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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th March 1882, No. 712 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 129. From Lieutenant W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th February 1882, No. 2078 S.

With reference to G.O., No. 352 W., of 8th February 1882, paragraph 2, I have the honor to state that in paragraph 9 of Mr. Brown's report, which is embodied with G.O., No. 2331 W. of 21st September 1881, it is stated that the cost of the Public Works Stores Establishment bears a percentage of 40 per cent. on issues only, and about 24 per cent. on both receipts and issues; and in support of this statement a table is appended showing the monthly receipts issues and cost of establishment.

2. On reference to this table, it would appear that the total value of stock received for the year 1880-81 was Rs. 22,622, and the value of stock issued Rs. 32,824, but both these figures are incorrect, for, on reference to the Stock Balance Returns, I find that the actual receipts for Public Works Department alone were Rs. 40,926 and the actual issues Rs. 52,999. The error into which Mr. Brown has fallen is apparent, for the figures given by him correctly represent the credits and debits to stock as made in the accounts of the Public Works Stores under instructions from the Examiner; but unfortunately he has assumed that these figures also represent the actual receipts and issues of stock, or in other words the work done by the Public Works Store Department during the year 1880-81.

3. It will be observed that Mr. Brown makes no mention of the work done by the Public Works Stores, except in so far as the Public Works Department is concerned, but when I state that during 1880-81 the Public Works Stores landed and despatched thirty-nine consignments of Railway and Medical Stores for Mysore and two consignments for the Nizam's State Railway, aggregating in value Rs. 6,27,139, it will be seen that the information given in the report alluded to is most incomplete and insufficient.

4. During the current year the work of landing and despatching stores for other State Railways has been added, and there is no doubt but that for several years the Public Works Stores will be an important agent for all State Railways in Southern India.

5. I have now to show that the cost of establishment, as given by Mr. Brown, is incorrect, for he has included in it the pay of Mr. Boyle, an Assistant Engineer attached to the Public Works Stores and Workshops, whose pay is chargeable to the General Establishment, Public Works Department, under orders of the Chief Engineer, No. 2540 of 16th November 1880.

6. The report makes no mention of the percentages recovered during the year by the sale of stock to other than Government Departments, these amounted to Rs. 3,003, and obviously this amount should have been deducted from the cost of establishment when comparing it with the work done.

7. Again, no notice is taken of the fact that during 1881 the Public Works Stores commenced charging "agency" at 5 per cent. on all expenditure incurred except for "Provincial," the sanction for which was accorded in G.O., N. 2054 W. of 30th August 1880.

8. During the current year the probable receipts under "agency" will be Rs. 9,800, which will nearly cover the total cost of the establishment for the year.

9. From the accompanying statement it will be seen that during 1880 to 1881, the cost of the Public Works Store Establishment was only 0.6 per cent. on the total value of receipts and issues, instead of 24 per cent. as stated by Mr. Brown.

10. In addition to the receipt and issue of serviceable articles, it must be remembered that the Public Works Stores receives very large consignments of tools, instruments, &c., from all parts of the Presidency, which have to be divided into "serviceable," "repairable," and "unserviceable" and dealt with accordingly.

11. In conclusion, I would express my extreme regret that the only inspection of the Public Works Stores by an officer of the Accounts branch, since I first took charge of the Public Works Stores and Workshops in January 1879, should have been made during my absence on privilege leave, and that it was not considered necessary to ask me for any information on the subject before the report was submitted.

STATEMENT showing the actual value of receipts and issues of Stores and the cost of Establishment during 1880-81, Public Works Store Department, Madras.

