

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 11. From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd August 1881, No. 108 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the inconvenience caused by the restriction to 31st August of each year of the period during which punkahs are allowed to office establishments, the inconvenience being evident from the fact that in my office at any rate punkahs are used after that date, but are paid for out of the private resources of the office hands.

2. The latest orders on the subject which I can trace in the records of this office are given in G.O., No. 1,674, Public Department, dated 19th November 1878. Previous to those orders, the period during which punkahs were allowed was from 1st April to 15th October in each year.

3. The correspondence set out in the Government Order quoted shows that in a statement submitted by the officer conducting the duties of the Controller of Military Accounts, the requirements as regards punkahs and tatties for the office of the Principal Medical Storekeeper, Madras, were stated to be as follows :—

Office punkahs required from 1st April to 15th October ; tatties from 1st May to 31st August.

4. The orders passed in the Public Works Department (or the extract signed by Colonel Farewell as Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,) sanctioned the arrangement put forward for the Medical Storekeeper's office, but restricted the period during which *tatties* should be used in *all* offices to that from 1st May to 31st August, and these orders were communicated to the Public Department.

5. The orders of the Public Department, however, require the period (1st May to 31st August) to be applied to *punkah pulling* and to watering of tatties ; the result is that during April and September, which are perhaps the months when punkahs are most appreciable, their use is prohibited.

6. I would therefore urge that Government be moved to permit the period to be extended to the old dates. In offices where a number of persons, European, East Indian, and Native, are continually employed for six and seven hours a day, and which are close and stagnant from 5 P.M. till perhaps 9 A.M., it seems to me that punkahs are more a necessity than an indulgence, since during the coolest hours of the evening, night and early morning, there is no fresh air admitted and the rooms remain closed and the air foul.

2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 2ND SEPTEMBER 1881, No. 2,180 W.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

ESTABLISHMENTS for pulling punkahs may for the present and future years be maintained from the 15th April to the 15th October in each year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner, Railway Accounts.
To Superintending Engineers.
,, Superintendents of Works.
,, the Consulting Architect.
,, General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
,, Financial Department, for information.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 2nd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd September 1881, No. 2,180 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 11-12.

Punkah-pulling.—The establishments for
— to be maintained for the present and
future years from the 15th April to the
15th October in each year.

4TH APRIL 1882, No. 206, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following G.O., dated 27th March 1882, Mis. No. 1016, Revenue :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd March 1882,
Mis. No. 2468 :—

Read—the following letter from H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1882, No. 660 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2949, dated the 25th November last,
communicating G.O., No. 1346, of the 5th October 1881, I have the honor to state
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Resolution—dated 23rd March 1882, Mis. No. 2468.

Submitted for the orders of Government. The Board consider that charges for
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charge is admitted does not exceed the time fixed, *i.e.*, four months for the former
and six months for the latter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—dated 27th March 1882, Mis. No. 1016, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Department for disposal with reference to the order in
that Department, dated 5th October 1881, No. 1346.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

ORDER—dated 4th April 1882, No. 206, Public.

Approved.
(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Secretariat Departments.

- „ Honorable the Judges of the High Court.
- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Heads of Departments.

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for Acting Chief Secretary.

Order thereon. No 10304
of 26-4-82

Recorded in Con:
Continuation of G.O. No
2636 of 28th October 81

True Extract
of Ross Thompson
Lt Col R.E.
as Under Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

Order, dated 4th April 1882, No. 206.

B No 10304 of 26-4-82

Punkahs.— Approving the entertainment of punkah-pullers, &c., from the commencement of March.

To
The Examiner P.W.D.

P. h. C. no 2510

Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC.

B No 1030. Waj 26 April/82.

Recorded in
Continuation of P.O.
No. 2636 of 24 Oct-81.

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Recd 21 April/82

Order, dated 4th April 1882, No. 206.

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B No 1030 Waj 26-4-82

Em. P. W. J.
Sept 27/4/82.

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Entd. in Receipt Regt.

with order