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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1882, No. 597 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 69. Circular from the Chief Engineer, dated 8th December 1881, No. 2795.

No. 69-A. From the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 14th January 1882, No. 628 G.D.

No. 69-B. From the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 22nd February 1882, No. 138 G.L.

No. 69-C. From the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 11th February 1882, No. 2376 K.S.

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No. 69-F. From the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 18th January 1882, No. 726.

No. 69-G. From the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated 18th January 1882, No. 1715 T.J.

No. 69-H. From the Consulting Architect to Government, dated 20th December 1881, No. 734.

No. 69-I. Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 23rd February 1882, No. 1177.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1882, No. 597 W.

THE foregoing correspondence has arisen out of a report from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, submitted with reference to paragraph 1256 of the Public

Works Code, that 732 cheques, representing Rs. 2,53,358, had been drawn at the close of the last financial year.

2. Superintending Engineers one and all repudiate the imputation that any of the cheques in question had been drawn in favor of contractors whose works had not been properly measured up.

3. The Examiner now expresses his regret that he made any reference to Code paragraph 1256, and explains that his object was merely to draw attention to the exceptionally heavy expenditure on the last day of the official year.

4. It is remarked by some Superintending Engineers that exceptional outlay towards the close of the financial year is inevitable because it is the most favorable season for work, and that additional allotments usually then become available. The Government admit to some extent the force of this argument, but as the expenditure at the end of last year was 4½ lakhs in January, 5½ lakhs in February, and over 8 lakhs in March they cannot but hold that if the activity displayed in the prosecution of works at the close of the year had been shown throughout the comparison would not have been so striking.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 8th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 8th March 1882, No. 597 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 69—70.

Drawing of Cheques at the close of the official year in favor of Contractors whose works are not measured up at the time the cheques are drawn.—Passing orders on replies from Superintending Engineers to Chief Engineer's Circular relative to the —.

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Public Works Departt
No 2975 dated 8th Decr 1881.

Memo:

Read letter from the Examiner P. W. Accounts No 14 E.W. dated 6th December 1881.

The Examiner here brings to notice that in contravention of the orders of Government para 1256 of the code in which the practice of thus drawing cheques is "absolutely forbidden" no less than 732 such cheques representing Rupees 253358 were as a fact drawn at the close of the last official year.

Superintending Engineers will be good enough to submit such explanations as can be offered in the several instances in which this has occurred with the names of the responsible officers.

They should also state what notice they have themselves taken of this clear violation of orders.

By Order

R. B. Thompson
Lieut. Col. R.E.
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

To
Supg. Engineers.
Cong. Archt. to Govt.
Exr. P. W. Accounts for information.

From,

The Examiner P.W. Accounts
Madras.

To,

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Departt

No. 14 E.W. Madras 6th December 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following facts for such action as you may consider necessary, with reference to para 1256 of the P. W. Code:-

2. The aggregate amounts of the letters of credit issued by me for March 1881 was Rupees. 8,17,500. For the preceding and succeeding months the amounts were as follows:-

February 1881..... Rs. 5,44,500.
April 1881..... Rs. 4,81,000.

3, The number of cheques issued on the 31st March 1881 which remained uncashed on that date, was 732, and represented a sum of Rupees 2,53,358-14-8, so that of the letters of credit for March, 29 per cent at least was drawn on the last day of the official year.

4. I annex a statement giving the divisions etc: concerned. of which the following is an abstract:-

1st Circle	3	Divisions	95	Cheques	Rs.	20,454-3-11
2nd	Do.	3	Do.	59	Do.	Rs. 24,191-5-2.
3rd	Do.	1	Do.	22	Do.	Rs. 4,390-4-4.
4th	Do.	4	Do.	91	Do.	Rs. 42,149-11-1.
5th	Do.	5	Do.	148	Do.	Rs. 71,023-6-0.
6th	Do.	4	Do.	304	Do.	Rs. 79,882-11-9.
Architect Division		13	Do.		Rs.	11,267-4-5.
		732	Cheques	2,53,358-14-8.		

