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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 228.

READ—the following paper :—

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated 19th January 1883, No. 865.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting letter from the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, inquiring whether any definition of the term "large" in paragraph 983 of the Public Works Code is considered desirable.

No. 229.

ORDER—dated 24th January 1883, No. 271 W., Public Works.

There is no intention, and no necessity, to define the term "large" by a money limit; the object of the paragraph is to let it be understood that the Executive Engineers must, as a general rule, refer to their Superintending Engineers before charging items of expenditure to contingencies of an estimate when the amount is at all important. The rule as it stands gives the Superintending Engineer a right to interpose whenever he thinks it necessary. He can check any abuse of the latitude taken by Executive Engineers when he looks over their registers of works and work vouchers.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Consulting Architect to Government.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with one Enclosure.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

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Nos. 228-229.

"Large Works."

Regarding the meaning of the term —
paragraph 983 of the Public Works Code.

[Bar. Wks. Form No. 111.]

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OF MADRAS.

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(P. W.
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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 19th January 1883

Office Note No. 865

To

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A question has been raised

by one of the Executive Engineers as to the meaning of the term "large" as applied to works in para 983 of the Code. The object of the reference clearly is that the Executive Engineer may know in what cases he is at liberty to expend money against the provision for Contingencies in his Estimates, of his own motion; and in what cases he must refer for sanction to his Superintending Engineer before incurring liabilities under this head. In the case of large works it is ruled in the para of the Code quoted that the amount provided [in the works Estimate] for Contingencies must not be looked upon as available for expenditure except under the approval of the Superintending Engineer.

2. There is no definition of

* Letter No. 133, dated 9th. January 1883, from the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, attached in original (to be returned).

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in the Code. The term "major" is applied to all works costing upwards of Rs. 2,500/ vide definition of "minor" in para 2045.

3. The point is one of general management or control, and not one of audit or account; and is referred by the undersigned only in his capacity of Secretary of the Code Committee. So far as this Office is concerned, once the Estimate for a work is sanctioned, no objection would be taken unless extraordinary items or items causing or likely to cause an excess over the sub head, were charged in the accounts.

4. But it is desirable to settle what is the meaning to be attached to Code para 983 for the satisfaction of the Executive Engineer who has referred the question.

5. It appears to the undersigned that ^{There} is no intention, and no necessity, to define the term "large" by a money limit; but that the object of the para is to let it be understood that the Executive Engineers, must as a general rule refer to their Superintending Engineers before charging items of expenditure to Contingencies of an

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Estimate when the amount is at all important. The rule as it stands gives the Superintending Engineer a right to interpose whenever he thinks it necessary. He can check any abuse of the latitude taken by Executive Engineers when he looks over their Registers of Works and Works Vouchers.

6. If a definite ruling be thought necessary it might be decided that "large" in this para 983 of Code shall be held to be equivalent to "major". The result of this would be that no Executive Engineer could spend any money against the provision for Contingencies in the Sanctioned Estimate for a work costing upwards of Rs. 2,500/ without the previous sanction of the Superintending Engineer, a restriction which the undersigned thinks unnecessary and undesirable.

H. J. Dhanraj
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Secy. P.W. Code Committee.

*I quite agree with
paras 5 and 6 of the*

It would be exceedingly
inconvenient to fix a hard
and fast money limit; the
extent of discretion allowed
must depend upon the
importance of the work,
the amount of confidence
which the S. E. can place
in the E. E. concerned
and other "variable quantities".

An answer in the sense
of para 5. of C's note
would be sufficient for
all practical purposes -

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Write so - The C
has another interested
the instructions of the Code
Committee in employing
the term "large" - order
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Public Works Department.

Under date the 24th Jan'y
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Office Note from the Engineer
S. W. Accounts, Madras } N.E. No 865 of 19th January/83

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Other Suptg Engineer ✓

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Ch. Engr for I. S. ✓

Comd. Brest. B. G. M. ✓

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