

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 37.

READ—the following letter from R. G. MACDONALD, Esq., Acting Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd March 1883, No. 186 W. :—

I have the honor to report that I inspected the office of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, on the 21st ultimo; Mr. J. P. Davidson, the Executive Engineer, and V. Ragavendra Charry, the Accountant, were present.

2. The last report by an accounts officer will be found in G.O., No. 2557 W., dated 29th September 1882. In it attention was drawn to a large number of points. These have all been satisfactorily settled with the following exceptions :—

Paragraph 10.—Several of the completion reports are still due.

Paragraph 14.—Stock still in hand.

Paragraph 16.—Register not yet complete as noted below.

3. The division is a large one. The Executive Engineer and five Sub-divisional officers have drawing accounts, and there are four imprest holders, viz. :—

Mr. Vas, Overseer, with ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	RS. 200
Chinnatambi, Supervisor, with ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Moorugasam Mudaliar, Overseer, with ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Nadamooney Mudaliar, Overseer, with ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Total ...							425

The work of the division is carried out almost entirely by contract. There are only three works going on by daily labor. There is practically no stock in the division. There are no manufactures. The Executive Engineer's control over the outlay and the accounts is marked, and the accounts work is in very good order. The Accountant deserves credit for the efficient aid he has rendered to the Executive Engineer.

4. The state of the principal books and records is briefly as follows. The books and records are, as a rule, neat and well kept :—

- (1.) *Cash Book*.—In order and to date.
- (2.) *Cash Books of Sub-divisional Offices*.—In order and punctually received.
- (3.) *Imprest Accounts*.—In order and punctually received.
- (4.) *Cash Abstract Book*.—In order and to date.
- (5.) *Abstract of Stock Receipts*.—
- (6.) *Do. Issues*.—
- (7.) *Statement of Stock Receipts, Issues and Balance*.—

} Not necessary and not kept.

- (8.) *Stock Abstract Book*.—In order and to date.
- (9.) *Stock Register*.—In order and to date.
- (10.) *Return of Tools and Plant*.—In order and to date.
- (11.) *Ten-day Reports*.—
- (12.) *Works Abstracts*.— } In order. Only required for a very few works.
- (13.) *Register of Works*.—In order and to date.
- (14.) *Schedule of Miscellaneous Advances*.—In order.
- (15.) *Do. Deposits*.—In order.
- (16.) *Contractors' Ledger*.—In order and to date.
- (17.) *List of Rentable Buildings*.—In order.
- (18.) *Return of Padugay Land*.—In order.
- (19.) *List of Buildings and Lands*.—Not yet complete.
- (20.) *Rate Book or Schedule*.—Kept.
- (21.) *Postal Register*.—Kept.
- (22.) *Service Books*.—In order.

5. The adoption of the system of carrying out works by contract and the absence of stock simplify the accounts greatly.

6. The sub-divisions are all sanctioned, and sub-divisional officers send in their accounts promptly.

7. The cash balance is kept low in the sub-divisional chests as well as in the Executive Engineer's chest. It is generally under Rs. 100 in a sub-divisional chest and under Rs. 50 in the Executive Engineer's office. Banking facilities are fully availed of.

8. I was unable to examine the Executive Engineer's pass books with the treasuries of Malabar and South Canara, as they were not in the office, but the pass book of the Coimbatore treasury and of its sub-treasuries was examined and found correct, and the accuracy of the Executive Engineer's treasury balance on the 31st January 1883 was proved.

9. Cheques are now crossed as prescribed in Code, paragraph 1231-A.

10. There is an item of Rs. 326-4-0 claimed as rent from the Mangalore Municipality, which has been long in dispute. The matter ought to be settled without more delay.

11. The few works abstracts that are required in the division are compiled in the divisional office and are in order. The receipts of materials at site and their consumption upon final sub-heads are posted from the ten day reports of officers in charge of works, and the balance is verified now and again. There ought to be in the head office, in support of the entries in the works abstract, an acknowledgment from the officer in charge of the work that he had in his possession at the end of the month materials at site as per the list in the works abstract.

