. 8. 2^d dated
10th August 1881.

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge yours N^o 244 of 3rd Instant
with acknowledgments.

2. I have determined to
send another Accountant to re-
sume

relieve S. Nagayak, who will be trans-
ferred to a lighter Division, but can-
not do so till arrangements de-
pending upon transfers of other
Provisional Accountants are
arranged which I trust may be
soon.

3. I cannot but think that
there must be great want of system
and method in the conduct of
matters in the West Coast Provisional
Office, and that the distribution
of work is not properly made,
and responsibility not properly
defined.

4. The arrears are stated to be
for the current year. The Accountant
is not responsible for the ac-
cruing of drafts. Why the arrears
work fell into arrears I cannot say,
for if you will refer to my No. 15882^d
of 14th May 1881 you will see how
I proposed that arrears and current
work should be apportioned and in-
asmuch as all arrears were dis-
posed of in 1881 before the special
Accountant Theagasa Hoodah
left

left; I cannot understand why
there should again be any ac-
cumulation. 2/2/92

5. However, I trust that
the new arrangements may be
beneficial, but in the meantime,
I would suggest that you apply
for a temporary clerk to assist
in the office.

(True copy)

W. J. Jackson.
Super. Correspondence
Branch.

(True Copy)

Enclosure

Collected } Execution Register
13th Aug. 1881 } West Coast Div.

No. 366

Executive Engineer's Office

Calicut 10th August 1881

From

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division
Calicut

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

1. Endorsement
No. 570. on a/c with
letter - of 7th Feb.
1881.

1. Encl. letter No.
360 of 23rd July 1881

1. Encl. letter
No. 41. of 30th July
1881.

1. Encl. letter
No. 462 of 10th Aug.
- just 1881.

In forwarding copies of
the marginally noted correspondence
I have the honor to ask that the
assistance I have begged for on
several occasions may be granted
to me at a very early date.

In para 3 of his letter
No. 461 dated 10th Aug/81 the address of
the Superintending Engineer & not
encl. the Examiner expresses his
belief that there is a want of system
and method in the West Coast
Division; that distribution of work
is not properly made nor re-
sponsibility defined.

I beg respectfully to
protest

3.

protest against this assumption.
In every case the Accountant has
been assisted as far as was possible
with the limited establishment at
my disposal, and he has been
especially instructed to carry out
only those duties defined by the Exa-
miner's circular memorandum
on the subject. The Accountant
has two clerks placed at his dis-
posal for faircopying and assist-
ing in calculations, and I do not
think I am asking the former
too much when I request him to
keep the latter up to their work
and be so far responsible for it
that if they fail in their duties,
he must report the matter to
me. This is all that is asked
of him.

4. The Examiner states that
he cannot understand why our
accounts should fall into arrears.
I beg to point out in reply that
the new system of accounts, excel-
lent as they are in many respects,
benefit the Audit Office infinitely

more than they do Divisional Offices,
that half the number of returns
in far simpler forms would suffice
to the Executive Officers as perfect a
check both in work and accounts
as could be desired; That the new
additional forms with their multi-
plied entries have largely increased
the mere clerical work of the
Account Branch of Divisional Office.
In proof of this I beg to adduce the
following. In the returns leading
up the Register of Works, viz. Ten day
report, Work Vouchers, and work
abstract a single entry may have
to appear no less than 41 times,
but only 8 times. In the West
Coast Division which includes
seven Military Stations where fifty
works of all descriptions are con-
tinually in progress, each requisition
forming a separate head on the
Accounts it may easily be imagined
that such multiplication increases
work to a formidable degree.

5. The Accounts for June are
not yet ready for signature
whilst

which these for July are due. The
Madras on the 20th of this month
only eight days hence. There is no
hope of immediate aid held out by
the Examiner, and his proposal
that a temporary clerk should
be employed, I need hardly say will
not be of much service when requir-
ed assistance is wanted.

