



Docket letter to Government

N^o 127 B

Dated 8th December 1882

From

The Exec. Engineer

late on special duty

Vizagapatam, Rajpur, Rangoon

To The Secretary

to Govt P.W.D.

Madras

Endorsement N^o 1064 x dated
16 December 1882.

Forwarded to the Secretary
to Government P.W. Department
for favor of orders.

The reasons of retrenchment
are given in the travelling
allowance Bill, disallowance
list N^o 204 of 1882-83, an extract
from which is enclosed.

D. C. Gordon

Examiner P.W. accounts

N^o 3389 Waf 21. 12. 82

Subject

Requesting to authorize

the Examiner P.W. Accounts

to pass certain items objected

to in the Travelling Allowance

bill for April 1882

With order

Subd. in Receipt Recd.

23RD OCTOBER 1882, No. 2745 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 134.

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. 124 W. :—

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

Paragraph 7.—This will be dealt with when the divisional accounts are received in which the transaction is recorded.

Paragraph 9.—The Executive Engineer in reply to inquiry from this office states the matter is under reference. Orders of Superintending Engineer should be obtained if there is any difficulty in recovering the rent.

Paragraph 10.—The suggestion may be adopted.

Paragraph 11.—This is the subject of a special reference to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, and will, I hope, be settled soon. Meanwhile monthly instalments commencing from pay for September will be made by the Executive Engineer.

Paragraph 12.—It is not clear why these contributions were accepted, nor why the Telegraph Department should not carry out the work. The items have been challenged in our audit.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTES of an Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, on the 13th October 1882.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E., is the Executive Engineer, P. Therugnana Mudaliar is the Accountant.

2. The office was last inspected on the 24th April 1882.

3. Lieutenant Falvey, in charge at Bangalore, has a drawing account there. The only imprests are—

(1.) Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor	...	...	Rs. 1,000
(2.) Superintendent, Gun Powder Factory	...	...	250

(This is virtually two imprests of Rs. 200 and Rs. 50. The first is for the work 'improvements to Gun Powder Factory,' the second for 'minor repairs to factory buildings.' The first was last recouped on the 24th April 1882 for outlay extending over six months amounting to Rs. 167-2-0, the second was last recouped on the 23rd August 1882, for three months outlay Rs. 39-13-0.)

4. When recouping an imprest account it would be convenient if the date and manner of recoupment were noted on it.

5. Only about Rs. 50 are generally kept in the office: there is a cash-safe which is in the custody of the Cashier during working hours, the key being afterwards delivered over for safe custody to the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Plummer.

6. The Cashier keeps the cash-book, which is daily audited by the Accountant and afterwards examined by Mr. Plummer. This book is exceedingly well kept and the cash abstract book is in order.

7. From the works account of 'improvements to Gun Powder Factory,' it appears that under G.O., No. 1648 W. of 30th June 1882, certain materials at site, valued at Rs. 1,529-10-0, were sold by auction, and realised only Rs. 575. The register of works suspense sub-head 'materials at site' has only been credited with this amount, and nothing further done.

But inasmuch as the materials at site have been diminished through the above sale, by materials which stood at Rs. 1,529-10-0, that amount should be credited; the loss (Rs. 954-10-0) involved by the sale being charged off finally to sub-heads of the work upon which it may be supposed the materials might have been used.

There will still be a balance of materials at site of Rs. 437-5-3 which, however, it is intended to use on other works. The materials at site account of the above work can therefore now be cleared.

8. The stock balance at the end of August was Rs. 5,739-14-1:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Small stores	...	...	...
Building materials	...	...	...
Metals	...	...	...
Fuel	...	...	...
Land, kilns, &c.	...	...	...
	175	14	8
	2,864	3	7
	247	2	7
	2,271	11	10
	180	13	5

The sanctioned limit for stock in this division is Rs. 10,000, but the Government Order fixing it (G.O., 1267 W. of 19th May 1882,) did not provide for small stores or metals.

With reference to G.O., No. 3018 W., of 5th December 1881, the Executive Engineer considers the present balance of building materials and fuel likely to be maintained. That of land, kilns, &c., has been since worked off.

