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READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th September 1883, No. 110 W. :—

I have the honor to forward, for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr. Rainier, Deputy Examiner, of his inspection of the office of the North Arcot division.

Paragraph 6.—Extra establishment must be obtained, if necessary, through the Superintending Engineer.

Paragraph 7.—For the Executive Engineer's guidance—but it must be remembered that it is the Executive Engineer's duty to obtain sufficient sanction in all respects before he authorises the commencement of a work, and that whether there be sanction or no, the work done must be paid for in due course, any irregularity being reported in the divisional objectionable items statement. The advice from the accountant after the fact of the commencement of the work is of little value.

Paragraph 8.—Improvement in this respect will be insisted upon, and Executive Engineer must render this office his assistance when replying to the items comprised in the audit note.

Paragraph 12.—The Superintending Engineer's action is awaited.

2. The state of the office is satisfactory.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the office of the Executive Engineer, North Arcot division, at Vellore, on the 22nd September 1883.

Mr. W. R. Norris, the Executive Engineer, and A. Yuvarungam Naidu, the accountant, were present.

2. The office was last inspected by an accounts officer on the 24th February 1883, *vide* the report printed with G.O., No. 736 W., of 7th March 1883.

3. The imprests which in last report aggregated Rs. 1,550 are now reduced, and amount to Rs. 700 only altogether.

4. The accuracy of the Executive Engineer's drawing account balance on the 31st August 1883 was proved.

5. All the books and accounts are correctly kept, and service books are now complete.

6. Work being all done by contract, and there being no stock or manufactures, the business of the office is much simplified, and the accountant's work very light; he is sufficiently assisted in the office, which, however, is shorthanded; the one more copyist required, as per last report, being still highly desirable in order to keep the correspondence properly dealt with and recorded.

7. The accountant's examination of contractors' bills, which at the last report was sufficient, has fallen off, and at present the Executive Engineer can only take it for granted from the accountant's signature on these bills that they have been checked arithmetically and by the measurements of work. Lest such bills should reach the Executive Engineer when separated from his office, it should be distinctly shown on them when there is a want of budget provision to cover the outlay contemplated; and although the sanction to the estimate would ordinarily be quoted on the form (No. M 14), it should be specially pointed out to the Executive Engineer by his accountant whenever there is no sanction.

8. The audit note for June contained 28 paragraphs of matter, and this is unreasonable where the accounts are so simple, for there should be less and less occasion every month to give instruction from the central office to an accountant so long acquainted with the business of this division. There will doubtless be an occasional need of remark and explanation, but such ponderous audit notes as at present only burden all concerned with unnecessary work, and an alteration is called for.

9. Nineteen completion reports are due to the central office.

10. Regarding the dead-house at the Garrison Hospital, Vellore, there has been an outlay of Rs. 901 against budget provision of Rs. 750; in fact, the work was begun, continued and ended without any allotment, but on the understanding that Rs. 900 had been applied for by the Superintending Engineer; when this application was met by an allotment of only Rs. 750, the work had been completed at a cost of Rs. 901; the Executive Engineer is now taking steps to regularise this.

11. The materials at site are placed as follows:—

At Chittoor High School, Rs. 10,056 (work expected to be finished in September 1884).
At Wálajápet taluk cutcherry Rs. 6,851 (work expected to be completed in March 1884).
At Superintendent of Jail's quarters at Vellore, Rs. 7,000.
These materials were last counted in March 1883.

12. There is rent recoverable from a Mr. Gray, Hospital Assistant, Civil Hospital, Vellore, amounting to Rs. 32, due since November 1882. Mr. Gray will not pay Rs. 4 a month, which is claimed, but offers Rs. 2, and is supported by his local departmental superiors, it is said; the matter has been referred to the Superintending Engineer.

13. The tools have been lately counted.

14. The office is in very good order, and evinces much personal attention from the Executive Engineer, but there should be less occasion for criticism of the accounts as rendered to the office of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 8th October 1883, No. 2830 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, North Arcot division.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the subject of paragraphs 6 and 12 of the inspection report.

3. The commencement of work on the dead-house at the Garrison Hospital, Vellore, without allotment, has been noticed in the correspondence marginally noted.

Memo., No. 1572 C., dated 20th August 1883.
" " 1843 C., " 2nd October "

4. The report is satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Dated October, 8th.

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G.O., 8th Oct. 1883, No. 2830 W.

OCTOBER.

Inspection

Passing orders on the notes of — of the North Arcot divisional office by the Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No. 110 W.

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 1883

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Madras, 26th September 1883.

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Para 6. Extra Establishment must be obtained if necessary through the Superintending Engineer.

Para 7. For the Executive Engineer's guidance- but it must be remembered that it is the Executive Engineer's duty to obtain sufficient sanction in all respects before he authorises the commencement of a work, and that whether there be sanction or no, the work done must be paid for in due course, any irregularity being reported in the Divisional Objectionable Items Statement. The advice from the Accountant after the fact of the commencement of the work is of little value.

Para 8. Improvement in this respect will be insisted upon, and the Executive Engineer must render this Office his assistance when replying to the items comprised in the Audit Note.

Para 12. The Superintending Engineer's action is awaited.

2. The state of the Office is satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

D C Bannerman

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The Examiner P.W. Accounts,

Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Government,

P.W. Department.

No. 110 W.

Dated 26 September 1883.