The work of the Accountant
has been examined both by the
Superintending Engineer and
the Assistant Examiner and I
believe I am entitled to say in
both cases favorably commented
on. I can personally vouch for
his hard working qualities and
regular attendance. If, then, with
the assistance of two clerks both
of average ability, though one is
somewhat slow, the Accountant
cannot close accounts, - the com-
putation of which is supposed
not to occupy more than a fort-
night - and six weeks, I respect-
fully submit that the duties are
unordinately heavy, and that
neither

neither myself nor the Account-
ant are to blame for such delay.
I regret I should have
to trouble you on this matter,
but I am personally concerned
in it, and have incurred blame
on many occasions when I
have felt the fault lay not
with myself, but with the
system that throws so much
work on all members of our
office that little or none could
be carried out in the way it
should be.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Ernest

Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

Through the Sup^r Engineer & Col

N^o 390

From

The Executive Engineer
W. C. D.

Returned to the
Executive Engineer
West Coast Division,
with reference to para
937 of the Public
Works Code for sub-
mission through the
Superintending Engineer
or proper channel;
and for explanation
of the reasons for
departure from rule.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept.
Madras.

Dated 13th } August 1881.
Recorded }

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W. C. D.
Chief Engineer P. W. Dept.
Ootacamund

18/8/81.

Forwards certain correspon-
dence noted in the margin
and asks the assistance
for on several occasions may
be granted at an early date.

Returned.

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Executive Engineer's Office
West Coast Division

Camp Ootacamund 14 September 1881

From

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Ootacamund

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement
N^o 390 on my letter N^o 366 dated 13th August 1881,
I have the honor to state that it was purely by
an oversight that the above letter was not sent
through the Superintending Engineer.

I stated to that Officer when passing
through Calicut and told him that I had ad-
dressed you through him.

I regret the delay in returning this
due to press of work and illness.

Through the Supg. Engineer -
H. C. Circle

I have the honor to be
your most obedt servant
E. C. D.
Exec. Engr. W. C. Division

From

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Through the Supg Engineer
IInd Circle

Dated 14th }
Received } September 1881

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Enclosures - 5

Forwards explanation for
not sending some correspondence
through the Supg. Engineer
and resubmit the same through
the proper channel.

Enclosures 6

+ No. 391 of 11-9-81
with 5 enclosures to
the Ch. Engr. P. W. D.

The enclosed original letter
is, as requested by the Executive Engr.
Mr. Pringle, forwarded to the Chief
Engineer.

The Supg Engineer regrets that he
is unable to endorse the whole of the
Executive Engineer's remarks as he considers
a great portion of the arrears &c. in
the West Coast Division is due to
the Executive Engineer's carelessness
and want of method in carrying
on his duties and to his leaving a
great deal too much to his subordinates
and Clerks.

2. The West Coast Division
owing to its size and the scattered
works in it is a most difficult one
to manage and in consequence of
most

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most of the works being carried out departmentally the accounts under the new system are much heavier than they are in other Divisions.

3 The Accountant C. Magayah is a steady good man but very slow and the Supg Engineer has already expressed his opinion that he is not fit for the heavy charge of the West Coast Division where in the absence of the Executive Engineer on circuit as Head of the Office a thoroughly good man fit to direct others and see that all carry out their work in the Office is required.

This has been for a long time pointed out to the Examiner and it is much to be regretted that he has paid no attention to the request as yet.

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4. In conclusion the Supg. Engineer can only repeat his former request that an Assistant Accountant may be appointed to the West Coast Division and that a new Accountant be permanently posted to the Division.

The dates on the enclosed papers show the way Mr. Pringle's Office duties are conducted.

A letter received to be sent to the Chief Engineer through the Supg. Engineer is sent direct the Officer having no orders it is returned on the 18th August but it is not reforwarded until the 14th September/81.

Coimbatore 3
17 Sept. 1881
So

Major M. C.
Sup Engineer, Circle
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

From P. W. C. No 5327
The Super Engineer,
Second Circle.

