

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 133.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th December 1882, No. 149 W. :—

I have the honor to forward the first received volumes of the Second Edition of the Public Works Code and connected Forms, accompanied by a memorandum regarding its publication.

2. Service copies will be issued to the department before the Christmas vacation.

ENCLOSURE.

Memorandum to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, upon the publication of the Second Edition of the Madras Public Works Department Code.

The work was commenced on the 11th November 1881, and the Chapters as re-arranged, embodying all Standing Orders issued, were submitted to the Code Committee on the 21st March 1882. The revision of the Forms was completed in April 1882. The paragraphing of the re-arranged text, as well as the amalgamation and correction of the indices of the two volumes of the former issue, were completed during May 1882, and finally the Code, with all Standing Orders to 31st March 1882, with Appendices and Index, &c., complete, together with the Forms, were made over to the Lawrence Asylum Press in the first week of June 1882.

2. I had hoped to have the work ready for issue by the end of October following, but the Press was unable to accomplish this, the amount of work proving heavier than we had anticipated. I therefore arranged with Messrs. Vest and Company (Adelphi Press) to print the majority of the Forms and to undertake the binding of the Form Books. The Government Press printed the Index, and the rest was done by the Asylum Press.

3. The brunt of the work fell upon Mr. Ernest T. Anthony, the Chief Accountant of this office, not merely in the preliminary matters previous to the transfer of the Draft Code to the Press, but I may say entirely in all subsequent communication with the printers, the proofs being in every case read and corrected by him and the general arrangement of type and details of publication being personally superintended by him. The most of this work had to be done out of office hours; had it not been for Mr. Anthony's perseverance, persistence and energy, the publication would have been very considerably deferred. I beg to bring his name specially to the notice of Government in connection with this Edition of the Code. I would also bring to notice the names of Clerks Theagarajier and A. Kistnasami Row, who gave efficient assistance to Mr. Anthony out of office hours. In the revision of the Chapters on Accounts and Audit, and of the Accounts Forms, I have to acknowledge the assistance of Mr. M. H. Gaynor, 1st Grade Accountant.

4. The size of the new volume is, I think, a convenient one, and preferable to the former issue in two volumes. The Form Book, notwithstanding its bulkiness, contains only 220 Forms, but some, especially those appertaining to the Examiner's Office, occupy several folios for each individual Form. As the volume is never likely to be used except as a book of reference in office, its size will not be a drawback, while the convenience of having all the Forms of the department in one volume is an advantage.

5. The experience of the past has shown that it was not altogether a success to issue Code and Forms independently and at varying cost; in the present issue it is intended that there shall be no separate supply, and that one rate shall cover both the Volumes, Code and Forms, to whomsoever issued. The cost of the Code, thus complete, will be Rs. 6-8-0, the same as was previously determined as the maximum cost of the First Edition of Code and Forms.

6. The issue will be in accordance with the past orders of Government. Service copies being supplied to those who were previously so supplied. Private copies, or copies issued for payment, will be sent gratis to those persons who have purchased the previous Edition complete with Forms. To those who have purchased only Volume I, or Volume II, with or without connected Forms, the complete Second Edition will be issued for payment of the difference making up the price of the new Edition.

7. In order that the quotation of the old and of the new Editions may not create confusion, I would suggest that the Second Edition be quoted in all references commencing from 1st March 1883, by which date it should have been received, and its arrangement studied, throughout the department.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No. 134.

ORDER—dated 18th December 1882, No. 3349 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to learn that the Revised Edition of the Public Works Code is now ready for issue. From inception to completion, the whole work has, it is understood, been most laborious, and reflects the greatest credit on the Examiner, Mr. Gordon, and on his office. The Government desire to recognize with approval the services which Mr. Gordon has rendered, and have pleasure in making a pecuniary award of Rs. 500 to Mr. E. Anthony in consideration of the extra time and attention which he has devoted to the work.

2. The following rewards are also sanctioned :—

Mr. M. H. Gaynor, 1st Grade Accountant, Rs. 200.
Clerk Theagurajier, a month's pay.
Clerk A. Kistnasami Row, a month's pay.

3. The revised Code should be issued to the department as speedily as possible, (the issue of Service copies taking place as quickly as received in the Examiner's Office,) and will be quoted in supersession of the old Edition in all official communications on and after the 1st April 1883. A note to this effect should be added as a fly-leaf to each copy of the Code.

4. The proposals of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, as regards distribution and price are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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DECEMBER.
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Public Works Code.

Ordering the issue of the Revised Edition of the —, recognizing with approval the services rendered by the Examiner, and granting honoraria to certain members of his office establishment.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 294

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Fort William, 27th February 1883.

Sir,

Referring to your Public Works Department Notification N^o. 9 dated 6th February 1883 that M^r. H. E. Clerk Assistant Engineer 1st grade sub. pro. tem. is declared to have passed the examination prescribed in paras 153-154 of the Public Works Code I am directed to observe that the examination prescribed in the paras quoted is for Accountants and not for Engineers and to enquire whether these paras have not been quoted by mistake.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

G. S. L. S. S.

Offs Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
P. W. Deptt.

Madras, 7th March 1883.

SIR,

In reply to your letter no. 294, of 27th February 1883, I am directed to inform you that in 'Notification' no. 9 dated 6th February/83 the paras of the Code have been correctly quoted from the Edition of 1880 which continues in force till the end of the official year.

Sd/-

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