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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
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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, 27th October 1883, No. 139 W.:—

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

2. The Executive Engineer's attention is necessary to the remarks in paragraph 5 regarding the register of works. In regard to the storekeeper's giving assistance to the accountant, I see no reason why he should not do so, or assist in the general work of the office, considering his duties as storekeeper, properly so called, must be very light indeed, and any stock which he may be interested in as having issued to works would be vouched for by the sub-divisional officer's returns of receipt of that stock before the entry could appear in the work abstract concerned.

3. The attention of the Superintending Engineer should be given to the remarks in paragraphs 7, 9, 10, 11, and 14.

4. The office is in fair order.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Negapatam division, on the 22nd October 1883.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. C. H. Wilks, and the accountant, Strenivasa Iyengar, were present.

2. This office was last inspected by an accounts officer on the 25th October 1882, *vide* report printed with G.O., No. 2894 W., of 4th November 1882.

3. There are three sub-divisions, including the head-quarters one, located (1) and (2) at Negapatam, (3) at Mannárgudi. The Negapatam sub-divisional offices have not yet been inspected by the Executive Engineer, but will very shortly be so inspected. The sub-divisional office at Mannárgudi was examined by the Executive Engineer on the 18th June 1883. The cheque books are, with reference to paragraph 4 of last report, properly used. The Executive Engineer's treasury drawing account balance on the 30th September 1883 was found correct.

4. There is nothing particularly noticeable in the imprest accounts, except perhaps that during the absence of the overseer, Patukóta taluk, he of the southern division, Mannárgudi, has two imprests, his own, Rs. 200, and that of the above overseer for whom he is acting, Rs. 400. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that there is no help for this arrangement, much as he would wish to avoid it. The imprest accounts are in order, so are the cash and cash-abstract books. The improvement asked for in this direction at the last inspection (paragraph 3 of last report) has been effected.

5. The register of works is not well kept, and, unless more completely posted and finished off as regards its minor points, it will remain as at present, of no practical use to the Executive

Engineer. Erasures with the penknife in this book should be severely disallowed, where there is no outlay in the month on any work, the totals of the previous month should be reproduced. The title of a work should be filled in above *every* page of the register in which outlay on it is recorded, together with the amount of the sanctioned estimate. As regards work abstracts, I should have previously stated that it is not the storekeeper's function to prepare these. In fact there are objections to his having anything to do with their preparation; this was explained to the Executive Engineer, who has promptly discontinued the use of the storekeeper for this purpose.

6. The office copies of every account document seen appeared to lack signature—a matter of not much consequence in some papers, but in the works abstracts it is of importance that what is prescribed in code paragraph 2247 should be habitually followed, perhaps more especially as the works abstracts of this division, what few there are, are prepared at head-quarters.

7. The *materials at site* of works aggregate in value Rs. 6,550; they are placed at eight works, and the largest of these balances is Rs. 4,213, at the sub-magistrate's cutcherry at Arantángi. The condition of these materials, and whether fairly represented by the values shown in the accounts, will engage the Executive Engineer's special attention, he said; but it is supposed that, with the exception of certain *debris* at site of works nearing completion, or already completed, there are no unserviceable materials. The Executive Engineer cordially undertook to take this matter up immediately, however; both as regards the materials and the *débris* the correct procedure was explained.

8. The balance at debit of stock is Rs. 2,406, which exceeds the sanctioned limit (that being only Rs. 1,033) by Rs. 1,373; this excess is only likely to be temporary, however; the stock is entirely *building materials*; the stock accounts are tolerably in order, except as regards the half-yearly register, which for the half-year ending 30th September 1883 (shortly due) has not yet been put in hand, nor has the similar half-yearly register of tools and plant been begun, and no sufficient excuse for this was tendered by the accountant. The stock and tools and plant, are said to have been counted in March and April 1883, and I was assured that there is nothing unserviceable, or in need of repair. Another early overhaul is contemplated by the Executive Engineer.

9. There was no register of buildings available for examination, the divisional register having been sent, it was said, to the Superintending Engineer in November 1882 and not yet returned. Enquiry for this book was promised, also attention to what is wanted regarding it.

