

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

26th June 1878, No. 2,643 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following papers:—

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| No. 270.   | From the Dist. Engr., Presidency, dated 9th January 1878, No. 5,678.          |
| No. 270-A. | From " " " 22nd " " " 5,923.                                                  |
| No. 270-B. | From " " " 27th February " " 6,741.                                           |
| No. 270-C. | From " " " 27th " " " 6,742.                                                  |
| No. 270-D. | From " " " 15th March " " 7,071.                                              |
| No. 270-E. | From " " " 19th " " " 7,130.                                                  |
| No. 270-F. | From " " " 10th April " " 66.                                                 |
| No. 270-G. | Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 11th June 1878. |

No. 271. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1878, No. 2,643 W.

UNDER the provisions of G.O., No. 668, dated 7th March 1871, a revaluation of block and plant of the Public Works Workshops should be made once in every five years. It was therefore expected that a valuation would have been made in 1875-76. The removal of the Workshops to the new buildings at the Seven Wells was, however, advanced as a reason why the work could not be proceeded with in that year. No action seems to have been taken up to January 1878, when the Government called special attention to the matter, expressed their disappointment at the delay which had already been allowed to occur, and directed the work to be put in hand at once and pressed to conclusion without intermission.

2. The results of the stock-taking have now been reported, and are contained in the foregoing papers.

3. These papers seem to indicate that considerable laxity in the matter of book-keeping has been allowed. Care must be taken that the books do not again fall into arrears.

4. His Grace the Governor in Council notices from the lists submitted that the Workshops appear to have the use of a considerable amount of machinery, nominally in charge of the Store Department. It would also appear that other Government Departments, semi-public bodies, and even private persons are allowed the use of machinery without any charge being made. This system is wrong in principle, and must be discontinued. In future a fixed scale of charges, to be approved by Government, will be levied on all machinery sent out of the stores on loan. The scale of charges will be communicated to the Examiner, who will see that it is duly observed. The sanction of the District Engineer, Presidency, will be necessary for the loan of any article from store, and that officer will be expected to see that proper security

or guarantee for payment is given by borrowers. Any further subsidiary instructions which may be required, as to accounting for issues, and receipts of cash and stores, will be given by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

5. The system of store-keeping appears to His Grace the Governor in Council to be extremely complex under present arrangements. It may, perhaps, be simplified by bringing all the stores under one general head of service. The financial effect of this suggestion will be reported on by the Examiner.

6. The bulk of the stores seems excessive. It should be reduced to the lowest limit consistent with actual requirements. The District Engineer, Presidency, will personally investigate this matter and the proportion of the stock in hand to the annual consumption and report the result, bearing in mind the suggestion made in the preceding paragraph under which large reductions may perhaps be feasible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.  
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

GENERAL.  
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,  
PRESIDENCY,  
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 26th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th June 1878, No. 2,643 W.

JUNE.

Nos. 270-271.

*Public Works Stores and Workshops.*—  
Passing orders on the revaluation of the  
stores in the — and on the loan of machi-  
nery.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th October 1878, No. 3,909 W.

General.  
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 86. From Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency,  
to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George,  
25th September 1878, No. 3,789.

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 2,643 W, of 26th June 1878, I have  
the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the following scale of  
charges to cover wear and tear of machinery sent out of the Public Works Department  
Stores on loan :—

ON BOILERS, 20 per cent. per annum on prime cost to cover wear and tear ; 5 per  
cent. per annum on prime cost to cover interest.

ON MACHINERY, 5 per cent. per annum on prime cost to cover wear and tear ; 5  
per cent. per annum on prime cost to cover interest.

A boiler is nearly used up in four or five years, but a good machine (such as a  
lathe) well cared for, is not much the worse after twenty years.

As the Workshops have had the use of some machinery for some time, it becomes  
necessary to define a period from which the charge or tax is to be levied.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1878, No. 3,909 W.

THE scale of charges proposed by the District Engineer is approved.

2. It should not have *retrospective* effect, but will operate henceforward in  
respect of all machinery already on loan as from 1st October 1878.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.  
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.  
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17.4.82

No 490 D 8/15/4/82

To S.S. V

Will a 12 H.P. engine  
suit the Ea. Dug Buckingham  
Canal Division?

15.4.82  
S.S. V

Cy  
25.4.82

No 288.

Yes.

W. H. Munro

S. H. O. R. L.

off. Supr. Eng. 5 Circle  
Chepauk.

24 April 1882.

No 1047 Wa/28 April/82.

B Sanctioned as:

Proposed by the Genl  
Supt P.W. Stores.

Cy  
25.4.82  
Genl Supt P.W. S. with indt  
S.S. 5 Circle  
Encl. 10. 18/4/82

P. W. C. No 2327

Public Works Store Department.

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,

P. W. STORES, &C.,

MADRAS,

To

The Deputy Chief Eng<sup>r</sup>  
P. W. S.  
Chepauk

No. 42 S.

Dated

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Despd.

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April

1882.

Recd.

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No. of ENCLOSURES. One

No 1047 Wa/28-4-82

Requesting leave

for the issue of a 12 Horse Power  
portable steam engine with  
pump lately received from  
England, to the Executive  
Buckingham Canal.

With order  
Sd. in Receipt Regr.