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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1882, No. 438 W.

General-
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 66. From Major A. FILGATE, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 2nd February 1882, No. 79 A.—G.

Two statements prepared by the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, Madras, and the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works for European Stores procured through the Secretary of State and from the local market during 1880-81.

* Forwarded with Public Works Department Nos. 7, 30 A.G., dated 8th January 1881.

be observed that the Government of India desires to be furnished with the following review and returns for the whole of the Madras Presidency, and the statements under acknowledgment will not therefore serve the purposes for which they are required:—

I.—An annual review of the expenditure of stores as prescribed in the Department of Finance Resolution No. 1267, dated 21st July 1871, accompanied by the following appendices:—

- (a) A statement for the year 1880-81 of receipts and issues in Form B.
- (b) A statement in Form C abbreviated from Form B of the receipts and issues in each of the five years, 1875-76 to 1880-81.
- (c) A statement of the balances at the end of each of the above-mentioned five years.

II.—A statement in the form prescribed in paragraph 6 of the Financial Department Resolution No. 3574, dated 3rd November 1880, with estimates of the financial results of the local purchase of European stores.

3. In all cases in which actual figures cannot be given without undue labor, approximate figures obtained on the last data available should be inserted in the returns, a note being made that approximate figures have been given.

No. 145.

No. 66-A. Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

THE records of my office do not give the details required for the report and statements in question. For instance paragraph 9 of Financial Department Resolution No. 1267, dated 21st July 1871, requires that the review should show the amount and the increase or decrease of expenditure of each of the several classes of stores; the causes of increase, &c.; the cost compared with that of previous year; instances in which the price has exceeded former prices; instances of delay in supplying stores

causing inconvenience; cases in which the cost of any article has been higher than it would have been if procured in any other way; additional expenditure caused by the introduction of new kinds of stores, and suggestions of any possible measures of economy. Now, the statements of payments made in England furnished to this office give but a very brief and imperfect description of the class and quantity of articles supplied, and the invoices which give fuller particulars are not retained here. But even with these particulars, it is clear that this office cannot say why more articles of a certain description were required in one year than in another; what inconvenience was experienced by delays; whether an article could have been procured cheaper in some other way, &c.; these are points which only the officer who indents for and receives the articles, and deals with them, can make any satisfactory report about. Moreover, the various headings prescribed in Forms B and C attached to the Resolution above quoted can only be filled in by the officer who actually purchases and uses the different descriptions of stores. The accounts rendered to this office are not designed to show how much of a given description of article an Executive Engineer may purchase or use, &c. I regret therefore that I can afford no assistance in the matter, the information asked for is not of a kind that this office can possibly furnish.

18th February 1882.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner of P. W. Accounts.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1882, No. 438 W.

COMMUNICATED, with reference to their letters marginally noted, to the General
No. 1539 S., dated 9th December 1881: Superintendent, Public Works Stores, and
" 78 W., " 29th " " the Superintendent, Madras Harbour
Works, who will submit the review and
appendices required by the Government of India with the least possible delay.

2. Those officers will apply to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for help
on such points as the latter may be in a position to aid them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS STORES,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 18th.

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G.O., 18th February 1882, No. 438 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 66-67.

Annual review of the expenditure of Stores.
— Letter from the Government of India
requesting to be furnished with an — and
certain other statements connected with the
receipt and expenditure of stores, communi-
cated to the General Superintendent, Public
Works Stores, and the Superintendent,
Madras Harbour Works.

No. 79. C. S.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
General.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.
Fort William 2 February 1882.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the statements

sent by noted in the margin forwarded under cover of your despatch
Stores No. 65 v. dated 9th January 1882.

With reference thereto, I am to invite your attention to the
Department of Finance Resolution No. 3574 dated 3 November
1880 from which it will be observed that the Government of India

desires to be furnished with the following Review and Returns
for the whole of the Madras Presidency and the statements under

acknowledgment, will therefore serve the purposes for which they
are required.

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prescribed in the Department of Finance Resolution No. 1267
dated 21 July 1871 accompanied by the following appendices:

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(b) A statement in Form C abbreviated from Form B of the receipts and issues in each of the five years 1875-76 to 1880-81.

(c) A statement of the balances at the end of each of the above mentioned five years.

(d) A statement in the form prescribed in para. 6 of the Financial Department Resolution 3574 dated 3rd November, 1880, with estimates of the financial results of the local purchases of European stores.

