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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 180.

READ—the following papers :—

Chief Engineer's Circular, dated 26th April 1882, No. 940 C.
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No. 181.

ORDER—dated 26th June 1882, No. 1608 W., Public Works.

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2. This suggestion is generally approved by Superintending Engineers, and the Government sanction its adoption. Code Rules on the subject will be modified accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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G.O., 26th June 1882, No. 1608 W.

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Nos. 180-181.

Completion Reports.

Submission of —. Sanctions for adoption certain suggestions relative to the —.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

23rd March 1882, No. 769 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 174. Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 17th March 1882, No. 1270.

I ENCLOSE for your information and such action as you may deem necessary, letter No. 559, dated 11th March 1882, from Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with completion report for the Taluk Cutcherry at Anantapur.

2. The last payment on account of this work was disbursed in September 1880, and the work reported completed in divisional statement of objectionable items for July 1881, and from that date the want of completion report has been brought to the notice of Government in the provincial statement of objectionable items, with reference to the Orders of Government in No. 243 W. The completion report was only submitted by the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, on 25th February 1882, with his No. 483. The want of countersignature of officers could not therefore have been noticed by this office prior to that date.

3. I presume the building is now standing. The Executive Engineer may therefore be asked to inspect it, and state whether the work done fairly represents the amount spent on it, and whether it has been carried out in accordance with sanctioned estimate and design. I also see no reason why the Collector may not be asked to state whether he is satisfied with the work and its agreement with the design as approved by his department.

4. The importance of submitting completion reports as soon as a work is completed should be impressed on all executive officers, and delays may lead to complications and possible evasions of rule like that under reference.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

From Major J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Bellary, 11th March 1882, No. 559.

IN reply to your letter, No. 741 S. E. III of 8th instant, I have the honor to state that neither the Collector (of Anantapur) nor the Executive Engineer was in the district at the time the work in question was executed, and I am not prepared to ask either of these officers to countersign a certificate for work executed two years ago, which they have never seen and about which they can know nothing.

2. The original certificate is dated seventeen months ago, and exception should have been taken at that time to the absence of countersignatures. It is now too late.

3. The certificate is returned herewith.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1882, No. 769 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, who will call upon the Executive Engineer for a report in the sense of paragraph 3 of the Examiner's note.

2. The Collector of Anantapur will be requested, in the Revenue Department, to furnish the Superintending Engineer with a certificate as to whether he is satified with the work and its agreement with design.

3. The importance of submitting completion reports as soon as a work is completed is fully recognized by the Government, and the Examiner will be requested to frame such addition to paragraph 1170 of the Code as may fully provide for this, the same to issue after approval as a standing order.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
„ Revenue Department.
„ other Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with one enclosure.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 23rd.

Issued

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Encl.

G.O., 23rd March 1882, No. 769 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 174-175.

Completion Report for the Taluk Cutcherry at Anantapur.—Orders on note by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts bringing to notice the want of a—.

From the Examiner Public Works Accounts to the Chief Engineer P. W. D. Office Note No. 51, dated 19th April 1882.

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With reference to para 3 of G. O. No 769 W. dated 23rd March 1882, I beg to point out that Code para 326 clearly prescribes the immediate submission of the completion report. In the second edition of the Code this para has been linked to the latter paras to complete the connection.

2. I take this opportunity of enquiring whether you desire that the completion report should be submitted immediately after the actual construction of a work has been completed, or after the Accounts of a work have been finally closed – i.e. whether liabilities remaining to be discharged and the value of materials at site remaining to be credited to the work should find separate and distinct places in the completion report, or whether that document should show only the final cost of the work, after all adjustments and liblities have been disposed of.

3. In my opinion it is desirable that the completion report should show the final cost of a work, both because the document then exhibits actual results, and also because where liabilities and the value of materials at site are permitted to be shown there is no direct check in this Office (the completion report having been transmitted to the Superintending Engineers) whether, or how, these items are ultimately adjusted. This has been proved in a recent case where the liabilities on a work were subsequently provided for in a separate estimate, and sanctioned as an actual work.

4. I see no reason why any delay should arise in ordinary case para 1702 (1) can be acted upon where contractors fail

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to appear for payment, and materials at site can be transferred to other works or stock, or sold - The time taken in effecting these adjustments depending mainly upon the prompt application from divisional Officers to Supg. Engineers for sanction and the grants of sanction by Superintending Engineers - vide paras 324 C. to 324 E. and 1702.

5. "In the special case of annual repair works, completion reports should be submitted as soon as possible after the close of the financial year (or the 30th June of the following year - vide code para 1075). and must necessarily show the amount of liabilities remaining to be discharged, and the value of materials at site, since these items are specially provided for in framing the estimate for the succeeding year - vide E. W. S. Circular No. 1575 dated 4th July 1881."

Public Works Departt.
No. 940 C. dated 26th April 1882.
Circular.

Copy of the foregoing note forwarded to Suptg. Engineers for opinion on the point raised by the Exr. P. W. accounts.

2. It appears to the Chief Engineer that as regards all the constructive features of works, the completion report should be framed at once on the works being finished, leaving if necessary, the submission of the report until, as suggested by the Examiner, the accounts are finally closed and all the adjustments made.

(By Order)

Thompson
Lieut Col. R.E.
Ag. Dy Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To
Supg. Engrs.
Cong. Archit. to Govt.
Exr. P. W. Accounts.

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No. 144 G. L.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
First Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

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Sir,

received 2d. Instant

With reference to your Circular × No. 940 C. dated 26th April 1882, I have the honor to state that I agree entirely with the opinion expressed in your para 2.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Offg. Supg. Engineer 1st Circle.