12. The accounts of contractors are all correct, and they are entered in the ledger. Payments are supported by detailed measurements. There are no disputed accounts. It is impossible in such a large division as this to get all the contractors to sign their accounts in the Executive Engineer's ledger, although the few near at hand might be asked to do so; but their balances are duly entered on their certificates above their signatures.

13. The only stock in the division consists of a few articles transferred from the late West Coast Division and valued at Rs. 337. The accounts of it are correctly kept, the quantities are reported to be correct, and the book prices to be fair and reasonable. Steps have been taken to sell it off.

14. The Miscellaneous Advance Account is in a healthy state.

15. The Register of Government buildings is still incomplete, but steps are being taken to complete it.

16. The audit notes on the accounts are still of a length that I should be glad to see reduced, and the Accountant should give his earnest attention to this matter.

17. There are eleven items, with an expenditure of Rs. 1,459, in progress without estimate; these are petty military works. There is an excess of Rs. 408 over one estimate. In three instances no appropriations of funds have been obtained for outlay aggregating Rs. 622, and there is one instance of excess over appropriation of Rs. 407. These irregularities will be all duly rectified.

No. 38.

ORDER—dated 6th March 1883, No. 725 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the subject of paragraph 10 of the Examiner's letter.

3. The report is creditable to the Executive Engineer and his Accountant.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th March 1883, No. 725 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 37-38.

Inspection

Passing orders on the Notes of — of the
Examiner, Public Works Accounts, on the
Coimbatore Divisional Office.

31st JULY 1883, No. 2082 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Surgeon-Major H. D. COOK, M.B., Superintendent,
Lunatic Asylum, Calicut, to the Secretary, Surgeon-General with the Gov-
ernment of Madras, dated Calicut, 8th July 1883, No. 63 :—

In forwarding the enclosed remarks of the Official Visitors, I have the honor to state
that the planking was not extended, as I received no order from the Surgeon-General
on the remarks made by the Official Visitors on their last inspection (May 22nd, 1883).

2. The Executive Engineer will be asked to take up the work at once in antici-
pation of the sanction of the Surgeon-General.

ENCLOSURE.

Extract from the Official Visitors' Book.

Seen the criminal lunatics; one waiting discharge. Warrants in order. Inspected Asylum;
floors require fresh asphalte at an early date. I concur with the District Magistrate's remarks
as to the gallows provided for the lunatics in the wards, and think the planking should be at
once extended and joined to the beam. Everything was in good order.

(Signed) FRANK WILKINSON,
Sessions Judge.
(") C. A. GALTON,
District Magistrate.
(") GEORGE COUTTS,
Surgeon, A.M.D.

3rd July 1883.

No. O-198.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for submission to Government with recommend-
ation that the flooring with asphalte be undertaken by the Department of Public
Works, and the planking of the roof be also sanctioned for execution.

OOTACAMUND,
20th July 1883.

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., C.I.E.,
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 1427, Judicial.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
27th July 1883.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 31st July 1883, No. 2082 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, who will arrange for the execution of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Judicial Department.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 31st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 31st July 1883, No. 2082 W.

JULY.

Lunatic Asylum, Calicut

The Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to arrange for the flooring with asphalt in the —.

5TH SEPTEMBER 1883, No. 2494 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 24th August 1883, Mis. No. 2240, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 18th August 1883, No. 0-258.

In forwarding the accompanying letter from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Calicut, submitting an abstract estimate for building a partition wall between the male and female wards, I have the honor to recommend that the same may be sanctioned as experience has shown the enclosures of the Female Asylum to be very necessary.

Order—dated 24th August 1883, Mis. No. 2240, Judicial.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with Enclosures.

ORDER—dated 5th September 1883, No. 2494 W., Public Works.

The estimates which have been approved in the foregoing Proceedings will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for sanction and early execution.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with six Enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 5th Sept. 1883, No. 2494 W.