10. There are two works under *Imperial Irrigation, Ordinary*, viz., *annual maintenance of Imperial tanks in the Pattukótá* and *Mannárgudi taluks*, outlay on which have been going on since April 1883 without sanctioned estimates; this is said to be because there has been a great deal of correspondence about the estimates, which have been repeatedly rejected on account of some defect. This will be regularised very soon I was told.

11. In contributions (deposits schedule) there are six items outstanding; one of these being very old, dating from September 1881, need special notice. The amount, Rs. 1,500, was contributed by one Singaravaloo Odyaur, of Thameerkunnam, for the straight cut of a bank of the Corrayar river, which has never been put in hand because there has all along been strong opposition to the work from others interested in the land thereabout. This contention has often been on the verge of satisfactory settlement, but never yet settled; and now opportunity is soon to be taken of a meeting between the Collector and the Superintending Engineer to get this matter finally decided, whether the work is to go on, or the money is to be returned to the contributor of it, who is making constant inquiry on the subject. The other items of contribution are under adjustment.

12. In the contractors' ledger there is an item of Rs. 195 due to a contractor named Shashiengar, for certain police huts, for a longish time. But it was explained that this man has certain Government property in his possession, pending the delivery of which the above item of short payment is held as a sort of security.

13. In the case of fourteen works completion reports are due to the office of Examiner, Public Works Accounts, but these are promised almost immediately.

14. The rate-book is not up to date and is to be revised shortly, the Executive Engineer said.

15. Service-books are incomplete, and require careful attention in the light of Section 125 of the Civil Pension Code.

16. There is no register of padugai lands (see paragraph 7 of last report) yet started, but attention to this is promised.

MADRAS,
24th October 1883.

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ORDER—dated 12th November 1883, No. 3198 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Negapatam division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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Negapatam Divisional Office

Passing orders on notes of inspection on the — submitted by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Madras, 29th October 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr Rainier, Dy. Examiner, of his inspection of the Office of the Negapatam Division.

2. The Executive Engineer's attention is necessary to the remarks in para 5, regarding the Register of Works. In regard to the Storekeeper's giving assistance to the Accountant, I see no reason why he should not do so, or assist in the general work of the Office, considering his duties as Storekeeper, properly so called, must be very light indeed, and any Stock which he may be interested in as having issued to works would be vouched for by the Sub-Divisional Officers Returns of receipt of that Stock before the entry could appear in the Work Abstract concerned.

3. The attention of the Superintending Engineer should be given to the remarks in paras 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14.

4. The Office is in fair order.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

D. C. Ewbank

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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From,

The Examiner P.W. Accounts,

Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Government,

P.W. Department.

Dated 27th October 1883.

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

S. Engr Sixth Circle
Chief Engr for disposal
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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY H. RAINIER ESQUIRE DEPUTY EXAMINER PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS MADRAS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER NEGAPATAM DIVISION, ON THE 22ND OCTOBER 1883.

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THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MR C.M. WILKS, AND THE ACCOUNTANT SRINIVASA IYENGAR WERE PRESENT.

2. THIS OFFICE WAS LAST INSPECTED BY AN ACCOUNTS OFFICER ON THE 25TH OCTOBER 1882, VIDE REPORT PRINTED WITH G.O. NO 2894 W. OF 4TH NOVEMBER 1882.

3. THERE ARE 3 SUB-DIVISIONS INCLUDING THE HEAD QUARTERS ONE, LOCATED (1) AND (2) AT NEGAPATAM, (3) AT MANARGUDI. THE NEGAPATAM SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICES HAVE NOT YET BEEN INSPECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BUT WILL VERY SHORTLY BE SO INSPECTED. THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICE AT MANARGUDI WAS EXAMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ON THE 18TH JUNE 1883. THE CHEQUE BOOKS ARE WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 4 OF LAST REPORT PROPERLY USED. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S TREASURY DRAWING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 1883 WAS FOUND CORRECT.