	Value of Serviceable Stores received.			Value of Serviceable Stores issued.			Cost of Establishment.			Mr. Boyle's pay and allowances not chargeable to Public Works Stores.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1880.												
April ...	7,230	9	4	2,773	6	9	970	8	0			
May ...	2,916	0	6	5,639	3	1	945	8	0			
June ...	8,687	11	4	3,357	10	10	872	11	6			
July ...	4,220	15	0	6,036	11	3	810	0	0			
August ...	2,854	13	9	4,655	10	4	1,023	8	10			
September ...	1,885	9	7	5,817	7	10	864	0	0			
October ...	1,393	4	4	5,951	3	9	924	0	0			
November ...	2,137	14	5	4,223	12	1	924	0	0			
December ...	624	0	6	3,793	11	9	1,686	0	0	762	0	0
1881.												
January ...	2,351	8	10	1,564	12	3	1,502	5	4	458	5	4
February ...	537	13	2	1,995	13	11	1,320	13	9	420	0	0
March ...	5,748	8	5	6,910	5	5	1,296	10	10	420	0	0
	337	14	1	280	0	0	...			...		
Total ...	40,926	11	3	50,999	13	3	13,140	2	3	2,060	5	4
Mysore Railway Stores for 1880-81 ...	6,07,939	0	0	6,07,939	0	0						
Do. Medical do. do.	8,600	0	0	8,600	0	0						
Nizam's State Railway Stores do. ...	10,600	0	0	10,600	0	0						
Deduct Mr. Boyle's pay chargeable to General Engineering Establishment as per Chief Engineer's memorandum No. 2540 of 16th November 1880 ...	...			...			2,060	5	4			
							11,079	12	11			
Deduct centages recovered during 1880 ...	...			...			3,003	0	0			
	6,68,065	11	3	6,80,138	13	3	8,076	12	11			
				6,68,065	11	3	...					
				13,46,204	8	6	8,076	12	11			
										or 0.6 per cent. nearly.		

(Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Lieutenant, R.E.,
General Superintendent, Public Works Store.

No. 129-A. Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 8th March 1882, No. 1226.

Your office note No. 251 D., dated 2nd March 1882.

2. I beg to submit the following remarks on letter No. 2078, dated 28th February 1882, from the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.

3. PARAGRAPH 2.—The figures given by the Superintendent as receipts and issues of stores are correct:—

Receipts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	RS.
Issues ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,926
										53,000

The figures given in the report taken from the accounts omitted the value of items under "Tools and Plant" which become "Stores" by adjustment entries, and must of course be taken into the value of items of receipts and issues of the Stores Department. The result, so far, is that after deducting Mr. Boyle's salary the cost of establishment is 20.9 per cent. of issues only and 11.8 per cent. of both receipts and issues.

4. PARAGRAPH 3.—In paragraph 13 of the report reference is made to work done for Native States, and in paragraphs 5 and 7 of my letter submitting the report, reference is again made to the fact that the establishment deals with stores for Other Services. The Superintendent however considers that value of stores for Native States to the amount of 12½ lakhs should be added to the value (Rs. 94,000) referred to in my paragraph 3 above; and that the percentage for establishment should be taken after such addition. This I do not think fair, in the first place, because the Native States have been made to give an allowance for the superintendence of the landing and despatching of their consignments; and, in the second place, because the work done is a tallying in and out of a certain number of parcels or packages invoiced, without, I believe, any responsibility for the contents, nor are the articles subject to any overhauling, fitting, repacking, or survey, such as would be necessary were the consignments for our own Department. The Stores Department is in fact an agent in these cases for the receipt and despatch of packages consigned and not of stores properly so classed. Further, this work is not likely to be continuous, and is outside the normal work of the stores.

5. PARAGRAPH 4.—I was not aware that this was the case. Certain consignments originally intended for the Mysore State Railway have been diverted to the Punjab Northern and Bellary-Hospet State lines, but I do not know that there have been other consignments received, or that any are likely to come to hand, which were not primarily shipped for the Mysore line. The destination is changed, but the supply remains as originally intended. I hope that the expectation may be realised that the Public Works Stores may be for several years an important depot for the receipt and issue of stores for all State Railways in Southern India. But at present there is not much promise, and if the policy of Government be successful in its endeavour to attract private enterprise to undertake such works, there is perhaps less hope that the stores will perform any important functions.

6. PARAGRAPH 5.—Mr. Boyle's pay is drawn in the Store's Department and charged against General Establishment, just as is the pay of the rest of the office. It would now appear that his association is entirely with the Workshops and not at all with the Stores, and that it is a mere matter of convenience that his pay should be so drawn and charged. The deduction has therefore been accepted, as stated in my paragraph 3 above.

7. PARAGRAPH 6.—The percentages cannot be taken into account in comparing establishment charges with value of work done, such percentages are authorised by way of an extra charge to the outside public, as a tax, so to speak, to prevent the stores becoming a general public emporium to be resorted to at the pleasure of the community in general. They are an outside and accidental receipt, and cannot be looked upon as a reduction of charge for the establishment necessary for the work of receipt and issue. Had the public not had the articles in question, the establishment would nevertheless have been entertained, and had the articles issued to the public been issued to the Department, no percentages would have been received. They fairly form

an item to be taken into account in arguing that although establishment charges stand at a certain figure, extra charges recovered by sales give a certain counterbalancing credit, but this has nothing to do with the cost of establishment necessary for the work of the Stores Department.

8. PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 8.—The remarks in the previous paragraph apply also to this. In both cases the point has been missed. The question is not what counterbalance is there to the cost of establishment, but is the cost of establishment reasonable when compared with the work it superintends? The agency charges may cover and exceed the establishment charge, but that does not prove that the establishment charge is or is not excessive.

9. PARAGRAPH 9.—See my paragraph 3 above.

10. PARAGRAPH 10.—This is the ordinary duty of the Stores Department.

11. PARAGRAPH 11.—The Superintendent replied to the report in his No. 1116 S. of 5th October 1881, and had then the opportunity to show in what points the remarks in the report resulted from imperfect or unreliable information.

12. The General Superintendent must be the best authority for determining the strength of the establishment required for the work to be done. No doubt with the present establishment a very much larger business than happens to fall to the lot of the Stores Department could be transacted. Is there any reliable prospect for an increased business? If not, is any reduction of staff practicable, retaining the present administration, or adopting some change of administration?

13. The only comparison of the cost of establishment which I can furnish is that of the Stores Department of the Madras and South Indian Railways. The following table gives the work done and the cost of establishment entertained:—

Madras Railway.

	Value of Receipts and Issues.	Cost of Stores Establishment.
	RS.	RS.
For the year 1880	26,68,900	19,600
For six months of 1881	17,84,300	10,230

South Indian Railway.

	Value of Receipts and Issues.	Cost of Stores Establishment.
	RS.	RS.
For the year 1880	29,75,000	18,700
For six months of 1881	15,90,600	10,630

The cost of the Public Works Stores Establishment for 1880-81 as given in the statement submitted by the General Superintendent is Rs. 11,080.

14. It is purposeless to compare the percentage of establishment upon the value of work done, for the transactions are so disproportionate. Nevertheless the annual cost of establishment as shown above serves to illustrate the fact that, unless we get more work, our establishment charge is utterly disproportionate to the value of work superintended.

No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1882, No. 711 W.

ORDERED to be recorded and a copy furnished to the Government of India in continuation of docket No. 353 W., dated 8th February 1882.

2. It is observed that instead of 40 per cent. on the value of store issues and 24 per cent. on value of receipts and issues taken together, the cost of establishment attached to the Presidency Public Works Stores is now calculated by the Examiner at 20·9 per cent. of the former and 11·8 per cent of the latter.

3. It is also explained by the Superintendent that a great deal of work is done for other Governments and Railways, which is not represented in these percentages.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council does not at present see his way to reducing the strength of the establishment, though the subject will continue to receive every attention.

(True Extract.)

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

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

No. 131. (DOCKET No. 712 W., dated 18th March 1882.)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated March, 18th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

18th March 1882, No. 712 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 129-131.

Forwards copy of Proceedings relative
to the high percentage of establishment
charges incurred during 1880-81 on account
of the Presidency Workshops.

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PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT,
Madras, 28th February 1882.

No. 2078 s.

From

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

To

THE Secretary to Government,
P. W. D.
Chepauk

SIR,

Enclosures.

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I have the honor to be

Sr

Your Most Obedt Servt

W. C. Baddley Lieut Col

Cyml Suptt P. h. Stores &c

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To C. B. 1328 2/3/82

For remarks.

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2/3/82 W

Public Works Store Department.

From

P. W. S. No. 1328

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

P. W. STORES, &C.,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Govt

P. L. H. H.

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No. 20788.

Dated

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February 1882.

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No. OF ENCLOSURES. One

G.O. No. 353. May 8-2-82

G.O. No. 3081 May 12-12-81.

G.O. No. 3079 May 12-12-81.

G.O. No. 2331 May 21-9-81.

C.R. No. 2540 May 16-9-80.

G.O. No. 2054 May 30-8-80.

Refers to para 2

G.O. No. 352. H of 8th February 1882
with reference to the per Centage
of Establishment charges of the
P. W. Stores for 1880-81. Herewith
Statement showing that the per
centage is 06 - on receipts and
issues and not 24 per Cent as
stated in the Examiners Enquiry
report.