Dated 17th Sept 1881
Despd. 18th Sept 1881

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Encls: 6.

Areas of Work in the
West Coast Divⁿ office:-

Forwarding original
letter No. 391 of 17th September 1881
from the Ex. Engineer West Coast
Divⁿ to the address of the Ch.
Engineer with its 5 enclosures
on the subject of — with
Super Eng^r remarks thereon
and repeating his request
that an Asstt. Accountant
may be appointed to that Divⁿ
and that a new accountant
be permanently posted to
the Divⁿ.

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Extract of (para 5 & 6) from

Examiner's letter No 392 SE 2nd dated
19th July 1881 to the Superintending
Engineer II Circle

5. Your para 4. The visit to the
West Coast Division extended over two
Days. The remarks upon the Cash
Abstract Book, pass Books, register of
works and stock returns if worth the
paper they are written upon. Are to my
mind proof that the inspection could
not have been 'hasty'. The fact you
adduce that the register of works for one
work was written up in Pencil may
easily have escaped notice without
vitiating the general efficiency of the
Inspection.

6. As an accountant was deputed

Kindly I
should be

to Calicut specially to assist in
bringing up arrears, and as he has
returned to my office, and has reported
thro' the Executive Engineer, that
arrears have been brought up, I trust
that your impression (para 11) that
the office is greatly in arrears may
prove erroneous.

I have &c

[Signed] D. C. Gordon

Examiner P.W. Accounts

[True Extract]

M. M. M.

Major R.F.

Supt. Engineer II Grade

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Copy of Notes of Inspection, by the
Asst. Examiner, Mr. R. C. J. Volkens of the
West Coast Divisional Office on the 17th and
18th June 1881.

The Executive Engineer is Mr. E. H. Prior,
Jr. and the Accountant N. Nagayal, 5th Grade.

2. Cash Book was neatly and
carefully kept and the entries of payments
agreed with the respective counterparts of
cheques, vouchers and Imprest Accounts.
The only defective entry in the book was
that which related to the record of the
letter of credit placed to credit of the
Executive Engineer in the different treasuries
with which he has a drawing account.
The amount acknowledged by Executive
Engineer in his Cash Book represented the
difference between the actual credit and
the aggregate of amount placed at the
disposal of those sub Divisional Officers
who draw cheques against the Executive
Engineer's credit so that nowhere is the
amount of the actual letter of credit
recorded. I represented that as the
whole amount of letter of credit was
issued in favor of the Executive Engineer
himself, it should be credited by him
in his own Cash Book; any sums which

he may think fit to place at the disposal of Sub Divisional Officers being debited per contra to the head Transfers within Division.

3. Cash Abstract Book.

The system of posting the Cash Abstract Book from the Executive Engr's and Sub Divisional Cash Books and the adjustment book is correctly followed. The Book had however been posted up only to end of May. It should be posted up daily and this was pointed out.

4. Treasury Pass Books

Two sub Div^y Treasury Pass Books were in the Office at the time of my inspection, they were compared with the Sub Div^y Cash Books and lists of unpaid cheques.

5. Register of works.

This register had been correctly opened and posted from the respecting work abstracts detailing the value of work done by sub heads in the cases of works estimated to cost Rs 2500- and over.

6. Stock Returns.

These returns are due for the half year ending 31st March 1881. And the Executive Engineer stated that the delay

in preparing them was owing to the fact that the Sub Div^y Stock Returns (Form 13) had not been received. I pointed out that in future under the new system, the half yearly Stock Returns (Form No 50.) should be posted monthly from the Sub Div^y Balance Returns (Form No 11.) and that the only delay at the end of the half year would then be in obtaining the count certificates.

7. General.

There has been a slight accumulation of arrears lately, but the Executive Engineer is making every effort to clear these off as soon as possible.

(True Copy)

(sd) W. F. Jackson
Supdt^y Correspondence
Branch.

(True Copy)


Engr. Engr. C. B.

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Superintending Engineer
2nd Floor

Sapp Engineers Office, Circle
Bombay. 23rd August/80.