3 In all cases in which actual figures cannot be given without undue labor, approximate figures obtained on the last data available should be inserted in the returns, a note being made that approximate figures have been given.

Bt 1314 of 16-1-82

Bt 52 of 9-1-82

Bt 2574 of 20-10-81

Grant 2087 of 22-8-81

Bt 1498 of 15-6-81

Bt 1443 of 9-6-81

Bt 253 of 31-1-81

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servant

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Amul
3/2/82

P. W. C. No. 874

Recd. 9. Feb. 82

Bt 1061 of 27/1/82

To C. No. 1532

Please furnish the required report & appendices.

Att

6/2/82

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT. OF MADRAS.

1882.

[P. W. DEPT.]

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 15th FEBRUARY 1882.

OFFICE NOTE No. 1145.

To,

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THE RECORDS OF MY OFFICE DO NOT GIVE THE DETAIL REQUIRED FOR THE REPORT AND STATEMENTS IN QUESTION. FOR INSTANCE, PARA 9 OF FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 1267, DATED 21ST. JULY 1881, REQUIRES THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD SHew THE AMOUNT, AND THE INCREASE OR DECREASE OF EXPENDITURE OF EACH OF THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF STORES, THE CAUSES OF INCREASE ETC., THE COST COMPARED WITH THAT OF PREVIOUS YEAR, INSTANCES IN WHICH THE PRICE HAS EXCEEDED FORMER PRICES, INSTANCES OF DELAY IN SUPPLYING STORES CAUSING INCONVENIENCE, CASES IN WHICH THE COST OF ANY ARTICLE HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF PROCURED IN ANY OTHER WAY, ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW KINDS OF STORES, AND SUGGESTIONS OF ANY POSSIBLE

KEEP WITH

Genl. No.

dated

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MEASURES OF ECONOMY. NOW THE STATE-
MENTS OF PAYMENTS MADE IN ENGLAND
FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE GIVE BUT
A VERY BRIEF AND IMPERFECT DESCRIP-
TION OF THE CLASS AND QUANTITY OF
ARTICLES SUPPLIED, AND THE INVOICES
WHICH GIVE FULLER PARTICULARS ARE
NOT RETAINED HERE. BUT EVEN WITH
THESE PARTICULARS, IT IS CLEAR THAT
THIS OFFICE CANNOT SAY WHY MORE
ARTICLES OF A CERTAIN DESCRIPTION
WERE REQUIRED IN ONE YEAR THAN IN
ANOTHER, WHAT INCONVENIENCE WAS
EXPERIENCED BY DELAYS, WHETHER AN
ARTICLE COULD HAVE BEEN PROCURED
CHEAPER IN SOME OTHER WAY, ETC. ETC.;
THESE ARE POINTS WHICH ONLY THE
OFFICER WHO INDENTS FOR AND RECEIVES
THE ARTICLES, AND DEALS WITH THEM,
CAN MAKE ANY SATISFACTORY REPORT
ABOUT. MOREOVER, THE VARIOUS HEAD-
INGS PRESCRIBED IN FORMS B. AND C.
ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION ABOVE
QUOTED CAN ONLY BE FILLED IN BY THE
OFFICER WHO ACTUALLY PURCHASES AND
USES THE DIFFERENT DESCRIPTIONS OF
STORES. THE ACCOUNTS RENDERED TO
THIS OFFICE ARE NOT DESIGNED TO
SHOW HOW MUCH OF A GIVEN DESCRIP-
TION OF ARTICLE AN EXECUTIVE

ENGINEER

ENGINEER MAY PURCHASE OR USE, ETC.

I REGRET THEREFORE THAT I CAN

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AFFORD NO ASSISTANCE IN THE MATTER,

THE INFORMATION ASKED FOR IS NOT OF

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FURNISH.

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C. *[Signature]*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th February 1882

Read the following:—

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From the Govt. of India R.S. No 79 A.G. of 2 Feb 82.
Office note from the East W. " " 1145 of 15 Feb 82.

No 1539 S of 9 Dec 1881.
" 78 W of 29 " " "

Communicated, with
reference to their letters
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Genl Supt P.W. Stores ✓
Supt M.H. Works ✓
Genl P.W. Accts ✓
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Gobt. of [1882] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O. 18th July 1882, No. 4384.

Nos. 66 to 67

Annual review of the
expenditure of stones &c.
Letter from the Sd
requesting to be furnished
with an — and certain
other statements connected
with the receipt & expenditure
of stones, carried to the
Genl Supt. of Works,
and the Supt. of the Works.

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