To
Supg. Engineers.
Cong: Archtt. to Govt.
Exr. P.W. Acctt.

I have honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Sigd/ D.C. Gordon.
Examiner P.W. Accounts.

No. 516.

5/597

Public Works Department
Western division Office
Godavari District
6th January 1882.

To

The Superintending Engineer
First Circle.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement No. 59 G.d. of 26th December/81 on Chief Engineer's Memo. No. 2975 of 3/12/81, I have the honor to report that no cheques have ever been drawn in this Division in favor of Contractors in payment for work which was not executed and measured at the time of drawing the Cheque. If there were many uncashed cheques in this Division at the end of last official year, it was simply because the payees had not thought proper to cash them.

I have &c &c.

Sd/ W. B. de Winton
Executive Engineer.

No.

No 6208 G.

Submitted to the Chief Engr
Public Works Department for
information with reference to his
Memo No 2975 dated 8th December 81.

2 The replies from other
Divisional officers on the same
subject will be submitted as soon
as they are received in this
office.

Executive Engineer
In charge 1st Circle

14 Dec 81

Comp'd JK

No 628 G.D.

From The Executive Engineer
In charge of 1st Circle

To, The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Dated 14th January 1882

Received 19th —— 1882

No. 628 G.D.

Cheques.— Submitting
copy of a report from the
Godavari Western Div. Office
affording explanation
as to the drawing of
in favor of Contractors
for works not measured
—

No 830 Godavari Eastern division Office
10th February 1882.

From The Executive Engineer incharge of
Eastern division Godavari
district

To The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

Sir With reference to your receipt
No 671 G.D. dated 17th January 1882 on the
subject of drawing cheques in favor of
contractors whose works are not measured
up, I have the honor to inform you,
that the Sub Divisional officers have
reported that no such cheques were drawn
by them.

I have &c &c

Signed / J. C. Lamenie
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

For Offg Supg Engineer 1st Circle

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№2734

Vizagapatam Division Office
Waltair 15th January 1882

From

The Executive Engineer
Vizagapatam division

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Dowlaiswharam.

Sir

Referring to your foot note №
59 G.L. dated the 26th December 1881 to the
Chief Engineer's Circular Memo №2975 dated
the 8th December 1881, I have the honor to report
that payments were made up to 31st March
1881 only for ~~work~~ executed and actually
measured, but not a single cheque was
drawn in favor of contractors whose works
had not been measured and such a
practice was never allowed in any District
or Division under my orders.

I have &c)
Signed/ T.D. Harris
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

Compd-VK

For Offg Supg Engineer 1st Circle)

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Camp Aekw.
10th February 1882

No. 624 9/597

To The Executive Engineer,
Gayaw Division

Sir

With reference to your letter No. C/48 of the 3d February 1882, I have the honor to inform you that I have no recollection of having drawn cheques in violation of Rules 1256 of the Code.

2. I have looked carefully through the Cash Book for latter part of year and cannot find any cheques drawn by me in the manner mentioned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant

/True Copy/ Sd/ W. Jopp.
Asst Engr
Compd D&D Executive Engrs Assistant Engineer

Compd JK

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Chicacole Sub D.C. Office

No. 111 10/97 7th February 98

From

The Sub Engineer in Ch
of Chicacole Sub Divi

To E.H. Pringle Esquire
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Divisi

Sir

With reference to your No. C/48
G.L. dated 3rd Instant, I beg to
inform you that no cheques have
been issued in favour of any Contracto
at the end of last Official year for
works which have not been measured
up to 31st March 1881, in the
Chicacole Sub Division.

I beg to Remain
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
Sd/ G. Venkata Row
Sub Engineer
In charge of Chicacole Sub
Division

True Copy
Executive Engr

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№229 Ganjam Division Office
Berhampur
13th February 1882.

From
The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle.