No. 256

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To,

The Examiner

P. W. Accounts.

Sir,

With reference to your En-
dorsement No. 50656² dated 20 August/80
I suppose you do not now consider the
West Coast Office in good order and you
agree with me that Mr. Volkers report
on that Office was to use no other term
much too favorable.

2. I have the honor to request
that a new Accountant may be placed
in charge of that Office as soon as
possible your list of disallowances
objectionable statements reminders
Yes Yes and letters complaining
of reference unanswered show that
the

Enclosure in letter No. 17
of 17 Sept/80, from the Sapp
Engineers Office to the Chief Engr
D. P. W.

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P.W.C. No 5308
Encl 2

Copy of Notes of Inspection
by the Asst Examiner Mr.
R. C. H. Volkers, of the West
Coast Office on the 17th 81
June/80.

Al. S. 30/9
W. 29/9/80.

this office has been for months
in very bad order, and you yourself
say there must be a great want of
system in it. I must remind you
that now the Accountant is the Head
of the Office and I fear that with
Naga Iyer (who is a good steady man
but I believe not fit for the heavy charge
he has) as the Head there is not much
hope of improvement, and I feel strongly
that something more than temporary ar-
rangements are required.

3. During the last 3 months you have
sent to this Office an Extra Accountant, a
travelling Accountant and your Assistant
Examiners notwithstanding this I regret
there has been no improvement and
I do consider that had an thoroughly
efficient man been sent, the office
would now have been in better order,
the man sent temporarily to me appears

to have been only too glad to get away
from the place and I regret they
have been allowed to do so by the
Executive Engineer but your records
must, if referred to, have shown you
that the arrears in the office had not
been brought up and this is shown by
letters received by me from you complaining
of non receipt of replies & accounts.

I have &c

(sig) H. R. Head Major R.E.
Suppl. 2 (note)

True copy

M. R. Head Major R.E.
Suppl. 2 (note)

N^o 392.

Supg Engineers Office II Circle.
Coimbatore, 17th September 1881

24/9/81

From, The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
P.W. D.

Enclosed 2.

1 Extract
1 Copy of letter No. 256
of 23rd Aug/81 to the
Examiner.

No 798 of 28th
September 1880

Sir

I have the honor to inform
you that in September 1880 I brought
to the notice of the Examiner the bad
State of the Office work of the West Coast
and Salem Divisions, due, as I consider,
to the inefficiency or negligence of the
Accountants who are authoritatively
entrusted to the management of the
Office work, but I regret that with
regard to the West Coast Division no
notice was taken of it until when
an Assistant Accountant was
sent.

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sent to the Division; I regret to say
Mr. Pringle the Executive Engineer allowed
this man to leave the office and endorsed
his report that there were no arrears in
the office in the month of June.

2. In May, Travelling Accountant
Balakrishna Naidu Gann was sent to the
Division, he left in June and reported
(report endorsed by Executive Engineer)
that the arrears are made up, and
I believed that all the accounts were
in fair order.

3. In the same month Mr.
Assistant Examiner Volkers visited
the Division, and in his letter No. 36856²²
dated 9th July the Examiner forward-
ed to me a copy of his notes of
inspection.

Mr. Volkers's report (enclosed)

will follow

was

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was most favorable and I addressed
the Examiner on the subject and requested
that the report might be reconsidered.

4. The Examiner however in his
letter No. 39258²² dated 19th July (Copies
of paras 5 and 6 enclosed) took no
notice of this request further than trusting
that my impressions that the office was
greatly in arrears might prove erroneous.

5. On the receipt of this I addressed
the Executive Engineer & called his attention
to Mr. Volkers's report and requested him to
report definitely whether there were or are
not arrears (I was fully aware there were
great arrears and consider that the
Examiner ought also to have been aware
of the arrears but as he refused to accept
my report or the evidence of his own Office
records I thought it best to address the
Executive Engineer) In doing this I pointed
out to the Executive Engineer that unless he
reported fully he was responsible and
further

further that assistance could not be obtained for him.

