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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 27th July 1883, No. 1639.

In your Orders, No. 1248 C., of the 3rd instant, upon my inspection of the Presidency Division Office, I am requested to report upon the Examiner's remarks on Question 4, that Lieutenant Hamilton is not shown in any of the accounts as a separate Sub-divisional Officer with a drawing account.

I have the honor to report that Lieutenant Hamilton is a disburser, but not a Sub-divisional Officer. There has been other correspondence upon this point. Lieutenant Hamilton's appointment to the division, when Colonel Burton took the office to Bangalore, did not disturb the arrangement that Lieutenant Plummer was the Sub-divisional Officer at the Presidency. Lieutenant Hamilton is shown as a detached officer in the Quarterly Distribution Return which I send to you regularly; and in G.O., No. 575 W., of the 22nd February 1883, the sub-divisional allowance is passed to Lieutenant Plummer.

2. Again, upon Question 48 the Examiner says that if more than one disburser (i.e., Colonel Burton and Lieutenant Hamilton) draws against one treasury, a limit should be fixed, as between each of them, so as to prevent possible lapse of funds to one or other.

The answer in column 3 to Question 48 is not correct. I did not observe that the answer assented to there being a Sub-divisional Officer, or I would have altered it to "one disburser, Lieutenant Hamilton, draws against the Executive Engineer's credit." But the point is whether Lieutenant Hamilton must have a fixed credit with a separate drawing account. In that case he becomes a Sub-divisional Officer, but he has not got an authorised sub-division.

3. Orders were given in G.O., No. 3041 W., of the 16th November 1882, that all duly authorised orders for funds emanating from the Secretariat and the office of the Examiner are to be cashed by the senior officer of the Presidency Division stationed at Chepauk. Accordingly, Lieutenant Hamilton has made all such disbursements; he sends his cash-book weekly to the Executive Engineer at Bangalore, and his drawings against the Madras Bank are entered in the Executive Engineer's cash-book, his balance at the end of the month being treated as a portion of the Executive Engineer's balance in chest.

4. The present system appears to me to work well, and the circumstances are exceptional. Colonel Burton says that he could instruct Lieutenant Hamilton from week to week; that his credit would be, say, Rs. 12,000; but it will happen occasionally that an officer passing through Madras obtains an order for an advance of a month's pay. It may be of consequence that a cheque be obtained and cashed within the working hours of the day; and this may not be accomplished even by urgent telegrams, to and from Bangalore, if the credit has been exhausted at Madras. I thus think matters had better be left as they are at present.

Office Note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 7th August 1883, No. 461.

Your Office Note, No. 1667 D., dated 2nd August 1883.

If the procedure in force as described in paragraph 3 of Superintending Engineer's letter exists, it causes a duplication of work which is quite unnecessary, makes the head-quarters cash-book quite irregular as to sequence of dates, and declares expenditure disbursed by the Assistant Engineer as that disbursed by the Executive Engineer himself.

2. Lieutenant Hamilton is, as far as payments are concerned, a Sub-divisional Officer, and his transactions should be recorded as such. He should draw against the Executive Engineer's drawing account, as would any other sub-divisional disburser, and the amount of credit which the Executive Engineer makes over to him should be specified. It need not "be fixed" in the sense that so much (a maximum) and no more may be drawn during the month, but fixed in the sense of being limited to an amount upon which the Executive Engineer will not entrench. If this limit should by any chance or extraordinary demand be insufficient, the Assistant Engineer can readily wire to Bangalore for extra funds, which, if the Executive Engineer has them, he can himself grant, if not the position would not differ from that existing, as in either case a supplementary credit would have to be obtained. By specifying no limit up to which Lieutenant Hamilton may draw, it is quite possible that a cheque of one or other officer might be dishonored, perhaps on account of a trifling amount which just turns the scale between a large credit balance and a small deficit in the treasury account.

ORDER—dated 14th August 1883, No. 2263 W., Public Works.

The foregoing note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 14th.

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G.O., 14th Aug. 1883, No. 2263 W.

AUGUST.

Lieutenant Hamilton's position at Madras

The remarks of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, on the subject of — with reference to payments made by him, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

No. 1639

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, 27th July 1883.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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To

THE

Chief Engineer
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Enclosures.

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Yours most Obedient Servant

Lieut. Hamilton

Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

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Dated

27th July

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ENCLOSURES.

No. 1639

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th Aug/83

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
Fifth Circle } A.E. No. 1639 of 27th July 1883
office note from the
Examiner P.W. Accounts } " No. 461 of 7th August 1883

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The foregoing
note from the Examiner
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To
The Suply. Engr Fifth Circle ✓
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G. O. 14th August 1883. No. 2263

Nos.

Receipt Receipts for
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The amount of the Grant for
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of — with the reference
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him, Commr. to the
Supt. Engrs. Dept.
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