Sir

On acknowledging the receipt of your №59 G.S. dated 26/12/81 on Chief Engineers Memo №2975 dated 8th December 1881, I have the honor to report that no Cheques have been issued by this office and to enclose copies of reports from the two Sub Divisional Officers, attached to this Division from which it is also to be observed that none of them have drawn any Cheques in violation of the rules in favor of Contractors, for works not measured up.

I have &c
(Signed) E H Pringle
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

Comp'd J/K

For Offg Supg Supr 1st Circle

Comp'd J/K

No. 138 Cl

FROM

offg
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
Public Works Dept
FOR IRRIGATION,

Enclos. 3
Copies of 2 offices letters noted below

Dowlaishweram, 22nd February 1882

SIR,

In continuation of my No. 628 G.D. dated 14th January 1882, I have the honor to submit herewith copies of replies from the officers in charge of Vizagapatam Ganjam & Godavari Eastern Divisions to the enquiry as to whether they did draw cheques in favor of contractors whose works are not measured up, at the time the cheques were drawn.

x C. 1/2 306
Dated 22/2/82.

x No. 2734 dated 10th January 1882 from Vizagapatam Division officer.
No. 229 dated 16th February 1882 from Ganjam Division officer
No. 830 dated 10th February 1882 from Godavari Eastern division officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servant

[illegible]

For offg Supg Engineer 1st Circle

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From

The Offg Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept
Madras

Dated 22nd
Despd 26th } February 1882
Received

No. 138 Cl

Encls 5

Inquiry as to whether Dy Officers did draw Cheques in favor of Contractors whose Works are not Measured up- Submits Copies of Division Officers replies to the-

Cir 6/3 Rec'd 7/3

No. 237 dated SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE 2nd CIRCLE

STATION Masulipatam, 11th February 1882.

14/57

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
2nd Circle.

TO,

THE Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department.

SIR,

I have the honor, in acknowledging the receipt of your Mems No 2975 of the 8th December 1881, to report that, each Executive Engineer in this Circle states that the orders in para 1256 of the Code were not contravened in the payments made by him on the 31st March 1881.

Enclosures.

2. A portion of the sums for which Cheques were drawn on the 31st March was for the reconpiment of Imprests. As the Treasuries were closed on the 28th March, these necessarily remained uncashed, but nevertheless, I submit, that it was advisable that disbursers should Continue to make payments as long as possible in March,

and that the recouping of the Imprest-holders was a legitimate and necessary transaction.

3. The Executive Engineers state that all other Cheques issued on this date were for work previously measured, and that in no Case was payment made for un-measured work and Cheques held back.

4. With regard to the Examiner's letter, I would beg to observe that it is unfortunate for us that the end of the Official year Comes just at the busiest season. Any one of executive experience knows the difficulty there frequently is, in getting Contractors to finish off work so as to admit of its being measured and paid for, and it therefore invariably happens that payments are for this reason, postponed to, as late a period as possible, in order that all work really finished may be paid for from the Current years grants.

5 The sums for which Cheques were drawn on the 31st March in each Division are reported by the Executive Engineers to be as under.

Kistna Eastern ——— Rs. 3,417-1-3
— do — Western 5/07 — 8,310-9-11
Nellore ——— 3,121-5-5
14,849-0-7

These figures do not correspond with the Examiner's. The amount reported by the Examiner is Rs: 24,191-5-2. In this I believe must be included Cheques drawn on previous dates but remaining uncashed at the end of March.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant.
I. W. Rundall
Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.

Kistna Western

37-3-2	37-3-2	
1955-14-6		
6107-12-6	31-3-81	
8,010-0-9		
	3,417-1-3	
	4,888-8-10	

Kistna Eastern

10-2-81	55-12-9	65-12-9
	341-14-2	342-14-2
21-3-81	42-3-8	42-3-8
	978-9-2	

Nellore Dr.

