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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Govt of India H.O. No 30-42 B of 25 Jan 83

Communicated
to Super Engrs for
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To Super Engrs ✓
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Dated January 25, 1883.

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Fort William, January 25, 1883.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North Western Provinces and Oudh, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana and Beluchistan.
The Inspector General of Military Works.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for favor of opinion in regard to the change proposed.

[By order,]

N^o 30 B
To the Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department *G. F. L. Marshall* Major, R. E.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 2214, dated 17th May 1881.

From—Major E. Harvey, R. E., Exe. Engr., Peshawar Provincial Division,
To—Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle.

"With reference to the numerous letters received on this subject, I have the honor to request that you will obtain a ruling that no completion reports are required for annual repairs, except in those cases where special permission is given to hold an estimate in force into the following financial year. In all other cases of annual repairs, the March work voucher gives, as a matter of course, all the information that can possibly be required."

No. 2890, dated 21st May 1881.

Memo. from—Colonel C. M. Browne, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle,
To—Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Punjab.

Letter No. 2214, dated 17th May 1881, from the Executive Engineer, Peshawar Division.

Has the honor to forward, for the favor of an expression of his views, a copy of the letter quoted above, being a proposal by the Executive Engineer, Peshawar Division, that to lessen the clerical work, a completion report, in the detailed form, showing quantities of work executed, be not required in the case of periodical repairs executed within the official year.

2. A considerable saving of clerical work will result if this suggestion is acted on, but of course it will be still requisite to obtain from the departmental officer concerned a simple certificate that the repairs carried out, to his buildings, have been properly executed.

No. 1982 G, dated 9th July 1881.

From—R. G. Macdonald, Esq., Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Punjab,
To—Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2890, dated the 21st May 1881, forwarding copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer of the Peshawar Division, regarding the discontinuance of completion reports for annual repairs. In reply I beg to state that personally I am in favor of the proposal, and that from an accounts point of view, there appears to be no objection to it as the duties of my Office, as defined in Code Chapter IX, 33, are merely to verify and transmit them to you for final record, but as the submission of these reports has been prescribed by the Government of India, vide Government of India Circular No. 94 of 1878, and Public Works Code XI, 10, it will be necessary to obtain the sanction of that Government to the proposal.

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No. 4499, dated 25th July 1881.

From—Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle,

To—Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.

"COMPLETION REPORT REGARDING PERIODICAL REPAIRS."

REFERENCE.

Letter No. 2214, dated 17th May 1881, from Executive Engineer, Peshawar Division.

I have the honor to submit for information and orders, copies of the correspondence detailed in the margin, respecting the desirability of abolishing detailed completion reports for annual repairs, a completion certificate being simply taken in such instance.

Executive Engineer, Peshawar Provincial Division,
No. 2214, dated 17th May 1881.

Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, No. 2890,
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Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Punjab,
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2. The point has been raised by Major Harvey in the letter quoted in the heading and his proposal, as reducing useless clerical work, seems well worthy of adoption.

3. All the information given in such completion reports has already been recorded in the work voucher, and excesses in rates and quantities duly brought under notice in the audit notes.

4. As a considerable number of these returns have to be framed annually in each Division, sensible relief will follow by this simplification, and you will observe from the accompanying letter No. 1982 G, dated 9th current, from the Examiner of the Province, that he is in favor of the change.

5. Should this opinion be concurred in by Government, I beg that the matter may be referred for the orders of the Government of India.

No. 4519, dated 13th August 1881.

From—Major-Genl. C. Pollard, R. E., Secy. to the Govt. of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.,

To—Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

I am desired to forward, for the favorable consideration and orders of the Government of India, copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, No. 4499, dated 25th July 1881, and enclosures, pointing out the desirability of abolishing the present detailed completion reports for annual repairs and substituting a simple completion certificate for them.

2. The proposed change in procedure commends itself to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor as being calculated to reduce unnecessary clerical labor in Divisional Offices, and I am accordingly to recommend that it be adopted.

No. 7833, dated 4th November 1882.

From—Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle,

To—Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.

REFERENCE.

Secretary's Memorandum No. 4940, dated 7th September 1881, to Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, and enclosures.

Referring to correspondence accompanying your Memorandum above quoted, and in compliance with the instructions therein given, I have the honor herewith to forward the sample return of completion certificate for the periodical repairs (detailed marginally) in Forms Nos. 108 and 108A, and at present used. The simplification of these returns has been recommended in this Office No. 4499, dated 15th July 1881, to which I again solicit reference.

Executive Engineer, Rawalpindi Division, No. 1108, dated 21st February 1882, and accompanying work vouchers and completion reports for annual repairs to jail buildings at Rawalpindi.

Executive Engineer, Peshawar Division, Memorandum No. 80A, dated 8th February 1882, and completion report for periodical repairs therein detailed.

N. B.—In all these completion reports of the Peshawar Division, the last half sheet of Form No. 108 A has not been forwarded by Executive Engineer.

2. I also enclose a sample form of a simple completion report on a half sheet proposed to be substituted for periodical repairs in lieu of the existing Forms Nos. 108 and 108 A.

3. Attached to each sample of the existing form of completion report for periodical repairs will be found a copy of the last work voucher for the repairs in question, and it will be noticed on examining both work vouchers and completion reports No. 108 that the mass of useless figures in the last mentioned return is a mere transcript of similar information in the first mentioned return, which information is useless to the departmental officers concerned, and has long before been furnished to the Account Officer.

No. 6866, dated 14th December 1882.

From—Major-Genl. C. Pollard, R. E., Secy. to the Govt. of the Punjab, P. W. Dept.,

To—Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

In continuation of this Office No. 6577, dated 10th December 1881, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, the sample form of completion certificate proposed by the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, to be substituted for the existing forms of completion report for periodical repairs.

A copy of Superintending Engineer's forwarding letter No. 7833 of the 4th ultimo, with its original enclosures, is herewith forwarded.

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FORM PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION IN PLACE OF FORMS Nos. 108 AND 108A.

COMPLETION REPORT FOR PERIODICAL REPAIRS.

Name of repair.

Forwarded to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, _____, for verification as this Office No. _____, dated _____.

Executive Engineer,

_____ Division.

Transmitted to Superintending Engineer, _____ Circle, duly verified as this Office No. _____, dated _____.

Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Proposed Public Works Department Form No. 108 B (half sheet) for periodical repairs.

COMPLETION REPORT.

Name of repairs.

Amount of estimate

and authority sanctioning—

Expenditure.

Difference.

Date of commencement.

Date of completion.

Name of Engineers or Subordinates by whom supervised.

COMPLETION CERTIFICATE.

Certified that the above-mentioned repairs are considered to have been satisfactorily executed.

Locality.

Date

Commanding or

Departmental Officer.

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