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Value of Serviceable Stores received	Value of Serviceable Stores issued	Cost of Establish- ment.	Mr Roper's pay and allowances not chargeable to Rps Stores

1880

April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

7230	9 4	2773	6 9	970	8 "
2916	" 6	5639	3 1	945	8 "
8687	11 4	5357	10 10	872	11 6
4220	15 "	6036	11 3	810	" "
2854	13 9	4655	10 4	1023	8 10
1885	9 7	5817	7 10	864	" "
1393	4 4	5951	3 9	924	" "
2137	14 5	4223	12 1	924	" "
624	" 6	3793	11 9	1686	" "

1881

January
February
March.

2351	8 10	1564	12 3	1502	5 4	458	5 4
537	13 2	1995	13 11	1320	13 9	420	" "
5748	8 5	6910	5 5	1290	10 10	420	" "
337	14 1	280	" "				

	Rs.	As.	Pais.
Total Purposes	40,926	11	3
Mysore Railway Stores for 1880-81	60,939	-	-
do Medical do do	8600	-	-
Mysore State Railway Stores do	10600	-	-
Rednet Work Corps' pay charge- able to General Engineering Establishment or per Chief Engineer	2540	-	-
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deduct Centages received during 1880-81

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2060 \ 5 \ 4 \\
 11079 \ 12 \ 11 \\
 \hline
 3108 \ 2 \ 2 \\
 668065 \ 11 \ 3 \ 680138 \ 13 \ 3 \ 8076 \ 12 \ 11 \\
 \hline
 668065 \ 11 \ 3 \\
 1348204 \ 8 \ 6 \ 8076 \ 12 \ 11
 \end{array}$$

or 0.6 per cent nearly

Wesleyan University

Carol Lupton R.W. Hoar

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OF MADRAS.

1881-82

[P. W.
DEPT.]

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 8th MARCH 1882

1882

OFFICE NOTE No. 1220

To

V.

YOUR OFFICE NOTE NO. 251 D.

DATED 2ND. MARCH 1882.

KEEP WITH

Genl. No.

dated

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2. I BEG TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING
REMARKS ON LETTER NO. 2078 DATED
28TH. FEBRUARY 1882 FROM THE GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT P. W. STORES.

3. PARA 2. THE FIGURES GIVEN BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT AS RECEIPTS AND
ISSUES OF STORES ARE CORRECT:-

RECEIPTS.....RS. 40,926
ISSUES.....RS. 15,000

THE FIGURES GIVEN IN THE REPORT
TAKEN FROM THE ACCOUNTS OMITTED THE
VALUE OF ITEMS UNDER 'TOOLS AND
PLANT' WHICH BECOME 'STORES' BY AD-
JUSTMENT ENTRIES, AND MUST OF COURSE
BE TAKEN INTO THE VALUE OF ITEMS
OF RECEIPTS AND ISSUES OF THE STORES
DEPARTMENT. THE RESULT SO FAR, IS
THAT AFTER DEDUCTING MR. BOYLE'S
SALARY THE COST OF ESTABLISHMENT IS

15/3

20.9 PER CENT OF ISSUES ONLY AND
11.8 PER CENT OF BOTH RECEIPTS AND
ISSUES.

4. PARA 3. IN PARA 13 OF THE
REPORT, REFERENCE IS MADE TO WORK
DONE FOR NATIVE STATES, AND IN PARAS
5 AND 7 OF MY LETTER SUBMITTING THE
REPORT, REFERENCE IS AGAIN MADE
TO THE FACT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT
DEALS WITH STORES FOR OTHER SERVICES.
THE SUPERINTENDENT HOWEVER CONSIDERS
THAT VALUE OF STORES FOR NATIVE
STATES TO THE AMOUNT OF $12\frac{1}{2}$ LAKHS
SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE VALUE
(RS. 94,000) REFERRED TO IN MY PARA
3 ABOVE - AND THAT THE PERCENTAGE
FOR ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN
AFTER SUCH ADDITION. THIS I DO
NOT THINK FAIR - IN THE FIRST PLACE,
BECAUSE THE NATIVE STATES HAVE BEEN
MADE TO GIVE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THE
SUPERINTENDENCE OF THE LANDING
AND DESPATCHING OF THEIR CONSIGN-
MENTS; AND IN THE SECOND PLACE,
BECAUSE THE WORK DONE IS A TALLYING
IN AND OUT OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF
PARCELS OR PACKAGES INVOICED, WITH-
OUT I BELIEVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE CONTENTS, NOR ARE THE
ARTICLES SUBJECT TO ANY OVERHAULING.