31-3-81	75-0-0
	204-4-6
	280-0-0
	192-11-3
	52-0-0
	62-5-7
	102-1-10
	149-13-11
	128-13-0
	49-9-0
	58-4-8
	636-2-0
	140-0-0
	50-0-0
	50-12-10
	68-0-0
	85-0-0
	21-6-4
	12-15-10
	37-13-0
	54-14-0
3192-6-5	701-6-7

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From,

The Superntg Engineer
2nd Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Departt

Dated 11th February 1882
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No 2376 K.S.

Cheques drawn on the Bl^k
Madeb- Offering explanation
relative to the - and stating
that they were drawn for
reconfuing Imprests -

Cir 6/3 K-85

No. 186

4/97 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

~~Madras~~
Bellary ~~Cuddapah~~ 5th January 1882.

From Major J. Pennycuick. R.E.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

III ~~1st~~ CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reply to your No. 2975
of 8th Instant, I have the honour
to state that I have made careful exa-
mination into the history of the cheques there-
in referred to (so far as concerns the Cuddapah
Division) and see no reason to question the
propriety of their issue.

2 Six of the twenty two cheques, are for
salaries or recoupment of imprests, and with
regard to the remaining sixteen, the Head
Clerk of the Cuddapah Divisional Office
(neither the Executive Engineer nor the
Accountant having been here when they
were drawn) states that they were in all
cases bona fide payments to contractors for
work actually done; that this statement

is correct I am satisfied from examination of the bills on which they were drawn

3. There is therefore no reason for supposing that any of them are of the kind contemplated by para 1256 of the Code.

4. The Examiner is apparently not aware that all cheques drawn during the last three days of any month (not merely of March) must remain uncashed at the end of the month, for the simple reason that the Treasury cash no cheques after the 28th.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt. servant
Rud Ramsay Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

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From

The Superintending Engineer,

III ~~IV~~ Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras.

Dated 5. } January 1882
Recd. }

EXCLOSURES.

No. 186

Cheques issued to Contractors

Reporting the result of his examination into the history of the — cases as regards reasonableness of question the propriety of their issue.

Cir 6/3 No 8

No. 30

To Supg. Engineers Office 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 25th January 1882

From,

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Madras

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 2975 dated 8th December /81 I have the honor to report that having received replies from 3 of the Executive Engineers of Divisions in this Circle With regard to the, I may say, serious charge brought by the Examiner that para 1256 of the Code has not been acted up to and that large sums were paid away just before the Close of the Official year to Contractors whose works were not measured up in 3 of the 4 Divisions of this Circle, I can

assert

assert positively that he is mistaken and had he referred to the Vouchers that were forwarded with the Accounts for March he would have seen likewise that in all case the works for which payments were made had been properly measured and also that when the measurements had been taken by an Overseer 10 or 15 per cent was deducted from the amount paid.

2 I believe that para 1256 of the Code has been honestly carried out in this Circle and I request that should the Examiner be able to bring forward any case of any Officer in this Circle making payments to Contractors at the end of the Official year or at any other time without proper measurements or Certificates &c. that he may be directed to do his duty and bring the case to my notice.

3. I am aware that last Official year large sums were paid for work at the end of the year but this was done on measurements and balance due for works previously measured and this is not against para 1256 of the Code.

4. I have as yet had no report from the West Coast Division but I have no reason to believe that irregularities of this sort occured in that Division.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant.

Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

Dated 25th
Desp'd. 26th } January/82.

No. 30.

Practice of drawing cheques just before the close of the offl. year:—

Reporting with reference to the complaint brought forward by the Examiner S.W. Account regarding the — and stating that in this Circle the provisions of para 1256 of the code have been honestly carried out.

Cir 6/3 K 23

No. 726.

20/57

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5th Circle MADRAS,
Chepauk, 18th January 1882.

From

Col. N. L. Prendergast R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5th CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
D.S.W.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Memo No. 2975 dated 8th December 1881 I have the honor to report that on enquiry from the Executive Engineers I find that the number of cheques uncashed on the 31st March, was 116 and the amount Rs. 62551-3-3. The Examiner's Statement shews 5 Divisions with 118 Cheques: but the 5th Circle contains only 4 Divisions. This discrepancy though is immaterial: as the sum admitted is large, and covers a great many Cheques.

