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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th March 1881, No. 708 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 39. From Major D. H. TRAIL, R.E., Officiating Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th March 1881, No. 232 W.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, that Mr. George Brown, Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, inspected the office of the Chingleput Division on the 7th and 8th instant.

2. Major Ross Thompson, R.E., Executive Engineer, is in charge of this division and Jeyaram Pillai is the Divisional Accountant.

3. The Executive Engineer and the two Sub-divisional Officers are disbursers; the latter officers draw against the Executive Engineer's credit, under certain restrictions.

4. There are two imprest holders, holding Rs. 150 and Rs. 50 respectively.

5. *Cash Books.*—Mr. Brown reports regarding the complaint in the last Inspection Report that the keeping of a rough cash-book has been discontinued. The divisional cash-book is now carefully kept, recoupments to imprest holders are properly entered in abstract form, and the balance duly struck on the expiry of each month and duly vouched for by the Executive Engineer.

6. Mr. Brown examined the treasury pass-book and found it correct.

7. The showing of the balance on the counterfoils of the cheques referred to in the last Inspection Report has been attended to.

8. Work in the division is carried out by general and petty contract; very little is done by daily labor.

9. *Register of Works.*—There is no register kept for works costing under Rs. 10,000, but this will be remedied by the rules in the new Code, which will shortly come into force. Rates are not struck monthly, sub-heads are not numbered in the register as required by Public Works Code, paragraph 1,695, neither are the appropriations noted on the top of the page as required by paragraph 1,697, Public Works Code.

10. The sub-heads in the register for the work "Agricultural College, Saidápet," do not correspond with the estimate, but a revised estimate has been submitted. Expenditure for the work "transverse and longitudinal drains in rear of Red Hills tank" is entered under sub-heads with lump sum allotments, but no detail of quantities

under G.O., No. 406 I., dated 24th June 1880. The Executive Engineer, however, reports that a regular estimate is in preparation and will shortly be submitted. The Executive Engineer reports that completion report for the hospital at Poonamallee will shortly be submitted, and the Superintending Engineer be requested to obtain sanction for the excess expenditure, and that the amount Rs. 17,2-2-4, outstanding as materials at site, will be adjusted.

11. *Materials at site* as per register of works aggregate Rs. 18,640-9-1,* and will be charged off to the works as they are used up.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Hospital at Poonamallee ...	172	2	4
2. Barracks for 200 men at Poonamallee ...	6,156	3	1
3. New quarters for 30 families at Poonamallee ...	4,543	11	2
4. School of Agriculture at Saidápet ...	6,985	8	0
5. Transverse and longitudinal drains in rear of slope of Red Hills tank ...	778	0	6

12. *Station Books*.—The only station books submitted for inspection were for works Nos. 1, 2, and 4 in the margin.

13. *Contractors*.—There are several amounts due to contractors dating from 1877, although not large in amount, yet they should be adjusted without any further delay. There is one contract account under dispute for a very trifling amount, viz., Rs. 35-7-9, which the Executive Engineer expects will soon be settled.

14. *Stock*.—The value on 31st January last is shown as Rs. 4,313-7-0, but has not been verified by the Executive Engineer since March 1879. This should at once be attended to. The Executive Engineer states that he has recently counted the stores at head-quarters.

15. *Tools and Plant*.—The register is written up to date. The Executive Engineer reports they were counted on the following dates and found correct :—

Executive Division	...	21st November 1880,
Chingleput Sub-Division	...	6th October "
Trivallúr do.	...	21st " "

and that the old and unserviceable tools, &c., are now being returned to the Public Works Stores.

16. *Rents*.—There is only a schedule kept; there is no register of buildings, land, &c., belonging to Government, but the Executive Engineer informed Mr. Brown that one was being prepared and will shortly be ready.

17. *Miscellaneous Advances* on the 30th January 1881 amounted to Rs. 1,082-13-7, but those above three months old amounted only to Rs. 447-11-3 and are expected to be shortly adjusted.

18. *Savings Banks*.—The pass books are in the personal custody of the Executive Engineer and were examined by Mr. Brown, who found them correctly entered in the register. The register was incomplete, the dates of the withdrawal of some amounts being omitted; the Executive Engineer's attention was drawn to this.

19. *Road Metal*.—There are no lists; the Executive Engineer states that the stock on hand is very trifling, but however trifling a proper record should be kept of it in the Executive Engineer's Office.

20. *Divisional Rates*.—There is a statement of these kept up, and is up to date, but it would be more convenient to have it in book form instead of loose sheets of paper.