9. The register of rentable buildings is not yet quite ready, but active steps are being taken about it. There is an item of Rs. 6-7-3 due from Surgeon-Major Kilroy, which there seems some trouble in collecting, but the matter is being attended to.

10. With reference to paragraph 16 of last report, the sum of Rs. 1,000 outstanding then in the deposits account has now been settled. The amount having been paid under the direction of the Government Solicitor. The other amount, Rs. 1,471-15-10, alluded to in the above paragraph, has also been the subject of reference to the Law officers; the Government Solicitor being of opinion that the matter is for the present unadjustable, the amount might be perhaps taken out of the stock purchases and sales account and credited as revenue till it is adjustable, but the Executive Engineer expects that it will be payable in about a year.

11. There is in the miscellaneous advance account a sum of Rs. 327-12-2 recoverable from Sergeant Green; there is much correspondence on the subject, Sergeant Green making it his contention that his own claims, for travelling allowance, &c., have long been unsettled, and that his circumstances are such that even by several instalments his payment of the above amount will be very hard, unless his own claims are paid.

12. In the account deposits (contributions) there are three contributions from the Government Telegraph Department for various work in certain offices of that department. Surely the more correct way would be for the work to be carried out in this department under regularly sanctioned estimates, the amount of cost being debited to the Telegraph Department in transfer.

13. The office is in excellent order and the Accountant well assisted.

No. 13.

ORDER—dated 23rd October 1882, No. 2745 W., Public Works.

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

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the subject of the last paragraph of the Examiner's remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd Oct. 1882, No. 2745 W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 134-135.

**Office of the Executive Engineer,
Presidency Division.**

Notes of Inspection of the — by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

acceptance was irregular, but
in order that the Examiner
may audit the expenditure, I
beg that the sum of Rs. 209
may be considered as placed to
credit of the P. W. Department
2. There was no reason

2. There was no reason why the P. W. Department, should not carry out the works; as shown by the Sanction given by the Government to the allotment of Rs. 26 mentioned above.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Hewshendy 20th Feb. R.E.
Superintd Engr
F. J. Cole.

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.
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Fifth Circle.

Rs. 166-5-9 having already been
incurred against the contribution
of Rs. 182 should now be written
back to Imperial Other Services
Repairs Civil Buildings.

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14/12

No. 3388 was 21/12/82
B The foregoing note from
the Bar Pura will be
communicated to the S.E.
Fifth Circle for informa-
tion & guidance -

2. The sum of Rs 209
is allotted to the Press
Division from the revenue
with Govt under Telegraph
Repairs -

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18/12/82

OK 24/12

S.S. Fifth Circle
Govt Pura

208/1

22-12-82
Encl. in Receipt

R. 11/15/12. 12. 12.
No 1465 D of 11 Dec/82

loc.

Forwards

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9.12.82

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R. 11/15/12. 12. 12.
To W.

The amounts received from the Telegraph Department on account of Repairs etc. to the Telegraph Office viz (Rs. 26, Rs. 182 and Rs. 27) = Rs. 235 should be returned to that Department - Rs. 26 having already been allotted to the Presidency Division, on account of the above Repairs, the difference Rs. 209 only should now be similarly allotted.

2. Sanction to Estimates for these Works has not yet appeared in the Return of Sanctioned Estimates for the Presidency Division, and has been noticed in the Divisional Objectionable Item Statements.

3. Outlay to the extent of

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept

Dated

7th December 1882.

Recd.

ENCLOSURES.

No 3388 W of 21. 12. 82

No. 3174.

Contribution from the
Telegraph Department.

Reports regarding
the receipt of amounts
of

sent to

No. 3174.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
J. P. W.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to para 2 of G.O. N. 2745 W of the 23rd October 1882, I have the honor to report that the amount of contribution from the Telegraph Department, Rs. 26, was placed to credit of the P.W. Dept. in G.O. N. 1764 W of the 12th July 1882 - Two other contributions of Rs. 182 and Rs. 209 were accepted by the Executive Engineer for sanctioned estimates. The acceptance

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 7th December 1882.

Initials of
Attender.

2. There was no reason why the P. W. Department, should not carry out the works; as shown by the sanction given by the Government to the allotment of Rs. 24 mentioned above.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Lewis Alexander Esq Col. R.E.
Superintd Engrs
Spirale.