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19TH APRIL 1884, No. 1008 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th April 1884, No. 7 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 Trichinopoly division.

2. There is a good deal of improvement since last inspection, and the few points noticed in the report for correction should be attended to by the Executive Engineer and by the accountant.

3. The Executive Engineer is responsible for having some hold on contractors, so that Government may not be subjected to loss in the event of contractors leaving works unfinished. The Superintending Engineer should be invited to state whether or not sufficient hold is obtained, either by withholding adequate percentage from bills for work done, or otherwise.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, on the 3rd April 1884.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser, R.E., the Executive Engineer, and Sambasiva Iyer, the accountant, were present.

2. The last inspection of this office by an Accounts officer was on the 15th October 1883, vide papers printed with G.O., No. 3096 W., of 31st October 1883.

3. The Musuri sub-division, which was the only other one besides the head-quarters, is now made into two, the Musuri and the Lalgudi sub-divisions. They are both about to be inspected, as regards office business, by the Executive Engineer.

Up to the date of last sub-divisional accounts, unnecessarily large balances were held by these officers in the treasury, the Musuri sub-divisional officer having nearly Rs. 10,000. The matter has had, the Executive Engineer said, his attention, and is being taken up, and Code paragraph 1859 is not overlooked. The accuracy of the drawing account balance of the Executive Engineer on the 29th February was proved. Code paragraph 1882, directing that, unless and until its writing up is required, the pass-book should be with the Executive Engineer, will now be borne in mind. The cash accounts are now all in fair order. The cash abstract book should be written up daily as soon as the cash-book is checked and allocated by the accountant. Cheque books are properly used.

4. The work accounts have undergone improvement. The work abstract is now freely used, where necessary; part I of this abstract should, however, show (as taken from each ten-day report or contract voucher) all that is to be entered in the register of works, including the net monthly debit or credit to materials; part IV should show a clear detailed account of all the materials transactions as taken from ten-day reports, which are essential for that purpose wherever there is a materials at site account, whether the materials have been bought through the contractor or not (provided they are held at the risk of the department), and quite independently of the nature of the agency (whether departmental or petty contract, &c.) by which the work is being carried out. To wait for bills ere entering materials in the work accounts is to delay accounting for them till perhaps they are stolen or used up, and too much care cannot be taken in accounting for the receipts and issues of materials as they occur.

5. In my report on the office of the Executive Engineer, Tanjore division, I have recommended that a record be kept, for convenience of reference on these inspections, of all contractors employed and contracts current. It would be equally useful in this division.

6. The register of works was in order; *materials at site*, value Rs. 10,459, are at six different works.

7. Contractors are not forced to give the standard (10 per cent.) security, because the Executive Engineer regards such a percentage as unsuited to the scant circumstances of the district. The Executive Engineer of the Tanjore division was of the same opinion, viz., that contractors about these districts are generally too poor to stand such security, and have to be encouraged to tender at all, being very backward in such enterprise.

8. There were some balances, four in number, due to petty contractors since October 1883 in the Lalgudi sub-division, aggregating Rs. 122, which have been settled in March 1884. One Ramasawmy Pillay having failed to carry out his contract has not received a sum of Rs. 80, which would otherwise be due to him since July 1883. This is under correspondence.

9. The tools and plant accounts are in order, and so is everything else not already mentioned.

10. The work of the accountant is very light, and should easily maintain a good character.

11. The outlay in 1883-84 respecting certain works would appear to have left a large portion of the grant unutilised.

ORDER—dated 19th April 1884, No. 1008 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly division.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the subject of paragraph 3 of the Examiner's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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G.O., 19th April 1884, No. 1008 W.

APRIL.

Inspection

*Passing orders on the notes of — on the
Trichinopoly divisional office submitted by
the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.*