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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 90.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th October 1882, No. 116 W.:—

I have the honor to submit, for information and orders of Government, notes by the Deputy Examiner of his inspection of the Cuddapah Division Office.

2. *Paragraph 6.*—The outlay as recorded monthly should have been debited in proper share to the contribution. The adjustment should now be made.

3. *Paragraphs 8, 10, and 13.*—The Superintending Engineer's attention is required to these matters.

4. *Paragraph 14.*—Every endeavour should be made to settle these items as soon as possible.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of an inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Cuddapah Division, on the 28th September 1882.

1. Mr. H. S. Taylor (who was unavoidably absent in the district) is still the Executive Engineer of this division, and M. Govindarajulu Naidu, the Accountant.

2. The office was last inspected in March 1882.

3. The following imprests are held by subordinates:—

(1.) Mr. H. S. Lazarus, Overseer, 1st Grade, in charge of Madanapalle Sub-division, Rs. 100.

(2.) N. Appadoray Moodelly, Overseer, 3rd Grade, Jammalamadugu and Pulivendla Taluks, Rs. 200.

(3.) N. Coomarasawmy Anchary, Overseer, 2nd Grade in charge of Cuddapah and Proddatur Taluks, Rs. 100.

(4.) C. W. Chinnapa Pillay, Overseer, 3rd Grade, in charge of Pullampet Taluk, Rs. 100.

(5.) Mr. Monisse, Overseer, 3rd Grade, in charge of Badvel and Sidhout Taluks, Rs. 20.

(6.) Mr. L. Pereira, Supervisor, 2nd Grade in charge of eastern taluks, Rs. 20.

4. The imprest accounts are correctly filed in central office, after abstract; the cash-book is well kept by the Head Clerk, and duly audited daily by the Accountant; the Executive Engineer's initials and signature are nowhere wanting, and both this and the cash abstract, and indeed all other books that are kept are remarkably neat, as is also all the other ink work that came under inspection.

5. The cheque books were not seen owing to the Executive Engineer's absence from headquarters; the Accountant said that cheques are not crossed as required by paragraph 1231 A. of the Code, but that this will now be done.

6. In the deposit (contributions) schedules an item of Rs. 48-1-0 is outstanding, as a balance of Rs. 843 received from the Municipality for their half share of the estimate (Rs. 1,686) for completing the Jail and Municipal drains of Cuddapah. The outlay on the work has been Rs. 1,661-12-5, but no completion report has yet been submitted to the Audit Office.

The half share of outlay due by the contribution is Rs. 830-14-2, so that deposits has been short debited by at least Rs. 35-15-2, and the available balance of contribution should be Rs. 12-1-10 instead of Rs. 48-1-0.

This adjustment ought to be effected before the completion report is sent in.

7. The register of buildings in charge of the Executive Engineer is stated to be complete.

8. All outstandings in the Miscellaneous Advances Account, noticed in last report, have been disposed of with the exception of Rs. 22-2-0; Rs. 1-4-0 of this will be adjusted in October's accounts, and no particulars being traceable regarding the balance (Rs. 20-14-0*) sanction of the Superintending Engineer has been applied for to charge it finally off.

* Rs.	A.	P.
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20	14	0
20	14	0

9. The very late return of audit notes to the Examiner's office was excused by an alleged necessity for referring certain matters occasionally to sub-divisional officers for explanation, but this should not delay the return of the audit note, and it will be, as was pointed out, quite sufficient to say, when returning that document, what reference has been made and for what explanation.

10. Some items remaining due to contractors, one or two dating so far back as March 1880, though small, should be settled. In the absence of the Executive Engineer it was not understood why so much delay has occurred, and there may possibly be good grounds for non-payment.

11. The Assistant Accountant seemed a capable man, understanding his work and able temporarily to take up superior duties should the necessity arise.

12. Service books are said to be kept for all people entitled to them.

13. In the register of tools and plant, under 'Scientific Instruments, &c.,' there seemed to be a very big list of certain articles, for instance there were—

- 26 Prismatic compasses.
- 19 Levelling instruments.
- 30 Mathematical instrument boxes.
- 79 Rules of sorts and sizes (chiefly parallel).
- 26 Rain gauges.
- 55 Scales.
- 56 Measuring tapes.
- 49 Colour boxes.

The Executive Engineer being away his views as to the oversufficiency of some of these could not be got; probably a good many of the above are not wanted now in the present size of the division. It is as well to keep the stock of such things down to a bare sufficiency.