2667W
SEPTEMBER.

Lunatic Asylum, Calicut

Estimates for asphaltting the lower rooms,
and building a partition wall between the male
and female wards of the —, forwarded to the
Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for
sanction and early execution.

22ND SEPTEMBER 1883, No. 2667 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th September 1883, No. 102 W. :—

I have the honor to submit, for information and orders of Government, notes by the Deputy Examiner, Mr. Rainier, of his inspection of the office of the Coimbatore Division.

Paragraph 4.—The confusion that has apparently taken place in obtaining funds at the treasuries and sub-treasuries has been referred to the Local Accountant-General, whose action will no doubt put matters right. As to the manner in which the Treasury Officer should record cheques drawn by sub-divisional officers as well as by the Executive Engineer himself, the rules in the Code paragraphs 1880—1890 are clear. Only one drawing account should be kept at each treasury, and, in the pass-book for that drawing account, the cheques of *all* officers drawing upon it should be entered.

Paragraph 8.—In the cases of many of the works the same contractors are apparently supplying materials and carrying out construction. It is for the Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineer to consider whether it is necessary to make separate transactions with such contractors, and whether it might not be advantageous to pay for work done (labor and materials) at once. The materials at site are at Government risk, require to be taken stock of from time to time, and cause considerable trouble in accounts, which would be obviated if arrangements are possible whereby the contractor gets paid, not for each separate portion, but for the finished portion of work put up.

Paragraph 11.—No sanction has been accorded, so far as I know, to the work being undertaken by the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, but under the supervision of this department. The matter is brought to notice for such action as Government may deem necessary.

Paragraph 13.—The item of Rs. 5,159-2-11 in the Miscellaneous Advance Account is the cost of protective works at Beypore, which it was said the Madras Railway Company should bear, but which subsequently their London Board objected to admit. The matter has already been reported to Government, who have referred to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for a report.

Paragraph 14.—The register of buildings should be completed; it has been a long time in an unfinished state.

Paragraph 16.—Registers of all possible revenue-producing properties should be opened, whether such property be houses or padugay lands, gardens, plantations, &c.

2. The office continues in good order.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, on the 1st September 1883.

Captain Romilly, R.E., who is in temporary charge of this division during Mr. Davidson's absence since 8th August 1883, was unavoidably absent; the Accountant, V. Ragavendra Charry, was present.

2. The last report by an Accounts Officer on this office will be found recorded with G.O., No. 725 W., of 6th March 1883.

3. The disbursers and imprest-holders are as follows :—

Disbursers—
 The Executive Engineer.
 Lieutenant W. C. S. West, Assistant Engineer, South Canara.
 Mr. H. D. Marjoribanks, do. Cannanore.
 Mr. C. A. Smith, do. Erode.
 Conductor J. Nicholson, Sub-Engineer, Calicut.
 Mr. J. E. Lafrenais, do. Coimbatore.

Imprest-holders and amounts held by each—

South Canara Sub-division.

Mr. A. F. C. Vas, Overseer, 2nd Grade, Rs. 200.

Calicut Sub-division.

Raghava Iyengar, Overseer, 2nd Grade, Rs. 100.
 Rungasawmy Iyer, do. do. „ 100.

Erode Sub-division.

C. Chinnatambi Pillay, Supervisor, Rs. 100.

A. Moorogasam Moodelliar, Overseer, Rs. 100.

4. In the Malabar district, at Calicut, Cochin, Ernád, and Chirakal, there is at each treasury (or sub-treasury) two drawing accounts—the Executive Engineer's and that of the Sub-divisional Officer—and some confusion of these accounts—one being somehow mixed up with another—appears to have arisen lately in the Calicut Treasury, the result being in one or two instances the dishonoring of cheques, which at such a distance from head-quarters was peculiarly inconvenient, and caused much annoyance to the payees. At other places (every station in the Coimbatore district and one in South Canara) where there is a double drawing account no such confusion has arisen. The matter is under correspondence with the Accountant-General, Madras, from the Examiner's office; there can, it is thought, be no difficulty so long as each drawing account is kept quite separately by the Treasury Office.