6. The Executive Engineer in his reply dated 30th July reported that there were arrears and forwarded a letter from the Accountant stating that he was unable to carry on his duty properly and requesting that he might be allowed to revert to his former appointment in the Correspondence branch of the service. This I forwarded to the Examiner and requested that an efficient Accountant and Head of the Office should be sent to the West Coast Division as soon as practicable.

On the 10th August the Examiner informed me that he would send another Accountant to the Division but could not do so until certain arrangements had been carried out.

7. On the 20th August in No. 506 S.E. 2nd

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Copy enclosed.

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the Examiner informed me that Ac.
Countant G. Moothoosamy Saidero was ordered to assist temporarily in the office. I protested against this in my letter of 23rd August and pointed out that what was required a thoroughly efficient Accountant fit for the post of Head of the Office and not temporary ones which had been tried twice before and failed.

8. The only reply I received is a long letter stating that there is no blame to be attached to the Account Department and complaints that the Accountants have been made to do other than their legitimate duties.

I am not aware that this Complaint has any foundation but to the contrary 2 clerks are placed solely under the orders of the Accountant as his assistants

and

and it has nothing to do with the request that I make that the West Coast Office may be provided with an efficient permanent Accountant in place of the present one who says he cannot get through his duty and is by all acknowledged to be although a steady man a very slow one without much method and unfit for the heavy charge he has.

9. I regret I must recall to notice what has happened in Salem Division see my letter No 140_B dated 29th March 1881. Had the Examiners paid attention to my letter regarding the Accountant of that Division probably the evil and trouble of the prosecution of the Salem Account might have been avoided.

That Office was reported on by a Dy. Examiner and, as the West Coast has been, the report was favorable.

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In the West Coast Division I may mention as an instance of the state of things. Contingent Bills from March are due, those for April, May, June and July are only received a day or two ago and that after repeated reminders there are numerous replies due to Examiners references regarding accounts and from Government.

10. In Conclusion I beg to point out that in the above I have no wish to throw all the blame of the arrears ~~see~~ in the West Coast Office on the Accountant Department, the Executive Engineer Mr. Pringle is I consider greatly to blame and there is no doubt but he has neglected his duty in endorsing favorable reports by the Accountants regarding arrears on two occasions and in not seeing

that

that the ordinary routine work of the office was carried out properly. Again on very many occasions papers have been lost and mislaid for weeks and this owing either to his carelessness or want of method.

11 It is arranged I believe that Mr. Pringle soon leaves the West Coast Division and I trust this Circle. Had I not known this I should have thought it my duty again to request his transfer, as I regret to say that both in the Chinglepat and West Coast Divisions he has not been able to carry on his duties satisfactorily, as several Government orders will show.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

 Major R.B.
Suppinger 2 Circle

From J. H. C. [unclear]
The superintending
Second circle.

Dated 17th } Capt. [unclear]
Sept. 18th }

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State of the West Coast
D^y office.

Reporting on
the unfavorable —

A.L. 23.9.
Cm: 25.9.81. Rt. 28.9.81

6.20.9.81 M 28.9.81.

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Supg. Engineer's Office, II Circle.
Coimbatore, 27th September 1881.

From, The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
D. W. D.

Sir,

I regret much to have to
report that I can get no replies
even to urgent reminders from the
West Coast Division and I cannot
but consider that it is inconsequence
of Mr. Pringle the Executive Engineer
being either not able to carry on his
duties or to his careless manner of
doing his work.

2. Mr. Pringle went up to
the Hills on the 15th of August '81
Since

Since then I have not received
notes of any inspections and
judging from what I receive from
him in correspondence it appears to
me he has done but little office work.

by subordinates have been kept back
for weeks that ought to have been
communicated to the Examiners or others
at once.