21. *Treasury Balances*.—These were very large and amounted to—
Rs. 12,438-11-3, 31st December 1880, and
" 16,204-7-10, 31st January 1881.
These were caused by the sub-divisional officers requisitioning for more funds than were needed. This should be avoided in future.

22. *General Remarks*.—With the exception of the above remarks the office is in fair order.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1881, No. 708 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, who will call the early attention of the Executive Engineer to the remarks in paragraphs 9 *et seq.* of the Examiner's report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Copt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
&c. &c., &c.

Dated March, 15th.

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G. O., 15th March 1881, No. 708 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 39-40.

Inspection Report of the office of the Chin-
gleput Division by the Deputy Examiner,
Public Works Accounts, communicated to
the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 232 W

MADRAS,

MARCH 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION
OF GOVERNMENT THAT MR. GEORGE BROWN, DEPUTY EXAMINER P.W.
ACCOUNTS, INSPECTED THE OFFICE OF THE CHINOLEPUT DIVISION
ON THE 7TH. AND 8TH. INSTANT.

2. MAJOR ROSS THOMPSON R.E. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IS IN
CHARGE OF THIS DIVISION AND JEYAPPA PILLAY IS THE DIVISION-
AL ACCOUNTANT.

3. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND THE TWO SUB-DIVISIONAL
OFFICERS ARE DISBURSERS; THE LATTER OFFICERS DRAW AGAINST
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S CREDIT, UNDER CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

4. THERE ARE TWO IMPREST HOLDERS, HOLDING RS. 150 AND
RS. 50 RESPECTIVELY.

5. CASH BOOKS. MR. BROWN REPORTS REGARDING THE COMPLAINT
IN THE LAST INSPECTION REPORT THAT THE KEEPING OF A ROUGH
CASH BOOK HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. THE DIVISIONAL CASH

BOOK

BOOK IS NOW CAREFULLY KEPT, RECCUPMENTS TO IMPREST HOLDERS ARE PROPERLY ENTERED IN ABSTRACT FORM AND THE BALANCE DULY STRUCK ON THE EXPIRY OF EACH MONTH AND DULY VOUCHERED FOR BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

6. MR. BROWN EXAMINED THE TREASURY PASS BOOK AND FOUND IT CORRECT.

7. THE SHOWING OF THE BALANCE ON THE COUNTERFOILS OF THE CHEQUES REFERRED TO IN THE LAST INSPECTION REPORT HAS BEEN ATTENDED TO.

8. WORK IN THE DIVISION IS CARRIED OUT BY GENERAL AND PETTY CONTRACT; VERY LITTLE IS DONE BY DAILY LABOR.

9. REGISTER OF WORKS. THERE IS NO REGISTER KEPT FOR WORKS COSTING UNDER RS. 10,000, BUT THIS WILL BE REMEDIED BY THE RULES IN THE NEW CODE, WHICH WILL SHORTLY COME INTO FORCE. RATES ARE NOT STRUCK MONTHLY, SUB-HEADS ARE NOT NUMBERED IN THE REGISTER AS REQUIRED BY P.W. CODE PARA 1693, NEITHER ARE THE APPROPRIATIONS NOTED ON THE TOP OF THE PAGE AS REQUIRED BY PARA 1697 P.W. CODE.

10. THE SUB-HEADS IN THE REGISTER FOR THE WORK 'AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SYDAPET' DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE ESTIMATE, BUT A REVISED ESTIMATE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. EXPENDITURE FOR THE WORK 'TRANSVERSE AND LONGITUDINAL DRAINS IN REAR OF RED HILLS TANK' IS ENTERED UNDER SUB-HEADS WITH LUMP SUM ALLOCATIONS, BUT NO DETAIL OF QUANTITIES UNDER G.O. NO. 406 I. DATED 24TH JUNE 1890. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HOWEVER, REPORTS THAT A REGULAR ESTIMATE IS IN PREPARATION AND WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTED. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

REPORTS

REPORTS THAT COMPLETION REPORT FOR THE HOSPITAL AT POONAMALLEE WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTED AND THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER BE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SANCTION FOR THE EXCESS EXPENDITURE, AND THAT THE AMOUNT RS. 172-2-4 OUTSTANDING AS MATERIALS AT SITE WILL BE ADJUSTED.