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Notes of inspection of the Office of the North Arcot 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 NORTH ARCOT DIVISIONAT VELLORE ON THE 22ND SEPTEMBER 1883.

MR W.R. NORRIS THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, AND A. YUVARUNGAM NAIDU THE ACCOUNTANT WERE PRESENT.

2. THE OFFICE WAS LAST INSPECTED BY AN ACCOUNTS OFFICER ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY 1883 VIDE THE REPORT PRINTED WITH G.O. NO 736 W. OF 7TH MARCH 1883.

3. THE IMPRESTS WHICH IN LAST REPORT AGGREGATED RS 1650/ ARE NOW REDUCED, AND AMOUNT TO RS 700/ ONLY ALTOGETHER.

4. THE ACCURACY OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS DRAWING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON THE 31ST AUGUST 1883 WAS PROVED.

5. ALL THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECTLY KEPT, AND SERVICE BOOKS ARE NOW COMPLETE.

6. WORK BEING ALL DONE BY CONTRACT AND THERE BEING NO STOCK OR MANUFACTURES, THE BUSINESS OF THE OFFICE IS MUCH SIMPLIFIED, AND THE ACCOUNTANTS WORK VERY LIGHT; HE IS SUFFICIENTLY ASSISTED IN THE OFFICE WHICH HOWEVER IS SHORTHANDED, THE ONE MORE COPYIST REQUIRED AS PER LAST REPORT being STILL HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO KEEP THE CORRESPONDENCE PROPERLY DEALT WITH AND RECORDED.

7. THE ACCOUNTANTS EXAMINATION OF CONTRACTORS BILLS, WHICH AT THE LAST REPORT WAS SUFFICIENT, HAS FALLEN OFF, AND AT PRESENT THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CAN ONLY TAKE IT FOR GRANTED FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS SIGNATURE ON THESE BILLS,

THAT

THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CHECKED ARITHMETICALLY AND BY THE MEASUREMENTS OF WORK. LEST SUCH BILLS SHOULD REACH THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WHEN SEPARATED FROM HIS OFFICE IT SHOULD BE DISTINCTLY SHEWN ON THEM WHEN THERE IS A WANT OF BUDGET PROVISION TO COVER THE OUTLAY CONTEMPLATED, AND ALTHOUGH THE SANCTION TO THE ESTIMATE WOULD ORDINARILY BE QUOTED ON THE FORM (NO M.T4) IT SHOULD BE SPECIALLY POINTED OUT TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BY HIS ACCOUNTANT WHENEVER THERE IS NO SANCTION.

8. THE AUDIT NOTE FOR JUNE CONTAINED 28 PARAGRAPHS OF MATTER, AND THIS IS UNREASONABLE WHERE THE ACCOUNTS ARE SO SIMPLE, FOR THERE SHOULD BE LESS AND LESS OCCASION EVERY MONTH TO GIVE INSTRUCTION FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO AN ACCOUNTANT SO LONG ACQUAINTED WITH THE BUSINESS OF THIS DIVISION. THERE WILL DOUBTLESS BE AN OCCASIONAL NEED OF REMARK AND EXPLANATION, BUT SUCH PONDEROUS AUDIT NOTES AS AT PRESENT ONLY BURDEN ALL CONCERNED WITH UNNECESSARY WORK AND AN ALTERATION IS CALLED FOR.

9. NINETEEN COMPLETION REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

10. REGARDING THE DEAD HOUSE AT THE GARRISON HOSPITAL, VELLORE, THERE HAS BEEN AN OUTLAY OF RS 901/ AGAINST BUDGET PROVISION OF RS 750/ IN FACT THE WORK WAS BEGUN, CONTINUED AND ENDED WITHOUT ANY ALLOTMENT, BUT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT RS 900/ HAD BEEN APPLIED FOR BY THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER; WHEN THIS APPLICATION WAS MET BY AN ALLOTMENT OF ONLY RS 750/ THE WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED AT A COST OF RS 901/ THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IS NOW TAKING STEPS TO REGULARISE

REGULARISE THIS.

11. THE MATERIALS AT SITE ARE PLACED AS FOLLOWS:-

AT CHITTOOR HIGH SCHOOL, RS 10056/ WORK EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1884.
AT WALLAJAH TALUQ CUTCHERRY RS 6851/ WORK EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1884.
AT SUPERINTENDENT OF JAIL'S QUARTERS AT VELLORE RS 7000/.

THESE MATERIALS WERE LAST COUNTED IN MARCH 1883.

12. THERE IS RENT RECOVERABLE FROM A MR GRAY, HOSPITAL ASSISTANT CIVIL HOSPITAL VELLORE, AMOUNTING TO RS 32/ DUE SINCE NOVEMBER 1882. MR GRAY WONT PAY RS 4/ A MONTH, WHICH IS CLAIMED, BUT OFFERS RS 2/ AND IS SUPPORTED BY HIS LOCAL DEPARTMENTAL SUPERIORS, IT IS SAID. THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

13. THE TOOLS HAVE BEEN LATELY COUNTED.

14. THE OFFICE IS IN VERY GOOD ORDER AND EVINCES MUCH PERSONAL ATTENTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUT THERE SHOULD BE LESS OCCASION FOR CRITICISM OF THE ACCOUNTS AS RENDERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXAMINER PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

H Ramsay

MADRAS. EX EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.
24TH SEPTEMBER 1883.

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2. The Supg Engr will
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