5. On the 5th September I called for
replies to 7 and on the 16th to 11 references
to only one of those has any reply been
sent and this was a reference of more
than 1 year old.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most O^bd^t Servant
 Wm. Hunt
 Mayor N.Y.
 Sps. Bus. 2 Circle

From the
The Supr. Engineer,
Second Grade.

SAW
This letter is
be read with
by O. sent during
dated 27th Sept/88
recd. 28th Sept/88

No. 410

Mr. Pringle:-

Reporting the
delay on the part of
in replying to urgent
Reminders; stating that
he considers he is unable
to carry on his duties
that he is careless in doing
his work. And urging
that he should be relieved
as soon as possible.

Oct 35.9.
M. 29.9.88.

Learned that
accept the Ch. D.
Discrete Recd. M. 28.9.88.

LD

Oct 23.9.
Nov. 25.9.88. M. 28.9.88
M. 28.9.88.

21 Nov 1888
Write staff. order in approval
For order

In Am. to former
having stated in the
note dated 16. 11. 88
that while not objecting
to the Pringle's reduction
in departmental position
but he might be allowed
to "show cause" in a
future trial. I beg to
submit further
circumstances which have
taken place in the
matter and. Supr.
Engineer letter No 392
of 17. 11. 88. also in
memo 391 of the
same date —

I have again gone my
Cambridge over the whole
case and am reluctantly
obliged to adhere to
the previous inference
in my office note of
the 15. 11. 88.

Mr. Pringle has
never I fear taken the
trouble to study the
departmental rules, or
if he has done so has
failed to act on either
his spirit or letter.

His power of offering
plausible excuses for
doing nothing is in
fact in inverse ratio
to his power or desire
to act and perform
his duty as an Executive
Officer.

Small matters show
this inefficiency & indolence
probably more clearly
than larger ones would
do. Hence there are
abundant examples.

He violated what
he must have known
as well as myself a
distinct code rule by
addressing me Officially
direct instead of

through the Subst. Insp.
(see his No 366 of 13 August
and my endorsement of
1st idem) —
So indolent however is
Mr. Pringle that it takes
him a month all but
four days (see his No 17
of 14 September) to write
the simple forwarding
letter to the Subst. Insp.
although undoubtedly the
subject was one of vital
importance to himself
personally.

Again as shown in the
marked passage of my
previous note and by the
Subst. Insp. he has
been so indifferent as not
to take the small
amount of trouble involved
in checking four items
of account the whole par-
ticulars of which could
and should at once
have been ascertained.

See again para 9 of
the Subst. Insp. letter
392 (marked page 12)

In which it appears
that in so small an
matter as his Office
Contingent Bill, probably
with the small work of an
hour, he is in arrears for
four & more in past five
months!

Papers are on the shelf
Expresses sent "lost or
misplaced" he wastes the
Mr. Phipps want of
business habits

He only receives a very
careless journal of his
letters to show that he
has not utterly wrong
comprehension of his
duties and responsibil-
ities, and I entertain
some doubts as to whether
with his peculiar dispo-
sitions he will make a
very efficient Executive
Officer - This I am com-
pelled to say with the
greatest reticence after
a long and perfectly fair
trial of Mr. Phipps both
in the Contingent and
later in the West

Const. Division 1942

As Mr. Chickalain's
return to duty the
Division will be trans-
ferred to Major Fraser
under the new organi-
zation (and will then
I hope get into good order
before long) the Principal
Chief of the new Sanjour
Division where he some-
times at least is very
important work is likely
to be under execution

As regards the way
in which the Accounts
Branch have met
Major Leach's complaints
it is clear that the
Accountants sent to
bring up the Division
Accounts got back to
London as quickly as
they could, and that
the Assistant Encomptre
made a Dispatch Re-
sumation followed by a
report intended to
make all smooth

The Encomptre on his

Lide has only been
too ready to take
in regard to the substance
the character of his people

I must however say
that Mr. Jordan as a
rule does not pass on
latitude and he has said
-and will have (till the
new organization gives
him a stronger staff
of Accountants) consider-
able difficulty in managing
the Executive Division
properly

I had been in A/S
Correspondence with him
about the wants of the
West Coast Division
and recommended that
Mr. Dumbell a very
good Accountant who
is to be transferred to
as soon as possible imme-
diately be at once an-
nounced posted here
and to turn Mr. Jordan
readily Accountant -

On the present Accountant

seems to be a man
of average ability though
slow I think he should
be tried in a less heavily
worked office

Probably when taken
charge of by Major Fraser
and with a good Accountant
the Division will get into
a more satisfactory state

W.H.