4. THERE IS NOTHING PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE IN THE IMPREST ACCOUNTS, EXCEPT PERHAPS THAT DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE OVERSEER PUTTICOTTAH TALUQ, HE OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION MANARGUDI HAS TWO IMPRESTS, HIS OWN RS 200/- AND THAT OF THE ABOVE OVERSEER FOR WHOM HE IS ACTING, RS 400/-. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IS OF OPINION THAT THERE IS NO HELP FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT, MUCH AS HE WOULD WISH TO AVOID IT. THE IMPREST ACCOUNTS ARE IN ORDER, SO ARE THE CASH AND CASH ABSTRACT BOOKS. THE ENGAGEMENT ASKED FOR IN THIS DIRECTION AT THE LAST INSPECTION (PARA 2 OF LAST REPORT) WAS

WAS BEEN EFFECTED.

5. THE REGISTER OF WORKS IS NOT WELL KEPT AND UNLESS MORE COMPLETELY POSTED, AND FINISHED OFF AS REGARDS ITS MINOR POINTS- IT WILL REMAIN AS AT PRESENT OF NO PRACTICAL USE TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. ERASURES WITH THE PENKNIFE IN THIS BOOK SHOULD BE SEVERELY DISALLOWED, WHERE THERE IS NO OUTLAY IN THE MONTH ON ANY WORK, THE TOTALS OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH SHOULD BE REPRODUCED. THE TITLE OF A WORK SHOULD BE FILLED IN ABOVE EVERY PAGE OF THE REGISTER IN WHICH OUTLAY ON IT IS RECORDED, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNT OF THE SANCTIONED ESTIMATE- AS REGARDS WORK ABSTRACTS I SHOULD HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT IT IS NOT THE STORE-KEEPERS FUNCTION TO PREPARE THESE. IN FACT THERE ARE OBJECTIONS TO HIS HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR PREPARATION; THIS WAS EXPLAINED TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WHO HAS PROMPTLY DISCONTINUED THE USE OF THE STOREKEEPER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. THE OFFICE COPIES OF EVERY ACCOUNT DOCUMENT SEEN, APPEARED TO LACK SIGNATURE, A MATTER OF NOT MUCH CONSEQUENCE IN SOME PAPERS, BUT IN THE WORKS ABSTRACTS IT IS OF IMPORTANCE THAT WHAT IS PRESCRIBED IN CODE PARA 2247 SHOULD BE HABITUALLY FOLLOWED- PERHAPS MORE ESPECIALLY AS THE WORKS ABSTRACTS OF THIS DIVISION- WHAT FEW THERE ARE- ARE PREPARED AT HEAD QUARTERS.

7. THE MATERIALS AT SITE OF WORKS AGGREGATE IN VALUE RS 650/- THEY ARE PLACED AT EIGHT WORKS, AND THE LARGEST OF THESE BALANCES IS RS 421/- AT THE SUB MAGISTRATES KUTCHERRY AT ARANTHANGY. THE CONDITION OF THESE MATERIALS AND WHETHER FAIRLY REPRESENTED BY THE VALUES SHEWN IN THE ACCOUNTS, WILL ENGAGE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS SPECIAL ATTENTION, HE SAID; BUT IT IS SUPPOSED THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN DEBRIS AT SITE OF WORKS NEARING COMPLETION, OR ALREADY COMPLETED, THERE ARE NO UNSERVICEABLE MATERIALS. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CORDIALLY UNDERTOOK TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY HOWEVER, BOTH AS REGARDS THE MATERIALS AND THE DEBRIS THE CORRECT PROCEDURE WAS EXPLAINED.

