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11th March 1881, No. 642 W.

General.
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1st March 1881, No. 222 W.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1881, No. 642 W.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, First and Second Circles.
To Superintendents of Works.
To the Consulting Architect.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.

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TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS.

Dated March, 1881.

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No. 37-28.

Despatching sheet of the Accounts of the
Salem Division—Orders on report from the
Examiner of Public Works Accounts on
the —

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1881, No. 642 W.

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Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 27. From Major D. H. TRAIL, R.E., Officiating Examiner of Public Works
Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
dated Madras, 1st March 1881, No. 222 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward the accompanying memorandum* stating as briefly
as possible the substance of references
* Original letters accompanying which to be which have taken place with reference to
obligingly returned. the accounts of the Salem Division, from
which it will be seen that the state of matters has been far from satisfactory.

2. This appears to have been unknown to the Executive Engineer, as in the
end of April Mr. Bell recommended his Accountant for the minimum pay of his
grade, consequently the audit remarks of the central office appear to have first drawn

May	1880	...	...	7 days.	his attention to the point, and to have
June	"	...	...	"	induced him to apply for additional assist-
July	"	...	...	2 days.	ance from my office; but it does not
August	"	...	...	12 "	appear from the fact of his constant
September	"	...	...	3 "	absence from head-quarters, as evidenced
October	"	...	...	2 "	by the marginal statement of days, includ-
November	"	...	...	6 "	ing Sundays, he was present at head-
December	"	...	...	5 "	quarters, that he took the necessary per-

sonal steps to see that the work of his
office was properly performed.

* Journal returned for completion. Twenty-five days' daily allowance at Rs. 5 were passed for June 1880.

3. In compliance with Mr. Bell's request, Mr. George, Accountant, Third Grade, was sent to the divisional office in the middle of June 1880, and succeeded, in a month, in pulling up arrears, as shown by reports from him and the Executive Engineer, dated the 10th July, that all arrears had been brought up and the office was in proper order. On Mr. George's departure the account work of the division continued to give dissatisfaction to such an extent that it was resolved to remove the Accountant Mr. Dean; consequently Accountant Gnanamooteo Pillay was sent to relieve him, and arrived at Hosur for that purpose on the 6th November 1880. Major Carey, the Deputy Examiner, inspected the office on the 13th November, when he noticed the want of personal attention on the part of the Executive Engineer in regard to his cash book and the existence of many arrears in replies to the Examiner's office. But stated that on the whole the accounts, with the exceptions noticed, appeared to be in fair order. Notwithstanding this and repeated reminders from this office, it will be seen that the transfer of the Accountants was not completed till the 15th January, a delay which has deprived this office of the services of an Accountant for two and a half months, without any satisfactory explanation from the Executive Engineer and Accountants.

4. Mr. Bell complains of the unsatisfactory work on the part of Mr. Dean, and arrears, which, however, could not be great, as he himself reported all up to date and satisfactory when Mr. George left on the 10th July; while Mr. Dean, the Accountant, complains that he was made to do other work than his own and could get no proper assistance. On looking at the work to be brought up, it would appear that little had been done by Mr. Dean after Mr. George's departure, and Mr. Bell, by his continual absence from his office, could not possibly exercise the necessary supervision. Mr. Bell, moreover, does not appear to recognise his responsibility for the state of his office generally and his accounts in particular, and points to the state of matters as showing that Mr. Dean was a most dangerous person to be in charge. While

admitting that this may be true, I may perhaps be permitted to observe that the conclusion may not be without other application.

5. On behalf of the Accountants of the department, I would state, for the consideration of Government, that the account duties they have to perform are such as to fully engage their time and attention; hence executive officers should not be permitted to employ them on any but their own legitimate duties. I would consequently suggest the issue of stringent orders with a view to securing attention to this point. With these remarks I must leave the decision as to the notice which the case requires to Government, with the observation that, had Mr. Dean been solely responsible, I should have recommended his services being dispensed with; but taking into consideration the manner in which Mr. Bell has left his office to look after itself, I cannot consider that Mr. Dean is solely or even principally responsible. I may observe, however, that both Accountants should not receive pay for the period in excess of that usually taken in cases of such transfers, viz., a fortnight, and Mr. Dean should certainly not be permitted to benefit by his transfer to Madras by being granted presidency allowances.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1881, No. 612 W.

THE papers submitted show an extraordinary want of appreciation on Mr. Bell's part of his duties in connection with the accounts of his division, and he will be informed that serious notice will be taken of any future failure in this respect.

2. It appears certain from these papers and from other information before Government that Mr. Dean does not possess the requisite training and aptitude for the position of an Accountant, and it will be the duty of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to see that he is not again placed in a position of responsibility until he has acquired the necessary qualifications, his retention in the Accounts Branch depending on the future favorable report of the Examiner.

3. At the same time the Government agree with the Examiner that the absence of proper supervision on the part of the Executive Engineer renders it impossible to hold Mr. Dean wholly or even primarily responsible for the condition of the accounts of the division, and they are therefore unable to accept the Examiner's suggestion that he, or the relieving Accountant, should forfeit salary for any portion of the time occupied in the transfer. The grant of presidency allowance to an Accountant is dependent on the Examiner's recommendation, without which it will not be granted, but presidency house-rent is claimable as of right.