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II. MATERIALS AT SITE. AS PER REGISTER OF WORKS

1. HOSPITAL AT POONAMALLEE.....	172- 2-4	AGGREGATE
2. BARRACKS FOR 200 MEN		RS. 12,640-9-1
AT - DO -	6,156- 3-1	
3. NEW QUARTERS FOR 30		AND WILL BE
FAMILIES AT - DO -	4,548-11-2	CHARGED OFF
4. SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE		TO THE WORKS
AT SYDAPET.....	6,985- 8-0	AS THEY ARE
5. TRANSVERSE AND LONGITUDINAL		
DRAINS IN REAR OF SLOPE OF		
RED HILLS TANK.....	778- 0-6	

USED UP.

12. STATION BOOKS. THE ONLY STATION BOOKS SUBMITTED FOR INSPECTION WERE FOR WORKS NOS. 1, 2 AND 4 IN THE MARGIN.

13. CONTRACTORS. THERE ARE SEVERAL AMOUNTS DUE TO CONTRACTORS DATING FROM 1877, ALTHOUGH NOT LARGE IN AMOUNT. YET THEY SHOULD BE ADJUSTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY. THERE IS ONE CONTRACT ACCOUNT UNDER DISPUTE FOR A VERY TRIFLING AMOUNT, VIZ RS. 35-7-9, WHICH THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER EXPECTS WILL SOON BE SETTLED.

14. STOCK. THE VALUE ON 31ST JANUARY LAST IS SHOWN AS RS. 4,313-7-0, BUT HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SINCE MARCH 1879. THIS SHOULD AT ONCE BE ATTENDED TO. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER STATES THAT HE HAS RECENTLY COUNTED THE STORES AT HEAD QUARTERS.

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15. TOOLS AND PLANT. THE REGISTER IS WRITTEN UP TO DATE. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REPORTS THEY WERE COUNTED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND FOUND CORRECT:-

EXECUTIVE DIVISION.....21ST.NOVEMBER 1880.
CHINGLEPUT SUB-DIVISION.....5TH.OCTOBER 1880.
TRIVELLORE - DO - 21ST. DO

AND THAT THE OLD AND UNSERVICEABLE TOOLS ETC,ARE NOW BEING RETURNED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS STORES.

16. RENTS. THERE IS ONLY A SCHEDULE KEPT;THERE IS NO REGISTER OF BUILDINGS, LAND ETC. BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT, BUT THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER INFORMED MR.BROWN THAT ONE WAS BEING PREPARED AND WILL SHORTLY BE READY.

17. MISCELLANEOUS ADVANCES. ON THE 30TH.JANUARY 1881 AMOUNTED TO RS.1,082-13-7,BUT THOSE ABOVE 3 MONTHS OLD AMOUNTED ONLY TO RS.447-11-3 AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE SHORTLY ADJUSTED.

18. SAVINGS BANKS THE PASS BOOKS ARE IN THE PERSONAL CUSTODY OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND WERE EXAMINED BY MR.BROWN WHO FOUND THEM CORRECTLY ENTERED IN THE REGISTER. THE REGISTER WAS INCOMPLETE,THE DATES OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOME AMOUNTS BEING OMITTED; THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO THIS.

19. ROAD METAL. THERE ARE NO LISTS;THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER STATES THAT THE STOCK ON HAND IS VERY TRIFLING, BUT HOWEVER TRIFLING, A PROPER RECORD SHOULD BE KEPT OF IT IN THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

20. DIVISIONAL RATES. THERE IS A STATEMENT OF THESE
KEPT

KEPT UP,AND IS UP TO DATE,BUT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE IT IN BOOK FORM INSTEAD OF LOOSE SHEETS OF PAPER.

21. TREASURY BALANCES. THESE WERE VERY LARGE AND AMOUNTED TO

RS.12,438-11-3...31ST.DECEMBER 1880.
AND RS.16,204-7-10...31ST.JANUARY 1881.

THESE WERE CAUSED BY THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICERS REQUISITIONING FOR MORE FUNDS THAN WERE NEEDED. THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE.

22. GENERAL REMARKS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ABOVE REMARKS THE OFFICE IS IN FAIR ORDER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

D. H. Fall

MAJOR P.F.
OFFG. EXAMINER P. & ACCOUNTS.

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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 232 W

DATED *11th* MARCH 1881.

RECD. *12th*

FORWARDS THE INSPECTION

REPORT OF THE CHINGLEPUT DIVISION

BY MR. BROWN DY. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *15th March 81.*

Read the following:—

From the Ex. of P.W. accts H.S. No 232 W of 11th March 1881.

*Communicated to
the Suptg. Engineer 2^d
Circle, who will call
early
the attention of the Ex.
Engr to the remarks in
paras 9. et seq of the
Examiner's report.*

Att^y S^g 14/3

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*To the S.S. 2nd Circle ✓
" Ex. P.W. accts ✓
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