

Public Works Store Department.

From

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P. W. STORES, &C.,

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To

The Under Secy. to Govt.

P. W. D.

Chapman

No. 1613 S.

Dated 18

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December 1882

No. of ENCLOSURE 1

Returns the Statement of Payments made in England on account of Madras Irrigation and Navigation Service during October 1882, not adjustable in the Accounts of P. W. Stores Department.

[For general distribution.]

Circular No. 17 Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Fort William, December 5, 1882.

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By Order,

G. H. D. WALKER,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 1241, dated 4th October 1881.

From—Major A. M. Brandreth, R. E., Principal, Thomason College, Roorkee,

To—Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

I have the honor to acknowledge your No. 353I, dated 29th August, forwarding for publication in Roorkee Professional Papers, report by Mr. Culcheth on evaporation, rainfall and irrigation in Ajmere and Merwara. The report itself was however only received September 19th.

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No. 3366 Waj 20.12.82

W. H. Orderly
Sd/- in Receipt Regd

It would however, I suggest, be more satisfactory if all Engineering reports could be printed here, as articles in the Professional Papers, and thus circulated widely. There would be no difficulty in printing them foolscap size if that were advisable for incorporation in the Government Records. The Roorkee Professional Paper might start a third series in this form and of this nature, as indeed, I much fear, they are dead or dying in their old form of original articles written for the Papers. These are occasionally received and would of course still be thankfully so, but the other plan of utilising all the Engineering information that is printed for the information of the whole Department at a nominal cost seems to be well worth consideration.

No. 415 I, dated 24th October 1881.

From—Major G. F. L. Marshall, R. E., Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India,
P. W. Dept.,

To—The Principal, Thomason College, Roorkee.

In returning the Abstract of Mr. Culcheth's report on evaporation, rainfall and irrigation in Ajmere and Merwara, forwarded with your No. 1241 of the 4th instant, I am directed to state that your proposal regarding the printing of Engineering reports in the first instance, as articles in the Roorkee Professional Papers in form and type suitable for incorporation in the Government Records hereafter, commends itself to the Government of India, and will be adopted in future.

No. 975 C E, dated 4th August 1882.

From—Major-Genl. F. W. Peile, R. E., Secy. to the Govt. of the N. W. P.
and Oudh, P. W. Dept.,

To—Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

With reference to your letter No. 415 I of 24th October 1881, to the Principal, Thomason College, I am directed to forward for any action that may be thought necessary by the Government of India, copy of a letter No. 763 of the 10th July 1882, from the Principal, Thomason College, Roorkee, regarding the printing of reports and proceedings of the Public Works Department, North Western Provinces and Oudh, in the Thomason College Press, together with copy of the rules issued by this Government on the subject.

No. 763, dated 10th July 1882.

From—Major A. M. Brandreth, R. E., Principal, Thomason College, Roorkee,

To—Secy. to the Govt. of the N. W. P. and Oudh, P. W. Dept.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 3530 E of June 29th, regarding publishing Engineering reports, &c., in the Roorkee Professional Papers. The arrangements made do all that is required for the North Western Provinces, but I hope that the same are being made for all India, as I was led to expect in Government of India No. 415 I of 24th October 1881, copy of which was forwarded to you with my No. 1381, November 2nd, 1881. The Professional Papers are circulated to every Executive Engineer in the Bengal Presidency and to all Superintending Engineers and higher officials of the Bombay and Madras Public Works, and it is a pity to confine the information circulated to the works of one Province. I therefore hope that the Government of India may be moved to procure the issue of similar orders in Bengal and the Punjab to those in your letter under reply.

Nos. 3497—529 E, dated 29th June 1882.

From—Colonel F. W. Peile, R. E., Secy. to the Govt. of the N. W. P. and
Oudh, P. W. Dept.,

To—The Superintending and Divisional Engineers, Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches, and Superintendent of Works, Betwa Canal.

A request has been preferred by the Principal, Thomason College, to permit all printing of reports and proceedings of the Public Works Department of these Provinces to be executed at the College Press, in order that he may make use of the matter for publication in the Professional Papers, without having again to set up the type. He represents that a benefit would be conferred on the College, and at the same time some saving of expense be effected to the State by this arrangement.

2. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to consent generally to the arrangement in so far as it applies to purely professional matters. The bulk of the proceedings in the Secretariat Branch of the Public Works Department will continue to be printed as heretofore in the Government Press. Some selected papers, as described in rule, paragraph 5, may be printed at the Thomason College Press.

3. The attention of Superintending Engineers is invited to Code VI-iv-36. They will understand the object is to have such matter put in type in the first instance at the Thomason College Press.

4. In sending matter to the Press to be printed, Superintending Engineers will in each case inform the Principal of the College whether he is at liberty to use such matter for publication in the Professional Papers or no.

5. Superintending Engineers should not thus authorize the publication of matter still under consideration by the authority competent to approve it. It is not considered desirable to invite discussion on matter which has not been thus far disposed of; thus preliminary reports, proposals or projects should not be offered for publication.

On the other hand, it is desirable to publish such records as completion reports of important works, periodical or other reports on operations, recording the results of actual experience and projects approved by competent authority, for important work or works to which interest may attach from any inherent peculiarity; and if any of these are likely subsequently to form a part of the published proceedings, the Press might put them in a suitable form and print off a sufficient number of extra copies for insertion in the Proceedings when they come to be published.

6. Executive Engineers are not at liberty to print any matter without permission of Superintending Engineers.

No. 3530 E.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing be forwarded to the Principal, Thomason Civil Engineering College, for information, in continuation of this Office No. C-478-E, dated 13th instant.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

Circular No. 17 Public Works.

Dated December 5, 1882.

Received

*Order thereon No 3363 W
12/10/82*

*Communicated
to the Officers of the P.W.
Dept for information*

*2. The Government
have no objection to Pro-
fessional Reports on com-
pleted works and other in-
terest being printed at
the Roorkee Press, but the
prior sanction of Govern-
ment should be obtained
in each case.*

(True Extract)

*(Sd) C.E. Rawson Capt R.E.
Agd. under Secy to Govt
P.W. Dept*

*To
Suptg Engineers*

*The Commg Archt to Govt
" General Suptg, P.W. Works
" Insam, P.W. Works
" Public Department
(Chief Secretary for Commr
in Charge)*

Regarding the printing of reports and publica-
tions of professional interest at the Thomason
College Press.

No. 469, P. W. D. Press—7-12-82—1,320.

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