5. The accuracy of the Executive Engineer's treasury balance could not be proved, the pass and cheque books being absent; every care seems to be taken to keep up a good check on the treasury account balances as compared with those of the cash-books.

6. The sub-divisional offices, all duly authorized, were last inspected by the Executive Engineer on the following dates :—

Erode	...	...	...	...	16th October 1882.
South Canara	...	...	...	...	26th January 1883.
Calicut	...	...	...	...	17th „
Cannanore	...	...	...	...	17th „
Coimbatore	...	...	...	...	Not yet inspected (it was formed in September 1882).

The desirability of conforming to the rules (Code paragraph 331) and inspecting them at least half-yearly is fully appreciated by the Superintending Engineer, who is taking the matter up. (The opportunity, always so desirable, of talking over this and other things noticed in the inspection afforded by the Superintending Engineer's presence in the station was fully taken advantage of.)

7. The sub-divisional accounts come in pretty regularly, and were found generally in order.

The imprest accounts, cash-books, cash abstract books and contractors' accounts were all in order and well kept.

8. The materials at site of works in the different work accounts aggregate in all Rs. 25,252, of which the largest amounts are placed as follows :—

	RS.
Constructing barracks for a detachment of British Infantry at Malapuram	9,335
Improvements to the Collector's Cutcherry at Mangalore	4,609
Constructing District Munsif's Court at Tellicherry	1,280
Providing a boarded floor for the hospital of British Infantry Regiment at Cannanore	1,645
Constructing District Munsif's Court at Poothur	2,363
Repairing Kadivelly Anicut, &c.	1,163

9. All the works now in progress are being executed by contract, and the contract certificates bear all that was contemplated in paragraph 11 of last report, which is a proper attestation by the responsible party of his materials at site balances.

10. The registers of works—there are two (one for the Coimbatore and one for all other districts)—were in order and complete for July.

11. Regarding the Calicut Lunatic Asylum improvements, which were in progress before the amalgamation with this division, and which are not yet complete, Rs. 5,395 had been the outlay up to the 31st December 1882, and up to that date (in the time of some previous Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer) the Superintendent of the Asylum was regarded, it appears, as the contractor for the work, which he deputed a Hospital Assistant to supervise, no Public Works Department officer having any supervision over it.

The Hospital Assistant was paid 5 per cent. on the value of all work done up to the above date from the amalgamation of the division, and it is supposed that the arrangement had been in force all long.

The present Superintending Engineer put a stop to it from the 1st January 1883, and the work is now under proper departmental supervision; the matter is noticed here as no order of Government for such unusual procedure was apparently obtained.

12. There is no stock in this division, and there are no manufactures; the audit note usually contains about a dozen items, and though this indicates a very good state of things, it may be expected that still further improvement will be manifested.

13. In the suspense accounts there is nothing irregular or irrecoverable; but an item of Rs. 5,159-2-11 in the Miscellaneous Advance Account, which awaits, since March 1883, the orders of Government (*vide* G.O., No. 1523 W., of 31st May 1883) was noticed.

14. The register of Government buildings for the Coimbatore District seems to be complete up to the 26th August 1882, beyond which date completed buildings have not been apparently entered. The buildings as completed should be promptly registered, and a revised list made out when the year has expired.

15. The registers of other districts are not complete.

16. There is a file of papers showing padugay lands leased from month to month, but the lands are as yet unsurveyed; all the odds and ends of miscellaneous income should be registered, especially these padugay lands.

17. The Accountant is sufficiently assisted in his accounts; there are two men—Ramasawmy Naidu and Koteeswara Naidu—each at Rs. 22, both capital men,—capable of excellent work each in his own line, but neither of them competent to take the Accountant's place temporarily, should the necessity arise.

