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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th March 1881, No. 810 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 76. From Major D. H. TRAIL, R.E., Officiating Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd March 1881, No. 244 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, inspection report of the office of the Consulting Architect to Government on the 17th March 1881, and beg to draw special attention to the irregularities noticed in regard to not charging off stock as used, and the very unsatisfactory manner in which the Register of Works appears to have been kept.

MEMORANDUM of an inspection by Mr. George Brown, Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the Office of the Consulting Architect to Government, on the 17th March 1881.

R. F. Chisholm, Esq., F.S.I., B.A., is the Consulting Architect, Mr. D. M. Dumphy, the Accountant.

Work is carried out by regular contract, petty contract, and daily labor. All payments are made by the Consulting Architect himself except those of a petty nature which are made by his Overseer.

Cheques.—A few of the counterfoils were not initialled by the Consulting Architect, evidently by oversight.

Pass Book was examined and found correct.

Vouchers.—No duplicate vouchers are taken for payments, the originals of which are forwarded to the Examiner's Office with the monthly accounts. The Consulting Architect, at the time of inspection, gave orders that they should be obtained and properly filed in future.

Register of Works.—This book has been improperly kept. Previous year's expenditure and monthly totals are brought forward in many places in pencil only; the monthly totals of some of the sub-heads are not entered at all. Although, according to the stock waste book, there has been considerable outturn from "stock manufacture," yet nothing has been credited to this account. Materials supplied and work done and *not* paid for have been omitted from the register altogether, this makes the register misleading as not showing the total quantity and value of work done. All these irregularities will, it is hoped, be remedied by the new Code orders and forms which will shortly come into force. The Accountant has been ordered to attend the Examiner's Office to learn the system.

Stock manufacture.—The balance at debit on the 28th February last amounted to Rs. 39,363-10-2, this consists of—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Labor, carriage, &c.	13,793	5	11
Land and kilns	25,570	4	3
Total ...	39,363	10	2

from a statement furnished by the Overseer, but apparently in no way verified, materials at site amounted to Rs. 4,271-0-11, leaving a balance of Rs. 35,092-9-3. This large balance is in consequence of no credit having ever been afforded to this account for proportions debitable to various works. This matter, I understand, has been taken up by the Stores Committee with a view to adjustment.

Stock Purchases and Sales at debit outstanding since August last amounts to Rs. 2,116-15-4. This is expected to be adjusted in this month's accounts.

Work Vouchers.—No work voucher has been submitted to the Examiner for the Lying-in Hospital since July last, in consequence of previous expenditure not having been recorded in accordance with the sub-heads of the estimate. To avoid delay and the great labor of rearranging all the past expenditure under their proper heads, the simplest plan would be to apportion the cost approximately to the sub-heads, according to the quantities arrived at by actual measurements.

The work voucher for the Mule Stables connected with the Telegraph and Post offices, which, up to date, has not been submitted, is promised at an early date.

Materials at site could not be checked with the day books, as those for November only were submitted. In one of the day books under the estimate of "Lying-in Hospital," sub-head "wards," quantities were not shown of some of the most important items, *e.g.*,

	RS.	A.	P.
Stones from Cuddapah	470	0	0
Asphalte	4,159	0	0
Cuddapah Slabs	352	9	6
Flooring, 6-inch square bricks	555	10	11

Stock.—The balance of stock, which on the 28th February last amounted to Rs. 739-11-6, was last verified by Mr. Lewis, Draftsman and Estimator, about a year ago. The Consulting Architect considers the prices at which the stock is rated are high. This account should be looked into and the excess rates adjusted.

Tools and Plant.—No return was submitted for inspection, the return for the half year ending 30th September last has not yet been submitted to the Examiner's Office. The Consulting Architect states that the stock of tools and plant was verified about a year ago by Mr. Lewis. He cannot say, without examining them, whether there are any old and unserviceable tools, &c., among them. Early attention to this account is essential.

Contracts.—There is only one large contract and that is for firewood, for which security has been deposited. The contractor has failed in his contract. The Consulting Architect is in communication with the Government Solicitor regarding it with a view to a final settlement.

Petty Contracts.—The amounts due to petty contractors on the 31st December 1880 aggregated Rs. 500-1-6. Every effort should be made for the adjustment of these long outstandings.