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From

The Supdg Engineer
1st Circle

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. D
Madras

Dated 10th }
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No 144 G.L.

Enclosure Nil

Completion Reports of Works — Expressing his opinion on the subject of the preparation & submission of the

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No. 7996

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE 2nd CIRCLE
STATION Masulipatam, 3rd June 1882

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FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
2nd Circle.

TO,

THE Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Circular No 940.C of the 26th April (received 31st May) I have the honor to state that in my opinion, the Completion Report should exhibit the final cost of a work, after the adjustments on account of surplus materials (if any) have been made.

2. Further, I think, reasonable time for these adjustments should be allowed; as to what the time should be, the Examiner is probably the best judge.

3. I do not think the non-submission of a Completion Report with the accounts

of the month in which the work is reported to have been Completed, should be held to be objectionable, and reported as such, if the Executive Engineer notes, that steps are being taken to adjust Cost of materials, or to adjust Surplus materials.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

J. W. Rundall
Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle

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P.W. Circ. 3717

From
The Superintdg Engr.
2nd Circle
To
The Chief Engr.
P.W.D. Madras.
Dated 3rd June 1882
Recd 7 June 1882
No 79 G.L.

Completion Certificates — Expresses opinion as to when — should be submitted.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
~~MADRAS~~,
Bellary ~~Chepauk~~, 30th May 1882.

From
Major J Pennycuick RE
~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
III ~~1st~~ CIRCLE,
Bellary

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To
THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D
Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Circular No. 940 C. of 26th Ultimo I have the honour to state that I agree with the Examiner that the Completion Certificate for a work should not be submitted until its accounts are finally closed

2 It is not in one case in a hundred that any delay ought to take place in settling the accounts when once a work is finished, and if any such delay does (improperly) take place, the fact of the nonsubmission of the completion certificate when the work was known to be completed draws attention to it.

3. The suggestion made in para 2 of your Circular should I think be adopted in all cases, but in the great majority, the completion of the work and the closing of the account should be, for practical purposes, simultaneous.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant

J Pennycuick Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
III Circle

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From

The Superintending Engineer,

III ~~1st~~ Circle,

Bellary

To

The Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

Madras

Dated 30th } May 1882.
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Completion Certificate

Agreeing with the Examiner that the — for a work should not be submitted until its accounts are finally closed.

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Coimbatore 15 June 1882.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Departt.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular No. 940 C of 26th April 1882 I have the honor to state that the course suggested in para 2 of the Circular, for submission of the Completion Report, may be followed. The Report should of course be signed by the Executive Engineer and the officer of the Department concerned, as soon as it has been framed so that it may be be an authority for a new officer that may take charge of the Division subsequently, to submit the Report at a future date without further inspection of the Work after all the adjustments have been made.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. servant

Lt: Col: R.E.
Supg: Engineer IV Circle

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From

The Supg Engineer
Fourth Circle.

Dated 16th
Recd 17th } June/82.

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Superintending Engineer's Office,
5th Circle, Madras,
Chepauk, 3rd June 1882.

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From
The Offg Superintending Engineer,
5th Circle,

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Circular No. 940 C dated 26th April 1882, I have the honor to report that I am of opinion that the Completion Report should be framed at once on the works being finished the Report to be Submitted when the Accounts are

are finally closed

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

W H Hunter Lt Col. R.E.
Off.g Sup.g Eng.r
5th Circle

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From

Offg.
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Deptt.
Madras.

Dated 3rd
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No. 379 T.J. Supg. Engrs. Office 6th Circle
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From,

Col. J. Beatty R.E.
Supg. Engineer 6th C.

To,

Col. R.H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Sir,

In reply to your Circular No. 940 of 26th April 1882, I have the honor to inform you that the course suggested therein seems to me all that is necessary.

2. As soon as possible after any large work is finished, the Officer under whom the work has been carried out should prepare and sign the first part of the certificate, stating whether the work has been built in all respects in accordance with the sanctioned design and Specification, and mention any

deviations that may have been found necessary and by whom they were sanctioned.

He will also in this part of the completion certificate explain the causes of any excess or saving on the sanctioned estimate and the reasons that prevent him showing at once the final cost of the work and closing the accounts. A copy of this portion of the Certificate may be at once sent to the Examiner for his information and for record in his Office.

3. It is very rarely possible to close the accounts of a large work immediately after it is completed, and it will therefore generally be found necessary to delay the submission of a complete report for some final payments or recoveries -

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obdt servt
Beatty - Col RE
Supg Engineer C.L.

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From

The Supd Engineer
6 circle.

To.

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No 379 T.J.
Dated 4 }
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P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
31st May 1882.

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From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Roads and Buildings branch

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Circular Memo No. 940 C dated the 26th April I have the honor to state that in my opinion a completion report should be submitted immediately after a building is finished. Such a report should be a description of the building, of the quality of the work, with the quantities of each item executed, without either rates or cost, and this report should be countersigned by the first Officer occupying the building merely as an accurate Statement so far as his knowledge will carry him. To testify to "suitability for "the purposes" for which a structure is intended is in my opinion not only useless but embarrassing to the testator.

The question of cost and differences of rates &c. is purely departmental and should be dealt with at a subsequent period when the accounts are finally in a condition to a close.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servt.

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Consg Archt. to Govt.

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ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

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From
The Consulting Architect
to Government,

To
The Chief Engineer, P. W. Department,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To

The Superintending Engineers
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