18. The storekeeper gets Rs. 30, and has the tools and plant accounts in first-rate order; but his work as storekeeper is not heavy, and he is, except on special occasions, chiefly occupied in helping the office in ink-work.

19. The office generally is in capital order, and everything not referred to above, which was mentioned in the last report, has had attention.

ORDER—dated 22nd September 1883, No. 2667 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, who will direct the attention of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the remarks and suggestions of the Inspecting Officer and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the subject of paragraph 11 of the inspection report.

3. The report is on the whole satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
 Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd Sept. 1883, No. 2667 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Inspection

Passing orders on the notes of — by the
Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts,
on the Coimbatore Divisional Office.

No. 102 W

From

THE EXAMINER,

PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

D. P. Caraway

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

B.1525 W of 31-5-83
 A 725 W of 6-3-83
 A 2429 W of 25-9-79
 B 873 W of 16-3-83
 B 90 W of 10-1-83
 A 2082 W of 31-7-83
 A 2494 W of 5-9-83

No. 7941

From,
 The Examiner P.W. Accounts,
 Madras.
 To,
 The Secretary to Government,
 P.W. Department.

No. 102 W

Dated 14th September 1883.

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Notes of inspection of the
 Office of the Coimbatore Division
 by Mr. Rainier Dy. Examiner. Forwards
 with remarks-----

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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY H. RAINIER ESQUIRE OF THE
 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER COIMBATORE DIVISION ON
 THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 1883.

CAPTAIN ROMILLY R.E. WHO IS IN TEMPORARY CHARGE OF
 THIS DIVISION DURING MR DAVIDSON'S ABSENCE, SINCE 8TH
 AUGUST 1883, WAS UNAVOIDABLY ABSENT; THE ACCOUNTANT V.
 RAGAVENDRA CHARRY WAS PRESENT.

2. THE LAST REPORT BY AN ACCOUNTS OFFICER ON THIS
 OFFICE WILL BE FOUND RECORDED WITH G.O. NO 725 W. OF 6TH
 MARCH 1883.

3. THE DISBURSERS AND IMPREST HOLDERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

DISBURSERS.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.
 LIEUT W.C.S. WEST ASSISTANT ENGINEER SOUTH CANARA
 MR H.D. MAJORIBANKS DO. DO. CANNANORE.
 MR C.A. SMITH DO. DO. ERODE
 CONDUCTOR J. NICHOLSON SUB ENGINEER CALICUT.
 MR J.E. LAFFRENAIS DO. COIMBATORE.

IMPREST HOLDERS AND AMOUNTS HELD BY EACH

SOUTH CANARA SUB-DIVISION.

MR A.F.C. VAS OVERSEER 2ND GRADE RS 200/-

CALICUT SUB-DIVISION.

RAGHAVA IYENGAR OVERSEER 2ND GRADE RS 100/-
 RUNGASAWMY IYER DO. DO. ,, 100/-

ERODE SUB-DIVISION.

C. CHINNATAMBI PILLAY SUPERVISOR RS. 100/-
 A. MOOROGASAM MOODELLIAR OVERSEER ,, 100/-

4. IN THE MALABAR DISTRICT, AT CALICUT, COCHIN, ERNAD,
 AND CHERIKAL, THERE IS AT EACH TREASURY (OR SUB-TREASURY)
 TWO DRAWING ACCOUNTS-THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS AND THAT OF
 THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICER-AND SOME CONFUSION OF THESE

ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS-ONE BEING SOMEHOW MIXED UP WITH ANOTHER-APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN LATELY IN THE CALICUT TREASURY- THE RESULT BEING IN ONE OR TWO INSTANCES THE DISHONORING OF CHEQUES, WHICH AT SUCH A DISTANCE FROM HEAD QUARTERS WAS PECULIARLY INCONVENIENT AND CAUSED MUCH ANNOYANCE TO THE PAYEES. AT OTHER PLACES (EVERY STATION IN THE COIMBATORE DISTRICT AND ONE IN SOUTH CANARA) WHERE THERE IS A DOUBLE DRAWING ACCOUNT NO SUCH CONFUSION HAS ARISEN. THE MATTER IS UNDER CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS, FROM THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE-THERE CAN IT IS THOUGHT BE NO DIFFICULTY SO LONG AS EACH DRAWING ACCOUNT IS KEPT QUITE SEPARATELY BY THE TREASURY OFFICE.