Register of Government Buildings.—The Consulting Architect has no register of Government buildings, &c., which are in his charge, it is necessary that one should be opened.

Postal Register.—There is no postal register and no account kept of service stamps. The Consulting Architect has ordered one to be opened.

(Signed) G. BROWN,
Deputy Examiner, P. W. Accounts.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1881, No. 810 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will take immediate steps to remedy the irregularities pointed out by the examining officer.

2. The points noticed with regard to charging off stock and the register of works are specially unsatisfactory.

3. The Consulting Architect will submit immediately after the end of September 1881 a report stating what steps have been taken for the correction of the errors and irregularities referred to in the Deputy Examiner's report, and what the effect of those steps has been.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO GOVERNMENT,

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Dated March, 25th.

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Inspection Report by the Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the Office of the Consulting Architect to Government, communicated to that officer with remarks.

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FROM MAJOR E.H.TRAIL R.E.

OFFG.EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO 212 W MADRAS, 22 MARCH 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD HEREWITH, FOR THE INFORMATION OF GOVERNMENT, INSPECTION REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT ON THE 17TH. MARCH 1881, AND BEG TO DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE IRREGULARITIES NOTICED IN REGARD TO NOT CHARGING OFF STOCK AS USED, AND THE VERY UNSATISFACTORY MANNER IN WHICH THE REGISTER OF WORKS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN KEPT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

E. H. Trail

MAJOR R.E.

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W.DEPARTMENT.

NO. 244 W

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FORWARDS THE INSPECTION REPORT

OF THE ARCHITECT DIVISION BY MR.

GEORGE BROWN BY.EXAMINER P.W.

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MEMORANDUM OF AN INSPECTION BY MR.GEORGE BROWN, DEPUTY EXAMINER,PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,ON THE 17TH.MARCH 1901.

R.F.CHISHOLM ESQ. F.R.I., B.A.,IS THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT, MR. D.W.DUMPHY THE ACCOUNTANT.

WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY REGULAR CONTRACT,PETTY CONTRACT AND DAILY LABOR. ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT HIMSELF EXCEPT THOSE OF A PETTY NATURE WHICH ARE MADE BY HIS OVERSEER.

CHEQUES. A FEW OF THE COUNTERFOILS WERE NOT INITIALLED BY THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT,EVIDENTLY BY OVERSIGHT.

PASS BOOK WAS EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT.

VOUCHERS. NO DUPLICATE VOUCHERS ARE TAKEN FOR PAYMENTS,THE ORIGINALS OF WHICH ARE FORWARDED TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE WITH THE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS. THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION GAVE ORDERS THAT THEY SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND PROPERLY FILED IN FUTURE.

REGISTER OF WORKS. THIS BOOK HAS BEEN IMPROPERLY KEPT,PREVIOUS YEARS EXPENDITURE AND MONTHLY TOTALS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD IN MANY PLACES IN PENCIL ONLY;THE MONTHLY TOTALS OF SOME OF THE SUB-HEADS ARE NOT ENTERED AT ALL. ALTHOUGH ACCORDING TO THE STOCK WASTE BOOK THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE OUT-TURN FROM 'STOCK MANUFACTURE,' YET NOTHING HAS BEEN CREDITED TO THIS ACCOUNT. MATERIALS SUPPLIED AND WORK DONE AND NOT PAID FOR HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM THE REGISTER ALTOGETHER,THIS MAKES THE REGISTER

MISLEADING AS NOT SHEWING THE TOTAL QUANTITY AND VALUE OF WORK DONE. ALL THESE IRREGULARITIES WILL, IT IS HOPED, BE REMEDIED BY THE NEW CODE ORDERS AND FORMS WHICH WILL SHORTLY COME INTO FORCE. THE ACCOUNTANT HAS BEEN ORDERED TO ATTEND THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE TO LEARN THE SYSTEM.

