

N. 44.

South Street Divl Office

Camp. Chidambaram.

8th May 1883.

From The Executive Engineer
South Street Division.

To The Examiner of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras.

Sir, With reference to your letter N. 5. P. 6. 5th dated 3rd Ultimo, I have the honor to return the Audit Note for March/82 with my replies.

2. Under the present system of accounts very minute details are required to be furnished in the Work Vouchers for Main-
-tenance and other works, which are, in my opinion quite unnecessary, as they take up a good deal of time of the Executive branch in keeping accounts of such minute & details. In the case of General Works & Vouchers (most of them are for Maintenance works) called for in the Audit Note, references had to be made to Sub. Divisional Officers and Subordinates concerned to get the required information to prepare these documents and such references must.

must necessarily delay the disposal of requi-
-sitions; for instance, certain Vouchers returned
to Sub. Divisional Officer Chidambaram,
for information, are yet to be received.

However the Sub. Divisional Officers and
Subordinates have been strictly ordered
not to delay vouchers and other returns,
in future, and some of the Subordinates
were also recently fined for delays.

3. I beg respectfully to state that
it is simply impossible to get all the
Minutes detailed information as punctually
with our sadly curtailed establishment; nor
do I see the necessity for troubling any
establishment, however ample, with such
details. By trying to do too much in this
way, a deal of extra labor and correspon-
-dence is entailed. I cannot go on fining
Subordinates for not doing the impossible,
and if these Minutes are insisted on,
I shall be under the necessity of giving up
a lot of actual and useful work.

I am &c.

Signed A. C. Smith Major B.E.
Executive Engineer

/True Copy/
New Bundergast Col. B.E.
Supt Engineer & Circle

Camp Bangalore, 30th May 1883.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No. 1391 W
dated the 11th Instant. I have the honor
to report, that the Audit Note for
March 1882 Item No. 16 in the Provincial
Statement of objectionable items for
February 1883, has been returned by the
Executive Engineer with his letter to the
Examiner No. 44 dated 8th Idem; a
copy of this letter is enclosed in
which the Executive Engineer's ex-
planation of the cause of delay is
furnished.

2. It appears that there must
have been special references required
in the case of this Audit Note; as
there are not other instances of long
delay

Enclosures. /

1 Copy of the Executive
Engineer's letter.O. W. 1
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delay in the return of these notes.

3. The Examiner has since removed
his objections to the Items 16 & 17 of the
Provincial Statement for February -

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.
Wm. Penderast Coll. Secy.

Supy Engrs. 5th Circle.

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From J.W.C. No 4575
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Dated 30th } May 1883.
Recd. 1/6/83

ENCLOSURES. 1.

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No. 826.

Audit Note for March 1883.

Reports that the
was returned by the Executive
Engineer South West Dist.
and to the Examiner with
letter explaining the cause
of delay.

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Sd. in Receipt Rep.