5. THE ACCURACY OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S TREASURY BALANCE COULD NOT BE PROVED, THE PASS AND CHEQUE BOOKS BEING ABSENT-EVERY CARE SEEMS TO BE TAKEN TO KEEP UP A GOOD CHECK ON THE TREASURY ACCOUNT BALANCES AS COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE CASH BOOKS.

6. THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICES, ALL DULY AUTHORIZED, WERE LAST INSPECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

ERODE.....16TH OCTOBER 1882.
SOUTH CANARA...26TH JANUARY 1883.
CALICUT.....17TH JANUARY 1883.
CANNANORE.....17TH JANUARY 1883.
COIMBATORE NOT YET INSPECTED (IT WAS FORMED IN SEPTEMBER 1882)

THE DESIRABILITY OF CONFORMING TO THE RULES (CODE PARA 331) AND INSPECTING THEM AT LEAST HALF-YEARLY IS FULLY APPRECIATED BY THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER -WHO IS TAKING THE MATTER UP. (THE OPPORTUNITY, ALWAYS SO DESIRABLE, OF TAKING OVER THIS AND OTHER THINGS NOTICED IN THE INSPECTION- AFFORDED

8/3
AFFORDED BY THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S PRESENCE IN THE STATION-WAS FULLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.)

7. THE SUB-DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS COME IN PRETTY REGULARLY, AND WERE FOUND GENERALLY IN ORDER

THE IMPREST ACCOUNTS, CASH BOOKS, CASH ABSTRACT BOOKS AND CONTRACTORS' ACCOUNTS, WERE ALL IN ORDER AND WELL KEPT

8. THE MATERIALS AT SITE OF WORKS IN THE DIFFERENT WORK ACCOUNTS AGGREGATE IN ALL RS 25,252/ OF WHICH THE LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE PLACED AS FOLLOWS:-

CONSTRUCTING BARRACKS FOR A DETACHMENT OF BRITISH INFANTRY AT MULLIAPURAM RS 9336.
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COLLECTOR'S CUTCHERRY AT MANGALORE.....RS 4609.
CONSTRUCTING DISTRICT MUNSIF'S COURT AT TELlicherry.....RS 1280.
PROVIDING A BOARDED FLOOR FOR THE HOSPITAL OF BRITISH INFANTRY REGIMENT AT CANNANORE.....RS 1645.
CONSTRUCTING DISTRICT MUNSIF'S COURT AT POOTHUR RS 2363.
REPAIRING KADIVELLY ANICUT, ETC.,.....RS 1163.

9. ALL THE WORKS NOW IN PROGRESS ARE BEING EXECUTED BY CONTRACT, AND THE CONTRACT CERTIFICATES BEAR ALL THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED IN PARA II OF LAST REPORT, WHICH IS A PROPER ATTESTATION BY THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY OF HIS MATERIALS AT SITE BALANCES.

10. THE REGISTER OF WORKS-THERE ARE TWO (ONE FOR THE COIMBATORE AND ONE FOR ALL OTHER DISTRICTS) WERE IN ORDER AND COMPLETE FOR JULY.

11. REGARDING THE CALICUT LUNATIC ASYLUM IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH WERE IN PROGRESS BEFORE THE AMALGAMATION WITH THIS

DIVISION.