STOCK MANUFACTURE. THE BALANCE AT DEBIT ON THE 28TH. FEBRUARY LAST AMOUNTED TO RS.39,363-10-2. THIS CONSISTS OF

LABOR CARRIAGE ETC.....13,793- 5-11
LAND AND KILNS.....25,570- 4- 3

RS.39,363-10- 2

FROM A STATEMENT FURNISHED BY THE OVERSEER BUT APPARENTLY IN NO WAY VERIFIED, MATERIALS AT SITE AMOUNTED TO 4271-0-11 LEAVING A BALANCE OF 35,092-9-3. THIS LARGE BALANCE IS IN CONSEQUENCE OF NO CREDIT HAVING EVER BEEN AFFORDED TO THIS ACCOUNT FOR PROPORTIONS DEBITABLE TO VARIOUS WORKS. THIS MATTER, I UNDERSTAND, HAS BEEN TAKEN UP BY THE STORES COMMITTEE WITH A VIEW TO ADJUSTMENT.

STOCK PURCHASES AND SALES AT DEBIT OUTSTANDING SINCE AUGUST LAST AMOUNTS TO RS.2,116-15-4. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE ADJUSTED IN THIS MONTH'S ACCOUNTS.

WORK VOUCHERS. NO WORK VOUCHER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXAMINER (to the lying in hospital) SINCE JULY LAST, IN CONSEQUENCE OF PREVIOUS EXPENDITURE NOT HAVING BEEN RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUB-HEADS OF THE ESTIMATE. TO AVOID DELAY AND THE GREAT LABOR OF RE-ARRANGING ALL THE PAST EXPENDITURE UNDER THEIR PROPER HEADS, THE SIMPLEST PLAN WOULD BE TO APPORTION THE COST APPROXIMATELY TO THE SUB-HEADS,

ACCORDING

ACCORDING TO THE QUANTITIES ARRIVED AT BY ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS.

THE WORK VOUCHER FOR THE MULE STABLES CONNECTED WITH TELEGRAPH AND POST OFFICE, WHICH UP TO DATE HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED IS PROMISED AT AN EARLY DATE.

MATERIALS AT SITE COULD NOT BE CHECKED WITH THE DAY BOOKS AS THOSE FOR NOVEMBER WERE (ONLY) SUBMITTED. IN ONE OF THE DAY BOOKS UNDER THE ESTIMATE OF 'LYING-IN — HOSPITAL' SUB HEAD 'WARES', QUANTITIES WERE NOT SHEWN OF SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS, E.G.

STONES FROM CUDDAPAH..... 470- 0- 0
ASPHALT 4,159- 0- 0
CUDDAPAH SLABS..... 352- 9- 6
FLOORING 6" SQUARE BRICKS..... 555-10-11

STOCK. THE BALANCE OF STOCK WHICH ON THE 28TH. FEBRUARY LAST AMOUNTED TO RS.739-11-6 WAS LAST VERIFIED BY MR. LEWIS DRAFTSMAN AND ESTIMATOR, ABOUT A YEAR AGO. THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT CONSIDERS THE PRICES AT WHICH THE STOCK IS RATED ARE HIGH. THIS ACCOUNT SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO AND THE EXCESS RATES ADJUSTED.

TOOLS AND PLANT. NO RETURN WAS SUBMITTED FOR INSPECTION, THE RETURN FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30TH. SEPTEMBER LAST HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE. THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT STATES THAT THE STOCK OF TOOLS AND PLANT WAS VERIFIED ABOUT A YEAR AGO BY MR. LEWIS. HE CANNOT SAY WITHOUT EXAMINING THEM WHETHER THERE ARE ANY OLD AND UNSERVICEABLE TOOLS ETC. AMONG THEM. EARLY ATTENTION TO THIS ACCOUNT IS ESSENTIAL.

CONTRACTS.

CONTRACTS, THERE IS ONLY ONE LARGE CONTRACT AND THAT IS FOR FIREWOOD, FOR WHICH SECURITY HAS BEEN DEPOSITED, THE CONTRACTOR HAS FAILED IN HIS CONTRACT, THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR REGARDING IT WITH A VIEW TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

PETTY CONTRACTS, THE AMOUNTS DUE TO PETTY CONTRACTORS ON THE 31ST. DECEMBER 1880 AGGREGATED RS. 506-1-6. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THESE LONG OUTSTANDINGS.

REGISTER OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT HAS NO REGISTER OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ETC. WHICH ARE IN HIS CHARGE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT ONE SHOULD BE OPENED.

POSTAL REGISTER, THERE IS NO POSTAL REGISTER AND NO ACCOUNT KEPT OF SERVICE STAMPS. THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT HAS ORDERED ONE TO BE OPENED.

Geo Brown

by EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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UNDER date the 25th March 88

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