14. There are items of unpaid salary, standing unpaid since August 1881, aggregating Rs. 505-7-5. This is in respect of salary in lieu of notice due to certain persons reduced during the reorganization of 1879-80, who cannot be found. It is said action is being taken to trace the individuals by advertising in the Gazette and by correspondence with other Divisional offices when they are known.

No. 91.

ORDER—dated 16th October 1882, No. 2690 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, who will direct the attention of the Executive Engineer to the remarks and suggestions of the Inspecting Officer and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL.
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Govt. of (1882) Madras.
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G.O., 16th Oct. 1882, No. 2690 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 90-91.

Divisional Office, Cuddapah.

Notes of Inspection of the — by the
Examiner of Public Works Accounts, com-
municated to the Superintending Engineer,
Third Circle, with remarks.

FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS.

MALPAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 116 W.

MADRAS, 10th OCTOBER 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR INFORMATION AND
ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT NOTES BY THE DEPUTY EXAMINER OF HIS
INSPECTION OF THE CUDDAPAH DIVISION OFFICE.

PARA 6. THE OUTLAY AS RECORDED MONTHLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN
DEBITED IN PROPER SHARE TO THE CONTRIBUTION. THE ADJUST-
MENT SHOULD NOW BE MADE.

PARAS 8, 10, & 13. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S ATTENTION
IS REQUIRED TO THESE MATTERS.

PARA 14. EVERY ENDEAVOUR SHOULD BE MADE TO SETTLE THESE
ITEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEYIENT SERVANT,

F. P. C. C. C.
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NOTES OF AN INSPECTION BY MR. H. EXINIER, DEPUTY
EXAMINER P. T. ACCOUNTS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER CUDLAPAH DIVISION, ON THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 1882.

1. MR. H. S. TAYLOR (WHO WAS UNAVOIDABLY ABSENT IN THE
DISTRICT) IS STILL THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF THIS DIVISION,
AND M. GOVINDARAJULU NAIDU, THE ACCOUNTANT.

2. THE OFFICE WAS LAST INSPECTED IN MARCH 1882.

3. THE FOLLOWING IMPRESTS ARE HELD BY SUBORDINATES:-

- (1) MR. H. S. LATAPUS OVERSEER 1ST. GRADE, IN CHARGE
OF MACHANPALLY SUB-DIVISION, RS. 100.
- (2) N. APPALARAY MOODELLY, OVERSEER 3RD. GRADE, JAMMAL-
MADUGU AND PULIVANELA TALUQS, RS. 200.
- (3) N. COOMARASAWMY ANCHAREY, OVERSEER 2ND. GRADE IN
CHARGE OF CUDLAPAH AND PROBATORU TALUQS, RS. 100.
- (4) C. V. CHINNAPA PILLAY, OVERSEER 3RD. GRADE, IN
CHARGE OF PULLUMPETI TALUQ, RS. 100.
- (5) MR. MONISSE, OVERSEER 3RD. GRADE, IN CHARGE OF
MUDWAIL AND SIDHOUT TALUQS, RS. 20.
- (6) MR. L. PERSIA, SUPERVISOR 2ND. GRADE IN CHARGE
OF EASTERN TALUQS, RS. 20.

4. THE IMPREST ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECTLY FILED IN CENTRAL
OFFICE, AFTER ABSTRACT; THE CASH BOOK IS WELL KEPT BY THE
HEAD CLERK, AND DULY AUDITED DAILY BY THE ACCOUNTANT; THE
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S INITIALS AND SIGNATURE ARE NOWHERE
wanting, AND BOTH THIS AND THE CASH ABSTRACT, AND INDEED ALL
OTHER BOOKS THAT ARE KEPT ARE REMARKABLY NEAT, AS IS ALSO
ALL THE OTHER INK WORK THAT CAME UNDER INSPECTION.

5. THE CHEQUE BOOKS WERE NOT SEEN OWING TO THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER'S ABSENCE FROM HEAD QUARTERS; THE ACCOUNTANT SAID
THAT CHEQUES ARE NOT CROSSED AS REQUIRED BY PARA 1231 A. OF

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THE CODE, BUT THAT THIS WILL NOW BE DONE.