4. The Government agree with the Examiner that it is impossible for the accounts work of the department to be properly executed if Accountants are employed upon other than their legitimate duties, and Superintending Engineers and Superintendents of Works will specially inform themselves when inspecting executive offices whether any such practice exists, and take prompt measures for stopping it where existing.

(True Extract.)

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

- To the Superintendent Engineer, Second Circle.
- Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with 18 enclosures.
- Superintending Engineer, First and Third Circles.
- Superintendent of Works.
- Chief Engineer, Madras.
- Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
- General Superintendent, Public Works.

with Extract paragraph 4.

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To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
Sd/- Sd/- Sd/-

Dated March 11th.

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G. O., 11th March 1881, No. 612 W.

MARCH

Nos. 27-28.

Unsatisfactory state of the Accounts of the
Salem Division.—Orders on report from the
Examiner of Public Works Accounts on
the —.

FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.

OFFD. EXAMINES P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 1111 MADRAS, 1st MARCH 1881.

SIR,

*Original
letter accompanying
which to be
signified
returned*

I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD THE ACCOMPANYING MEMO
STATING AS BRIEFLY AS POSSIBLE THE SUBSTANCE OF REFER-
ENCES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACCOUNTS
OF THE SALEM DIVISION FROM WHICH IT WILL BE SEEN THAT
THE STATE OF MATTERS HAS BEEN FAR FROM SATISFACTORY.

2. THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN UNKNOWN TO THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, AS IN THE END OF APRIL MR. BELL RECOMMENDED HIS
ACCOUNTANT FOR THE MINIMUM PAY OF HIS GRADE; CONSEQUENTLY
THE AUDIT REMARKS OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE APPEAR TO HAVE
FIRST DRAWN HIS ATTENTION TO THE POINT AND TO HAVE INDUCED
HIM TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM MY OFFICE, BUT

1880.

IT DOES NOT APPEAR FROM THE FACT

MAY 7 DAYS.
JUNE *
JULY 2 DAYS.
AUGUST 12 DAYS
SEPTEMBER... 3 DAYS.
OCTOBER..... 2 DAYS.
NOVEMBER... 6 DAYS.
DECEMBER... 5 DAYS.

OF HIS CONSTANT ABSENCE FROM HEAD
QUARTERS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE MAR-
GINAL STATEMENT OF DAYS INCLUDING
SUNDAYS, HE WAS PRESENT AT HEAD

QUARTERS, THAT HE TOOK THE NECESSARY
* JOURNAL RETURNED FOR COMPLETION. 25 DAYS DAILY ALLOWANCE
AT RS. 5 WERE PASSED FOR JUNE 1880.

PERSONAL STEPS TO SEE THAT THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE WAS PROPERLY PERFORMED.

3. IN COMPLIANCE WITH MR. BELL'S REQUEST, MR. GEORGE, ACCOUNTANT 3RD. GRADE, WAS SENT TO THE DIVISIONAL OFFICE IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE 1930, AND SUCCEEDED IN A MONTH IN PULLING UP ARREARS, AS SHOWN BY REPORTS FROM HIM AND THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DATED THE 10TH. JULY, THAT ALL ARREARS HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AND THE OFFICE WAS IN PROPER ORDER. ON MR. GEORGE'S DEPARTURE THE ACCOUNT WORK OF THE DIVISION CONTINUED TO GIVE DISSATISFACTION TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT WAS RESOLVED TO REMOVE THE ACCOUNTANT MR. DEAN, CONSEQUENTLY ACCOUNTANT GNANAMOOTOO PILLAY WAS SENT TO RELIEVE HIM AND ARRIVED AT ODSOR FOR THAT PURPOSE ON THE 6TH. NOVEMBER 1930. MAJOR CARRY THE DEPUTY EXAMINER INSPECTED THE OFFICE ON THE 13TH. NOVEMBER WHEN HE NOTICED THE WANT OF PERSONAL ATTENTION ON THE PART OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IN REGARD TO HIS CASH BOOK AND THE EXISTENCE OF MANY ARREARS IN REPLY TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE, BUT STATED THAT ON THE WHOLE THE ACCOUNTS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTICED APPEARED TO BE IN FAIR ORDER. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS AND REPEATED REMINDERS FROM THIS OFFICE, IT WILL BE SEEN THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE ACCOUNTANTS WAS NOT COMPLETED TILL THE 15TH. JANUARY, A DELAY WHICH HAS DEPRIVED THIS OFFICE OF THE SERVICES OF AN ACCOUNTANT FOR $2\frac{1}{2}$ MONTHS WITHOUT ANY SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND ACCOUNTANTS.