22-9-81

I am willing to be
 guided by the C.S. in
 this matter. But I
 think Mr. Pringle might
 be shown an opportunity
 to "show cause" if he
 can. Why the proposed
 punishment should not be
 inflicted. J.K.

16/8/87

Oct 15-87

For order
 Please see Office note
 minute by Henry P. [unclear]
 - Create an irregularity
 brought to notice by
 the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 Enclosures in the part of
 Mr. Pringle, also in last
 September succeeded
 their servant in the
 West Coast Division -
 That there was
 serious laxity in the
 part of [unclear] [unclear]
 hardly admits of a
 doubt, as also extremely
 objectionable practice
 in the Division [unclear]
 to Mr. Pringle's account
 Charles (clerk & [unclear])
 were taking in [unclear]
 to sign order for
 materials & [unclear]

admitting all this
Mr. Pringle's conduct
seems to admit of no
excuse, & takes into
other matters previously
brought to notice when he was
in charge of the Comptroller's
Division, calls I venture
to think be distinct
punishment.

In order in the digest
of "Transfers" are so
distinct, paras 1364
to 1386 of the Code are
so precise, that all
excuse for laxity in
such matter is entirely
removed.

By para 1375 it was
assigned hermits duty
to give and Mr. Pringle
to demand "a complete
statement of all un-
liquidated claims due"

and by para 1377 Mr.
Pringle himself failed
"within a reasonable
time" to bring such
matters to notice. This
made himself almost
responsible — but this
is not all — he has a
note he sent by para 6
of the Supp. Examiners letter
failed to check for
items which he could
have done with the least
possible exertion.

To this the Examiners
adds the outstanding
statement (which I think
he certainly ought to
have brought to my
notice before this) that
Mr. Pringle has "not
replied to a single
audit note on his
accounts for the past
year, nor returned
the vouchers of" and
that others like to him

have remained unaltered

On reading this I
confess I had serious
thoughts of at once
sending Mr. Prince to
the pleasure of Government
should be known — and
as it is clear from these and
the statements of his Super-
intendent that he has
shown himself wholly
different to the rules of
an Superintendent & to the
requirements made to him
in his Superior Office
I am clearly of opinion
that nothing short of
reduction will have
any effect upon him

The matter which came
to notice in the Chief
Post Division showed
the same laxity and
indifference, and as
the measures then
taken have evidently

failed to call him
to a proper sense of
his duty, I am now
willing to recommend
that he be reduced
from 2^d to 3^d Grade
Executive Engineer &
that he be distinctly
informed that he
can expect no further
promotion till he
shows a complete
change in his manner
of meeting the demands
made upon him by
the rules, and by his
Superior Office —

At this moment
Mr. Prince stands at
the bottom of the Engrs
2^d Grade — but by the
Gradation list sent
with the two annual
scale to the / of the

would be second
from the bottom

In permission I
venture to suggest
could be tantamount
to reducing him two
places in the despatch
list, and would give
promotion in 3rd to 2nd
grade to Mr. Hannan

If this course be
sanctioned I would
propose to accept
the adjustment of the
claims as suggested
by Major Leach
in para 2 of his
letter No 335 of the
4th August 1881

Plt

15/8/81

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OF MADRAS.

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P. W.
DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk,

13th Aug.

1881.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

W

From SE III

335 of 4th inst.

The state of things
shown by the letter to
exist is sufficiently un-
satisfactory.