DIVISION, AND WHICH ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, RS 5395/ HAD BEEN THE OUTLAY UP TO THE 31ST DECEMBER 1882, AND UP TO THAT DATE (IN THE TIME OF SOME PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ASYLUM WAS REGARDED IT APPEARS AS THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE WORK WHICH HE DEPUTED A HOSPITAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERVISE, NO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICER HAVING ANY SUPERVISION OVER IT.

THE HOSPITAL ASSISTANT WAS PAID 5 PER CENT ON THE VALUE OF ALL WORK DONE UP TO THE ABOVE DATE FROM THE AMALGAMATION OF THE DIVISION, AND IT IS SUPPOSED THAT THE ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN IN FORCE ALL ALONG.

THE PRESENT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUT A STOP TO IT FROM THE 1ST JANUARY 1883, AND THE WORK IS NOW UNDER PROPER DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISION. THE MATTER IS NOTICED HERE AS NO ORDER OF GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH UNUSUAL PROCEDURE WAS APPARENTLY OBTAINED.

12. THERE IS NO STOCK IN THIS DIVISION, AND THERE ARE NO MANUFACTURES; THE AUDIT NOTE USUALLY CONTAINS ABOUT A DOZEN ITEMS AND THOUGH THIS INDICATES A VERY GOOD STATE OF THINGS IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT STILL FURTHER IMPROVEMENT WILL BE MANIFESTED.

13. IN THE SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS THERE IS NOTHING IRREGULAR OR IRRECOVERABLE, BUT AN ITEM OF RS 5159-2-11 IN THE MISCELLANEOUS ADVANCE ACCOUNT WHICH AWAITS SINCE MARCH 1883, THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT-VIDE G.O. NO 1523 W.OF 31ST MAY 1883-WAS NOTICED.

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14. THE REGISTER OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS FOR THE COIMBATORE DISTRICT, SEEMS TO BE COMPLETE UP TO THE 26TH AUGUST 1882, BEYOND WHICH DATE COMPLETED BUILDINGS HAVE NOT BEEN APPARENTLY ENTERED. THE BUILDINGS AS COMPLETED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY REGISTERED-AND A REVISED LIST MADE OUT WHEN THE YEAR HAS EXPIRED.

15. THE REGISTERS OF OTHER DISTRICTS ARE NOT COMPLETE.

16. THERE IS A FILE OF PAPERS SHewing PADAGUE LANDS LEASED FROM MONTH TO MONTH-BUT THE LANDS ARE AS YET UNSURVEYED-ALL THE ODDS AND ENDS OF MISCELLANEOUS INCOME SHOULD BE REGISTERED, ESPECIALLY THESE PADAGUE LANDS.

17. THE ACCOUNTANT IS SUFFICIENTLY ASSISTED IN HIS ACCOUNTS; THERE ARE TWO MEN-RAMYSAMMY NAIDU, AND KOTESWARA NAIDU, EACH AT RS 22/- BOTH CAPITAL MEN-CAPABLE OF EXCELLENT WORK EACH IN HIS OWN LINE, BUT NEITHER OF THEM COMPETENT TO TAKE THE ACCOUNTANT'S PLACE TEMPORARILY SHOULD THE NECESSITY ARISE.

18. THE STOREKEEPER GETS RS 30/ AND HAS THE TOOLS AND PLANT ACCOUNTS IN FIRST RATE ORDER-BUT HIS WORK AS STORE-KEEPER IS NOT HEAVY, AND HE IS EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, CHIEFLY OCCUPIED IN HELPING THE OFFICE IN INK-WORK.

19. THE OFFICE GENERALLY IS IN CAPITAL ORDER AND EVERYTHING NOT REFERRED TO ABOVE, WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN THE LAST REPORT, HAS HAD ATTENTION.

(SIGNED) H. RAINIER
COIMBATORE BY EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.
1ST SEPTEMBER 1883.

(TRUE COPY)

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tions of the inspecting officer
and the Examiner P.W. accts.

2. The Suply. Engineer
will report on the subject
of para 11 of the inspection report.

3. The report is on the
whole satisfactory.

To
The S.E. Fourth Circle
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