2. I consider however that the figures do not lead up to any fact connected with Para 1256 of the Code. The only fact before the Examiner was, that there was a large sum not drawn on the Cheques issued at the end

of

of the year - and the Examiner has no warrant for making, by implication, so sweeping and serious charge against the Executive Engineers, of paying for work that was to be subsequently measured.

3. The Divisional Officers explain, that the Cheques were issued only for work that had been measured, or for materials that had been actually delivered.

In South Arcot, a great deal of work had been put in hand, consequent on disastrous floods in November; much exertion was required in measuring up the work, and thus payment was made on the very last day of the year.

In the Buckingham Canal Division there was large payment made at the end of the month, because work had been carried out (and measured up) in anticipation of further funds; and as grant was made only 3 days before the 31st.

4. The Examiner's Statement exemplifies the fact that very heavy payments are made at the end of March. The reasons for this are February and March are favorable months for work being done, and funds become available towards the close of the year thro' grants coming in from Surrenders elsewhere: likewise the Executive Officers are constrained to use every endeavour to measure up work until the last day, if their funds are not already disbursed.

5. The Executive Engineer at the Presidency has given me the Examiner's Audit Notes on the Accounts for March. These Notes are voluminous, taking up 7 Sheets: but no objection is taken to any of the items therein mentioned, on account of improper Vouchers being sent with the March Accounts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Lewis Pendergast
Lt Colt RE.
Superintg Engineer
5th Circle.

From

The Superintending Engineer,

5 Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Dated 18 January 1882
Recd.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 726.

Cheques.

Reports

on the ——

uncashed on 31st

March 1881.

Chr. b. 8. 12 P.D. 3-82

No 1715 T.J

Supt Engineers office
Tuticorin 18th January 1882

From

Colonel J. Beatty R.E.
Supt Engineer, 6 circle

To

Colonel R. H. Lankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer. P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 2975 of 8th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Divisional officers report that no cheques were drawn in violation of the ruling contained in para 1256 of the P.W. code. All the cheques that were drawn on the 31st March were for works measured and billed for.

2. Para 1256 does not apparently prohibit the issue of cheques on the 31st March for works that have been measured up and for which bills have been prepared. I have the honor to request instructions as to whether there is any objection to cheques being issued

issued on the 31st March for such works.

3. The Executive Engineers consider that the Examiner's statement cannot apply to the divisions of this circle.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

R. Beatty Col RE.
Dupy Engineer, Circle.

Dwg

P. W. C. No 349

From.

The Supt. Engineer
6th Circle.

To.

The Chief Engr.
P. W. D.

No. 1715 T.J

Dated 18th January 182

Chief Engineer's
Memo. No. 2975 of
8th Ultmo regarding
cheques drawn at the
close of official year.

Replies to—

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ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

24/597

No. 734

CONSULTING ARCHITECT'S OFFICE,
Chepauk, 20th Dec. 1881

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVERNMENT,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Memo No. 2975 dated the 8th instant.

As regards this Division the Examiner is I think in error. All the payments made on the last day of last Official year were for work done and bills submitted.

I have the honor to be
sir
your most obedient servt.

[signature]

Consg Architect to Govt.

ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

From

The Consulting Architect
to Government,

To

The Chief Engineer, P. W. Department,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

No. 734

Dated 20th December 1881

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No. of Enclosures.

Payments for work done
at the close of official year

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1882. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 17 February 1882

R No 1089 D 18/2/82 Encl

OFFICE NOTE.

59/82

Replies from Supts Engineers & the Consg. Architect to Chief Engineers Circular No 2975 D 8th Dec 1881.

To C.

For Remarks.

17.2.82

Cir Ls. Rep 8/3/82

Cl. No 2975-8-12-81.

R No 1177 D 23rd Feb 1882 Encl 7

TO E.E.