4. MR. BELL COMPLAINS OF THE UNSATISFACTORY WORK ON THE PART OF MR. DEAN AND ARREARS, WHICH, HOWEVER, COULD NOT BE

GREAT

GREAT AS HE HIMSELF REPORTED ALL UP TO DATE AND SATISFACTORY WHEN MR. GEORGE LEFT ON THE 10TH. JULY, WHILE MR. DEAN THE ACCOUNTANT COMPLAINS THAT HE WAS MADE TO DO OTHER WORK THAN HIS OWN AND COULD GET NO PROPER ASSISTANCE. ON LOOKING AT THE WORK TO BE BROUGHT UP IT WOULD APPEAR THAT LITTLE HAD BEEN DONE BY MR. DEAN AFTER MR. GEORGE'S DEPARTURE, AND MR. BELL, BY HIS CONTINUAL ABSENCE FROM HIS OFFICE COULD NOT POSSIBLY EXERCISE THE NECESSARY SUPERVISION. MR. BELL MOREOVER DOES NOT APPEAR TO RECOGNISE HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STATE OF HIS OFFICE GENERALLY AND HIS ACCOUNTS IN PARTICULAR, AND POINTS TO THE STATE OF MATTERS AS SHOWING THAT MR. DEAN WAS A MOST DANGEROUS PERSON TO BE IN CHARGE. WHILE ADMITTING THAT THIS MAY BE TRUE I MAY PERHAPS BE PERMITTED TO OBSERVE THAT THE CONCLUSION MAY NOT BE WITHOUT OTHER APPLICATION.

5. ON BEHALF OF THE ACCOUNTANTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, I WOULD STATE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT THAT THE ACCOUNT DUTIES THEY HAVE TO PERFORM ARE SUCH AS TO FULLY ENGAGE THEIR TIME AND ATTENTION, HENCE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO EMPLOY THEM ON ANY BUT THEIR OWN LEGITIMATE DUTIES. I WOULD CONSEQUENTLY SUGGEST THE ISSUE OF STRINGENT ORDERS WITH A VIEW TO SECURING ATTENTION TO THIS POINT. WITH THESE REMARKS, I MUST LEAVE THE DECISION AS TO THE NOTICE WHICH THE CASE REQUIRES TO GOVERNMENT WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT HAD MR. DEAN BEEN SOLELY RESPONSIBLE, I SHOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED HIS SERVICES BEING DISPENSED WITH, BUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE MANNER IN WHICH MR. BELL HAS LEFT HIS OFFICE TO

LOOK

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LOOK AFTER ITSELF, I CANNOT CONSIDER THAT MR. DEAN IS SOLELY
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PERMITTED TO BENEFIT BY HIS TRANSFER TO MADRAS BY BEING
GRANTED PRESIDENCY ALLOWANCES

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEYIENT SERVANT.

R. H. Hall

MAJOR R. E.

CHIEF, EXAMINER P. & A. ACCOUNTS.

FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 222 W

DATED *10 March* 1887.

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ENCLOSURES.

FORWARDING A MEMO REGARDING
THE UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF THE
ACCOUNTS OF THE SALEM DIVISION.

C. J. S.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

*From the Examiner P. W. Accounts No 222 W
of 10 March 1887.*

FOR ORDERS.

The papers show
an extraordinary want
of appreciation on Mr. Bell's
part as to his duties
in connection with the
accounts of his Division.

2. It is probable that
in this as in other Divisions
a good deal of confusion
was caused by the amal-
gamation of Divisions
and transfer of records,
but this difficulty ought
to

to have been got over long before November last, and as regards current work Dalton is probably the highest Division now existing.

3. Major Pennington states that his impression of Mr Dean, formed when District Engineer of Dalton, was that he was industrious and willing, but not fit for the post of Accountant, in fact not a trained Accountant at all; he adds that he had more than once occasion to find fault with the way in which the Account work of the Osage Division was done; this impression

is borne out by the correspondence.

4. At the same time the undersigned agrees with the Examiners that Mr Dean cannot be held "solely, or even principally responsible" for what errors which it was the duty of the Executive Engineer to correct, and for this reason cannot agree with the Examiners that either Mr Dean or the acting Accountant should forfeit pay for any portion of the period occupied in the transfer.

At the same time Mr Dean should be given credit to understand that his retention in the Account Branch must entirely depend on the future prompt report of the Examiners.

5. The grant of Presidency allowance is within the Examiners' own power, as the Government will not

3. The employment of
Accountants on all
other than their legiti-
mate work must
certainly cease if we
are to follow up properly
the effort now making
to introduce the new
format & System

- Especially as cashiers
or having any connection
with the disbursements
of a Division

Carl Gustaf Plöckh
Secretary to Government
P. 62

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

UNDER date the 11th March '81.

Read the following:—

From the Journals O. W. Arct. (MS. No. 222 v. 4) p. 1st MS. p.

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Asst. to Insps.

Wm. H. ...

Wm. H. ...

S. G. 2^d Circle ✓
 R. I. R. Accts with 18 Enclaves
 S. G. 14th 3^d Circle ✓
 S. G. 14th 3^d Circle ✓
 Com. Architect with 18 Enclaves
 S. G. H. 14th 3^d Circle ✓
 Sent Sept. 1881 ✓
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Wm. H. ...

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