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8. THE BALANCE AT DEBIT OF STOCK IS RS 2406/- WHICH EXCEEDS THE SANCTIONED LIMIT (THAT BEING ONLY RS 1033/-) BY RS 1373/- THIS EXCESS IS ONLY LIKELY TO BE TEMPORARY HOWEVER. THE STOCK IS ENTIRELY BUILDING MATERIALS- THE STOCK ACCOUNTS ARE TOLERABLY IN ORDER EXCEPT AS REGARDS THE HALF-YEARLY REGISTER, WHICH FOR THE HALF ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1883 (SHORTLY DUE) HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT IN HAND- NOR HAS THE SIMILAR HALF-YEARLY REGISTER OF TOOLS AND PLANT BEEN BEGUN- AND NO SUFFICIENT EXCUSE FOR THIS WAS TENDERED BY THE ACCOUNTANT. THE STOCK, AND TOOLS AND PLANT, ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MARCH AND APRIL 1883. AND I WAS ASSURED THAT THERE IS NOTHING UNSERVICEABLE, OR IN NEED OF REPAIR. ANOTHER EARLY OVERHAUL IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

9. THERE WAS NO REGISTER OF BUILDINGS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION, THE DIVISIONAL REGISTER HAVING BEEN SENT, IT WAS SAID, TO THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER IN NOVEMBER 1882 AND NOT YET RETURNED. ENQUIRY FOR THIS BOOK WAS PROMISED. ALSO ATTENTION TO WHAT IS WANTED REGARDING IT.

10. THERE ARE TWO WORKS UNDER IMPERIAL IRRIGATION ORDINARY- NAMELY ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF IMPERIAL TANKS IN THE PUTTICOTTAH AND ~~AND DITTO DITTO OF DITTO SMALL~~ MANIRGUDDI TALUQS, OUTLAY ON WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE APRIL 1883 WITHOUT SANCTIONED ESTIMATES- THIS IS SAID TO BE BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT THE ESTIMATES, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY REJECTED ON ACCOUNT OF SOME DEFECT. THIS WILL BE REGULARISED VERY SOON I WAS TOLD.

11. IN CONTRIBUTIONS (DEPOSITS SCHEDULE) THERE ARE 6 ITEMS OUTSTANDING, ONE OF THESE BEING VERY OLD, DATING FROM SEPTEMBER 1881, NEED SPECIAL NOTICE. THE AMOUNT, RS 1500/ WAS CONTRIBUTED BY ONE SINGARAVALOO ODYAUR OF THAMBERKUNNAM FOR THE STRAIGHT CUT OF A BANK OF THE CORRAVAR RIVER, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN PUT IN HAND BECAUSE THERE HAS ALL ALONG BEEN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE WORK FROM OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE LAND THEREABOUT. THIS CONTENTION HAS OFTEN BEEN ON THE VERGE OF SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT, BUT NEVER YET SETTLED; AND NOW OPPORTUNITY IS SOON TO BE TAKEN OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE COLLECTOR AND THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER TO GET THIS MATTER FINALLY DECIDED, WHETHER THE WORK IS TO GO ON, OR THE MONEY IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE CONTRIBUTOR OF IT, WHO IS MAKING CONSTANT ENQUIRY ON THE SUBJECT. THE OTHER ITEMS OF CONTRIBUTION ARE UNDER ADJUSTMENT.

12. IN THE CONTRACTORS LEDGER THERE IS AN ITEM OF RS 195/ DUE TO A CONTRACTOR NAMED SRASHIYENGAR, FOR CERTAIN POLICE HUTS, FOR A LONGISH TIME. BUT IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THIS MAN HAS CERTAIN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN HIS POSSESSION, PENDING THE DELIVERY OF WHICH THE ABOVE ITEM OF SHORT PAYMENT IS HELD AS A SORT OF SECURITY.

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13. IN THE CASE OF 14 WORKS, COMPLETION REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE OF EXAMINER PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS, BUT THESE ARE PROMISED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

14. THE RATE BOOK IS NOT UP TO DATE, AND IS TO BE REVISED SHORTLY, THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SAID.

15. SERVICE BOOKS ARE INCOMPLETE, AND REQUIRE CAREFUL ATTENTION IN THE LIGHT OF SECTION 125 OF THE CIVIL PENSION CODE.

16. THERE IS NO REGISTER OF PADAGHI LANDS (SEE PARA 7 OF LAST REPORT) YET STARTED, BUT ATTENTION TO THIS IS PROMISED.

G. Ramiah

DY EXAMINER P.W.ACCOUNTS.

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