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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 142.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th October 1882, No. 123 W :—

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

Paragraph 11.—This matter is at present under correspondence, as the Superintending Engineer is of opinion that the materials should not be brought on to the stock accounts.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTES of an Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division, on the 12th October 1882.

1. Major Drake-Brockman, R.E., is the Executive Engineer in charge of this division. In his present absence on leave Mr. Ottmann, Sub-Engineer, First Grade, is acting for him. Mr. Ottmann could not be advised of the intended inspection in time and was away in the division.

C. Bhoojunga Row, the Accountant, was present.

2. The office was last inspected on the 19th April 1882.

3. Of the points specially noticed in paragraph 4 of the last report on this office—

(1).—The cash-book totals brought and carried forward are every six days or so initialled by the officer in charge.

(2) and (3).—The cheque books not being at head-quarters they could not be examined, but the Accountant reports that they are now regularly numbered, initialled and entered, as instructed.

(4).—Attended to.

4. The arrangements for supply and disbursement of money are the same as at the time of last report, except that the imprest under the northern sub-divisional officer is abolished and there is now only one imprest in the southern sub-division of Rs. 400.

5. The cash collections of the canal are allowed to accumulate up to about Rs. 100 and are then paid into the treasury. The Accountant does cashier's work and keeps the cash-book, which is in very good order, as are also the cash abstract, registers of works, and other books, and accounts.

6. The Accountant has assistance from a clerk on Rs. 27, who does only arithmetical check and copying. This assistance is quite sufficient however whilst the Central Office of account is so very near at hand.

7. Some income is derived from trees, grass, &c., on the canal, it seems, but there is no register of such. This should be started and carefully kept.
There is a register of buildings.

8. It is not known by the Accountant when materials at site were last verified.

9. The serial number for boat passes (or toll tickets), recommended in the last report, is, it is said, going to be introduced when next such passes are printed. Besides the consecutive number of the ticket printed in the top left corner, there should perhaps be a place for writing a consecutive number also, so that in case of cancelled tickets the numbers so cancelled can at once be detected, just as in the case of cheques.

10. Nothing is noticeable in the suspense accounts.

11. Certain materials at site of completed works were, under G.O., No. 2682 W., of 23rd November 1880, partly sold, and the remainder were to be held available for general use. The sale resulted in a considerable loss, which was duly distributed over the works concerned. The transfer of the remainder, at reduced rates, also resulted in loss, which was also duly debited to works.

The materials transferred (which as above were ordered to be held available for general use) were debited to stock, and hence a stock balance of Rs. 4,845-15-0 in June last. In July last some gravel which had been charged off to works was found not to have been used, and transferred to stock valued at Rs. 110-14-0. The stock balance on the 31st August is made up of these two items, aggregating Rs. 4,956-13-0, and consisting of—

Building materials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	RS.	A.	P.
Timber	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,617	1	0
House fittings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156	12	0
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,672	0	0
								511	0	0
								4,956	13	0

12. The list of tools and plant in the division is a rather long one. The Executive Engineer being away, however, the matter could not be discussed with him.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Office of the Buckingham
Canal Division.

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Public Works Accounts, communicated to
the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO 123 W

MADRAS, 16th 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 OFFICE OF THE BUCKINGHAM CANAL DIVISION.

PARA II. THIS MATTER IS AT PRESENT UNDER CORRESPONDENCE
AS THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER IS OF OPINION THAT THE
MATERIALS SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT ON TO THE STOCK ACCOUNTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEYIENT SERVANT.

O. L. Kanungo

EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS

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NOTES OF AN INSPECTION BY MR. H. KATHLER DEPUTY
EXAMINER P. & ACCOUNTS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER BUCKINGHAM CANAL DIVISION, ON THE 12TH OCTOBER
1882.

1. MAJOR DRAKE-BROCKMANN R. E. IS THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IN CHARGE OF THIS DIVISION. IN HIS PRESENT ABSENCE ON
LEAVE, MR. OTTMANN SUB-ENGINEER 1ST. GRADE, IS ACTING FOR HIM.
MR. OTTMANN COULD NOT BE ADVISED OF THE INTENDED INSPECTION
IN TIME AND WAS AWAY IN THE DIVISION.

C. BHOOJUNGA ROW, THE ACCOUNTANT WAS PRESENT.

2. THE OFFICE WAS LAST INSPECTED ON THE 19TH APRIL
1882.

3. OF THE POINTS SPECIALLY NOTICED IN THE LAST REPORT
ON THIS OFFICE 1. (1) THE CASH BOOK TOTALS BROUGHT AND
CARRIED FORWARD ARE EVERY SIX DAYS OR SO INITIALLED BY THE
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

4. (2) AND (3) . THE CHEQUE BOOKS NOT BEING AT HEAD QUARTERS
NOT
THEY COULD BE EXAMINED, BUT THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTS THAT
THEY ARE NOW REGULARLY NUMBERED INITIALLED AND ENTERED, AS
INSTRUCTED.