FITTING,

FITTING, REPACKING, OR SURVEY, SUCH
AS WOULD BE NECESSARY HERE THE CON-
SIGNMENTS FOR OUR OWN DEPARTMENT.
THE STORES DEPARTMENT IS IN FACT
AN AGENT IN THESE CASES FOR THE
RECEIPT AND DESPATCH OF PACKAGES
CONSIGNED AND NOT OF STORES PROPERLY
SO CLASSED. FURTHER, THIS WORK IS
NOT LIKELY TO BE CONTINUOUS, AND IS
OUTSIDE THE NORMAL WORK OF THE
STORES.

5. PARA 4. I WAS NOT AWARE THAT
THIS WAS THE CASE - CERTAIN CONSIGN-
MENTS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR THE
MYSORE STATE RAILWAY HAVE BEEN
DIVERTED TO THE PUNJAB NORTHERN AND
BELLARY-HOSPETT STATE LINES, BUT I
DO NOT KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
OTHER CONSIGNMENTS RECEIVED, OR THAT
ANY ARE LIKELY TO COME TO HAND WHICH
WERE NOT PRIMARILY SHIPPED FOR THE
MYSORE LINE. THE DESTINATION IS
CHANGED, BUT THE SUPPLY REMAINS AS
ORIGINALLY INTENDED. I HOPE THAT
THE EXPECTATION MAY BE REALIZED THAT
THE P.W. STORES MAY BE FOR SEVERAL
YEARS AN IMPORTANT DEPOT FOR THE
RECEIPT AND ISSUE OF STORES FOR ALL
STATE RAILWAYS IN SOUTHERN INDIA.
BUT AT PRESENT THERE IS NOT MUCH

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PROMISE, AND IF THE POLICY OF GOVERN-
MENT BE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS ENDEAVOR
TO ATTRACT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO
UNDERTAKE SUCH WORKS, THERE IS
PERHAPS LESS HOPE THAT THE STORES
WILL PERFORM ANY IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS.

6. PARA 5. MR. BOYLE'S PAY IS
DRAWN IN THE STORES DEPARTMENT AND
CHARGED AGAINST GENERAL ESTABLISH-
MENT JUST AS IS THE PAY OF THE
REST OF THE OFFICE. IT WOULD NOW
APPEAR THAT HIS ASSOCIATION IS
ENTIRELY WITH THE WORKSHOPS AND
NOT AT ALL WITH THE STORES, AND THAT
IT IS A MERE MATTER OF CONVENIENCE
THAT HIS PAY SHOULD BE SO DRAWN
AND CHARGED. THE DEDUCTION HAS
THEREFORE BEEN ACCEPTED, AS STATED
IN MY PARA 3 ABOVE.

7. PARA 6. THE PERCENTAGES
CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN
COMPARING ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES
WITH VALUE OF WORK DONE- SUCH PER-
CENTAGES ARE AUTHORIZED BY WAY OF
AN EXTRA CHARGE TO THE OUTSIDE
PUBLIC, AS A TAX, SO TO SPEAK, TO
PREVENT THE STORES BECOMING A
GENERAL PUBLIC EMPORIUM TO BE
RESORTED TO AT THE PLEASURE OF THE
COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. THEY ARE AN
OUTSIDE AND ACCIDENTAL RECEIPT,

AND

AND CANNOT BE LOOKED UPON AS A
REDUCTION OF CHARGE FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT NECESSARY FOR THE WORK OF RE-
CEIPT AND ISSUE. HAD THE PUBLIC
NOT HAD THE ARTICLES IN QUESTION, THE
ESTABLISHMENT WOULD NEVERTHELESS HAVE
BEEN ENTERTAINED, AND HAD THE ARTICLES
ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC BEEN ISSUED TO
THE DEPARTMENT, NO PERCENTAGES WOULD
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THEY FAIRLY
FORM AN ITEM TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN ARGUING THAT ALTHOUGH ESTABLISH-
MENT CHARGES STAND AT A CERTAIN
FIGURE, EXTRA CHARGES RECOVERED BY
SALES GIVE A CERTAIN COUNTERBALANCING
CREDIT, BUT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH THE COST OF ESTABLISHMENT NECES-
SARY FOR THE WORK OF THE STORES
DEPARTMENT.