6. IN THE DEPOSIT (CONTRIBUTIONS) SCHEDULES AN ITEM OF RS.48-1-0 IS OUTSTANDING AS A BALANCE OF RS.843 RECEIVED FROM THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE ESTIMATE (RS.1,686) FOR COMPLETING THE JAIL AND MUNICIPAL DRAINS OF CUDDAPAH. THE OUTLAY ON THE WORK HAS BEEN RS.1,661-12-5 BUT NO COMPLETION REPORT HAS YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE AUDIT OFFICE.

THE HALF SHARE OF OUTLAY LOST BY THE CONTRIBUTION IS RS.830-14-2 SO THAT DEPOSITS HAS BEEN SHORT LIMITED BY AT LEAST RS.35-15-2 AND THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE RS.12-1-10 INSTEAD OF RS.48-1-0.

THIS ADJUSTMENT OUGHT TO BE EFFECTED BEFORE THE COMPLETION REPORT IS SENT IN.

7. THE REGISTER OF BUILDINGS IN CHARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IS STATED TO BE COMPLETE.

8. ALL OUTSTANDINGS IN THE MISCELLANEOUS ADVANCES ACCOUNT, NOTICED IN LAST REPORT HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RS.22-2-0; RS.1-4-0 OF THIS WILL BE ADJUSTED IN OCTOBER'S ACCOUNTS, AND NO PARTICULARS BEING TRACEABLE REGARDING THE BALANCE (RS.20-14-0), SANCTION OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR TO CHARGE IT FINALLY OFF.

9. THE VERY LATE RETURN OF AUDIT NOTES TO THE EXAMINER'S

OFFICE

OFFICE WAS EXCUSED BY AN ALLEGED NECESSITY FOR REFERRING CERTAIN MATTERS OCCASIONALLY TO SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICERS FOR EXPLANATION, BUT THIS SHOULD NOT DELAY THE RETURN OF THE AUDIT NOTE AND IT WILL BE AS WAS POINTED OUT QUITE SUFFICIENT TO SAY WHEN RETURNING THAT DOCUMENT, WHAT REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE AND FOR THAT EXPLANATION.

10. SOME ITEMS REMAINING DUE TO CONTRACTORS, ONE OR TWO DATING SO FAR BACK AS MARCH 1880, THOUGH SMALL, SHOULD BE SETTLED. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IT WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY SO MUCH DELAY HAS OCCURRED, AND THERE MAY POSSIBLY BE GOOD GROUNDS FOR NON-PAYMENT.

11. THE ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT SEEMED A CAPABLE MAN, UNDERSTANDING HIS WORK, AND TEMPORARILY TO TAKE UP SUPERIOR DUTIES SHOULD THE NECESSITY ARISE.

12. SERVICE BOOKS ARE SAID TO BE KEPT FOR ALL PEOPLE ENTITLED TO THEM.

13. IN THE REGISTER OF TOOLS AND PLANT, UNDER 'SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ETC.', THERE SEEMED TO BE A VERY BIG LIST OF CERTAIN ARTICLES, FOR INSTANCE THERE WERE

- 26 PRISMATIC COMPASSES,
- 10 LEVELLING INSTRUMENTS
- 30 MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENT BOXES
- 79 RULES OF SORTS/SIZES (CHIEFLY PARALLEL)
- 26 RAIN GAUGES
- 55 SCALES,
- 56 MEASURING TAPES,
- 49 COLOUR BOXES.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BEING AWAY, HIS VIEWS AS TO THE

OVERSUFFICIENCY

OVERSUFFICIENCY OF SOME OF THESE COULD NOT BE GOT; PROBABLY A GOOD MANY OF THE ABOVE ARE NOT WANTED NOW IN THE PRESENT SIZE OF THE DIVISION. IT IS AS WELL TO KEEP THE STOCK OF SUCH THINGS DOWN TO A BARE SUFFICIENCY.

14. THERE ARE ITEMS OF UNPAID SALARY, STANDING UNPAID SINCE AUGUST 1881, AGGREGATING RS. 505-7-5. THIS IS IN RESPECT OF SALARY IN LIEU OF NOTICE, DUE TO CERTAIN PERSONS REDUCED DURING THE REORGANIZATION OF 1879-80, WHO CANNOT BE FOUND. IT IS SAID ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO TRACE THE INDIVIDUALS, BY ADVERTISING IN THE GAZETTE AND BY CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER DIVISIONAL OFFICES WHEN THEY ARE KNOWN.

H. Rainier

DEPUTY EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 116 W.

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ENCLOSURE I.

NOTES OF INSPECTION OF THE
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