The responsibility for
the delay in bringing
the impurities ~~from~~
to notice, and in
replying to references
made upon the subject
appears to rest entirely
with Mr. Prince, but
it is not clear that for
the impurities themselves

the main responsibility
does not rest with
Major Knapp -

It is difficult to
imagine anything much
worse than a state of
affairs under which clerks
and draftsmen are
allowed to sign orders
for materials, and
"private items" get mixed
up with bills for supplies
to Government -

Such a state of affairs
does not grow up in a day
and in this case the
particular irregularities were
discovered too late
before Mr. Pringle assumed
charge of the
Division, so that the
Management must

2462/6
have been lax in the
extreme for some time
before Mr. Pringle -

There appears no
alternative, as regards
the actual disposal of
the money, but to
adopt the S. E.'s proposals
in para 8 -

Some notice is re-
garded of the extraneous
fact stated in para
6 of the Summary
letter to the S. E., that
Mr. Pringle has not
replied to a single
audit note for the
past year - The C.
Pringle appears not
free from blame for
having allowed such
the rules and

a state of things to
exist without affecting
it as present -

I

John

C.A.W.

24/2/81

This encl. came in
separately - The S.E. I think
promised to send it
on in one of his letters
about the state of the W.C.
Divn.

The whole corner
is now at bat

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Cy
24/2/81

The poles laid down

X
No 2442 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 4th Oct 1887

Read the following:—

From
File
The Supt Engineer Second Circle. N.E. No 161 of 9th April 1888.
— *do* — " " 335 of 4th Aug —
Memorandum to the — " " 386 of 18th —
Letter from the — *do* — " " 391 of 17th Sept —
— *do* — *do* — " " 392 of 17th —
— *do* — *do* — " " 410 of 27 Sept —

L.S.
The Government on
a careful consideration
of the correspondence in this
case are of opinion that
Mr. E. H. Spingle, Executive
Engineer, West Coast Division,
has exhibited such continued
laxity and indifference to
the rules laid down in the

Code for his guidance, in
the administration of his
office, that no other course
is open than to reduce his
standing in the Department
on the hope of bringing
him to a proper sense of
his duty.

2. From the date of this
order, Mr. Single will
be reduced from 2^d to 3^d
grade Executive Engineer,
his name being entered
immediately below that
of Mr. Hannan and his
further advancement in
the Department will be
stopped till he shows
distinctly that he has
amended entirely his
mode of working. The

2462/26
requirements of Government.
3. The attention of the
Examiners, Mr. Account, is
drawn to the representation
of the Superintending
Engineer and the apparently
perfunctory manner in
which the Assistant Engineer,
Mr. Volker, and also the
Accountants sent to the
Division Office have performed
their duty.

4. If the examination of
offices is not conducted
with the requisite thorough-
ness and rigidity, and
further, if the Examiner
does not very promptly
meet such representations
as the Superintending Engineer
may make with the object

of ensuring the validity of
such examinations and of
improving the efficiency of
their various offices, it
is clear that the Govt
loses one of the main
advantages of having a
thoroughly trained and
highly paid Audit
Department.

5. All that can now
be done is to direct
that a thoroughly efficient
Accountant be sent either
as a temporary aid ~~or~~ or
as permanent Accountant
to the West Coast Division
as the Governor may find
practicable, and that
measures be taken to

ascertain whether there be
sufficient grounds for the
demand which has been
preferred, but of the
necessity for which the
Government do not feel
as yet assured of providing
an Assistant Accountant.
The present Accountant
might also be sent on
trial to a lighter charge.

M.H.

22/9/81

S.E. 2d. Circle ✓

Ex. P.W. A. ✓

paid

7-10-81.

Oct. 22. 9.
Circ. 25. 9. 81. Alt. 28. 7. 81.
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No. 1855

Mr. J. H. Pringle
West Coast Division
Reduces
from the 2^d to the 3^d grade
by

West Coast Division. Pa
orders on reports re-
lative to the unfa-
vorable state of
the