5. (4) ATTENDED TO.

4. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPLY AND DISBURSEMENT OF
MONEY ARE THE SAME AS AT THE TIME OF LAST REPORT, EXCEPT
THAT THE IMPREST UNDER THE NORTHERN SUB DIVISIONAL OFFICER
IS ABOLISHED AND THERE IS NOW ONLY ONE IMPREST IN THE
SOUTHERN SUB DIVISION OF RS. 400.

5. THE CASH COLLECTIONS OF THE CANAL ARE ALLOTTED TO ACCUMULATE UP TO ABOUT RS. 100 AND ARE THEN PAID INTO THE TREASURY. THE ACCOUNTANT DOES CASHIERS WORK AND KEEPS THE CASH BOOK, WHICH IS IN VERY GOOD ORDER, AS ARE ALSO THE *Cash* ABSTRACT, REGISTERS OF WORKS, AND OTHER BOOKS, AND ACCOUNTS.

6. THE ACCOUNTANT HAS ASSISTANCE FROM A CLERK ON RS. 27 WHO DOES ONLY ARITHMETICAL CHECK, AND COPYING. THIS ASSISTANCE IS QUITE SUFFICIENT HOWEVER WHILST THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF ACCOUNT IS SO VERY NEAR AT HAND.

7. SOME INCOME IS DERIVED FROM TREES, GRASS, ETC. ON THE CANAL, IT SEEMS, BUT THERE IS NO REGISTER OF SUCH. THIS SHOULD BE STARTED AND CAREFULLY KEPT.

THERE IS A REGISTER OF BUILDINGS.

8. IT IS NOT KNOWN BY THE ACCOUNTANT WHEN MATERIALS AT SITE WERE LAST VERIFIED.

9. THE SERIAL NO. FOR BOAT PASSES (OR TOLL TICKETS) RECOMMENDED IN THE LAST REPORT, IS IT IS SAID GOING TO BE INTRODUCED WHEN NEXT SUCH PASSES ARE PRINTED. BESIDES THE CONSECUTIVE NO. OF THE TICKET PRINTED IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER, THERE SHOULD PERHAPS BE A PLACE FOR WRITING A CONSECUTIVE NUMBER ALSO, SO THAT IN CASE OF CANCELLED TICKETS, THE NUMBERS SO CANCELLED CAN AT ONCE BE DETECTED JUST AS IN THE CASE OF CHEQUES.

10. NOTHING IS NOTICEABLE IN THE SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.

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II. CERTAIN MATERIALS AT SITE OF COMPLETED WORKS WERE UNDER G.O. NO. 2682 W. OF 23RD. NOVEMBER 1880, PARTLY SOLD, AND THE REMAINDER WERE TO BE HELD AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE. THE SALE RESULTED IN A CONSIDERABLE LOSS, WHICH WAS DULY DISTRIBUTED OVER THE WORKS CONCERNED. THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINDER, AT REDUCED RATES, ALSO RESULTED IN LOSS, WHICH WAS ALSO DULY DEBITED TO WORKS.

THE MATERIALS TRANSFERRED, (WHICH AS ABOVE, WERE ORDERED TO BE HELD AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE) WERE DEBITED TO STOCK, AND HENCE A STOCK BALANCE OF RS. 4,845-15-0 IN JUNE LAST. IN JULY LAST SOME GRAVEL WHICH HAD BEEN CHARGED OFF TO WORKS WAS FOUND ^{not} ~~OUT~~ TO HAVE BEEN USED, AND TRANSFERRED TO STOCK VALUED AT RS. 110-14-0. THE STOCK BALANCE ON THE 31ST. AUGUST IS MADE UP OF THESE TWO ITEMS AGGREGATING RS. 4,956-13-0, AND CONSISTING OF :-

BUILDING MATERIALS..	RS. 2,617- 1-0.
TIMBER.....	RS. 156-12-0.
HOUSE FITTINGS.....	RS. 1,672- 0-0.
MISCELLANEOUS.....	RS. 511- 0-0.

RS. 4,956-13-0.

12. THE LIST OF TOOLS AND PLANT IN THE DIVISION IS A RATHER LONG ONE. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BEING AWAY HOWEVER THE MATTER COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM.

A. 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.

Communicated
to the Supt. Engineer
Fifth Circle, for the
information & guidance
of the En. Engineer Buck-
ingham Canal Division.

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