I HAVE TO EXPRESS MY REGRET THA

OWING TO MY HAVING PREFACED MY REMARKS

BY REFERENCE TO PARA 1256 OF THE CODE,

I HAVE LAID MYSELF OPEN TO THE IMPUTATIO

OF HAVING BROUGHT A SWEEPING AND SERIOU

CHARGE AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS.

MY

29/597

MY OBJECT WAS TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY EXPENDITURE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE OFFICIAL YEAR, AND THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE OMISSION FROM MY LETTER OF THE WORDS 'WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1256 OF THE P.W.CODE'- THE FACT THAT I COULD NOT HAVE HAD THE SLIGHEST EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUCH AN IMPUTATION, I.E. THAT PAYMENTS WERE MADE WITHOUT PROPER MEASUREMENTS HAVING BEEN TAKEN, WILL I TRUST BE ACCEPTED AS FURNISHING SOME PROOF THAT I HAD NO SUCH INTENTION, AND I CAN BUT REPEAT MY REGRET THAT MY REPRESENTATION OF THE MATTER WARRANTED THE CONSTRUCTION THAT HAS BEEN PUTUPON IT.

2. THE PAYMENT OF SO LARGE AN AMOUNT ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR IS, I THINK TO BE OBVIATED, IF THE ENERGY DISPLAYED IN THE PROSECUTION OF WORKS DURING THE LAST MONTH WERE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE LATE IN THE YEAR IS HARDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INORDINATE EXPENDITURE. THAT THE OUTLAY IN MARCH SHOULD BE LARGER THAN IN OTHER MONTHS IS PERHAPS INEVITABLE, BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE RS.4$\frac{1}{2}$ LAKHS IN JANUARY, 5$\frac{1}{2}$ LAKHS IN FEBRUARY, AND OVER 8 LAKHS IN MARCH IS NOT I THINK JUSTIFIED, IF THE SAME EXERTIONS WERE USED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AS ARE USED WHEN COMPARISONS OF GRANT AND OUTLAY ARE IMMINENT.

C.

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№ 597 W. 28/82 Contract

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 8th March 1882

Read the following :—

Chief Engineers Circular — (No. №2793 dy 8th December 1881)

Supg Engr. I Circle — (" "628GS dy 14th January 1882)

Do — do — (" "1356 dy 22nd July ")

Do — II — do — (" "2376 KS dy 11th " ")

Do — III — do — (" " 186 dy 5th January ")

Do — IV — do — (" " 30 dy 25th " ")

Do — V — do — (" " 736 dy 18th " ")

Do — VI — do — (" " 1715 JJ dy 15th " ")

Consulting Architect to Govt (" " 734 dy 20th December 81)

Office Note from the Examiner A.W. dated (" 1177 dy 23rd July 1881)

The foregoing correspondence has arisen out of a report from the Examiner of A.W. Accounts submitted with reference to para 1256 of the A.W. Code, that 732

cheques, representing Rupees
2,53,358 had been drawn
at the close of the last
financial year.

2. Supdg Engineers one and
all repudiate the imputation
that any of the cheques
in question had been
drawn in favor of Contractors
whose work had not
been properly measured up.

3. The Examiner now expresses
his regret that he made
any reference to Code para
1256 and explains that
his object was merely to
draw attention to the
exceptionally heavy expenditure
on the last day of the
official year.

4. It is recognised by
some Supdg Engineers that
exceptional outlay towards
the close of the financial year
is inevitable because it
is the most favorable season
for work and that additi-
-tional allotments usually
then become available. The
to some extent
Govt admit the force of
this argument, but as
the expenditure at the
end of last year was 4½
lakhs in January, 5½
lakhs in February and
over 8 lakhs in March
they cannot but ~~think~~ hold
that if the activity
displayed in the prosecution
of works at the close of

the year had been shown

throughout the comparison

have

would not change striking.

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Supply Engineers

Civil Architect to Govt

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4.

Passing orders on replies from Dist Offrs to Chief Engrs Circulars relative to the

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