8. PARAS 7 AND 8. THE REMARKS IN
THE PREVIOUS PARA APPLY TO THIS. IN
BOTH CASES, THE POINT HAS BEEN MISSED.
THE QUESTION IS NOT, THAT COUNTER-
BALANCE IS THERE TO THE COST OF
ESTABLISHMENT- BUT IS THE COST OF
ESTABLISHMENT REASONABLE WHEN COMPARED
WITH THE WORK IT SUPERINTENDS? THE
AGENCY CHARGES MAY COVER AND EXCEED
THE ESTABLISHMENT CHARGE, BUT THAT
DOES NOT PROVE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT

CHARGE

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CHARGE IS OF IS NOT EXCESSIVE.

9. PARA 9. SEE MY PARA 3 ABOVE.

10. PARA 10. THIS IS THE ORDINARY DUTY OF THE STORES DEPARTMENT.

11. PARA 11. THE SUPERINTENDENT REPLIED TO THE REPORT IN HIS NO. 1116 3 OF 5TH OCTOBER 1881, AND HAD THEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW IN WHAT POINTS THE REMARKS IN THE REPORT RESULTED FROM IMPERFECT OR UNRELIABLE INFORMATION.

12. THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT MUST BE THE BEST AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINING THE STRENGTH OF THE ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED FOR THE WORK TO BE DONE. NO DOUBT WITH THE PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT A VERY MUCH LARGER BUSINESS THAN HAPPENS TO FALL TO THE LOT OF THE STORES DEPARTMENT COULD BE TRANSACTED. IS THERE ANY RELIABLE PROSPECT FOR AN INCREASED BUSINESS? IF NOT, IS ANY REDUCTION OF STAFF PRACTICABLE, RETAINING THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION, OR ADOPTING SOME CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION?

13. THE ONLY COMPARISON OF THE

COST

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COST OF ESTABLISHMENT WHICH I CAN FURNISH IS THAT OF THE STORES DEPARTMENT OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAYS. THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE WORK DONE AND THE COST OF ESTABLISHMENT MAINTAINED:-

MADRAS RAILWAY.

VALUE OF RECEIPTS AND ISSUES.

COST OF STORES ESTABLISHMENT.

FOR THE YEAR 1880.....	RS. 26,68,900	RS. 19,600
FOR 6 MONTHS OF 1881....	RS. 17,84,300	RS. 10,230

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

VALUE OF RECEIPTS AND ISSUES.

COST OF STORES ESTABLISHMENT.

FOR THE YEAR 1880.....	RS. 29,75,000	RS. 18,700
FOR 6 MONTHS OF 1881....	RS. 15,90,600	RS. 10,630

THE COST OF THE P.W. STORES ESTABLISHMENT FOR 1880-81 AS GIVEN IN THE STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT IS RS. 11,000.

14. IT IS PURPOSELESS TO COMPARE THE PERCENTAGE OF ESTABLISHMENT UPON THE VALUE OF WORK DONE, FOR THE TRANSACTIONS ARE SO DISPROPORTIONATE. NEVERTHELESS THE ANNUAL COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AS SHOWN ABOVE SERVES TO ILLUSTRATE THE FACT THAT, UNLESS WE GET MORE WORK, OUR ESTABLISHMENT CHARGE IS UTTERLY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE VALUE OF WORK SUPERINTENDED.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

15th March/82

Read the following :-

*From the Genl Supt. P.W.
Stores. N.E. No 2078. D of 28 Feb/82*

*Office Note from the Ex^{ts}
of P.W. Accounts. " 1226 d of 8 March/82.*

*Ordered to be record-
ed and a copy furnished
to the Govt of India in
Continuation of Docket
No 353 W d of 8 Feb/82.*

*It is observed that
instead of 40 per cent
on the value of store
issues and 24 per cent
on value of receipts and
issues taken together,
the cost of Establishment
attached to the Presidency
P.W. Stores is now calculated*

by the Examiner at
20.9 percent of the
former and 11.8 per
cent of the latter.

The Hon W. Huddleston

It is also explained
by the Superintendent
that a great deal of work
is done for other Govts,
and Railways, which is
not represented in these
percentages.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council does
not at present see his
way to reducing the
strength of the Estab-
lishment. though the
Subject will continue to receive
my attention

N.E. No 712W a/18/3/82

Copy of the above
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Genl Supt. P.W. Stores
Care of P.W. accts.
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P. W. Workshops Pendency

Reports on the high percentage
of Entabl. Charges during 1880-81
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Towards copy of Report relating
to the high percentage of
Entabl. Charges incurred during
1880-81 on account of the Pendency
workshops.