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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, 21st April 1884, No. 13 W. :—

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

2. It is satisfactory to find that in consequence of the administrative changes in the sub-divisional charges, there is a prospect of a better system and management of accounts from the sub-divisional officers, for the trouble that has hitherto been experienced in obtaining punctual and correct returns from this division arose, I believe, wholly from the difficulty of controlling sub-divisional offices and their overworked staff, and from the impossibility of getting contract work done in some of the sub-divisions.

3. There is still much to be effected before the division can be considered in a satisfactory state in the matter of its accounts work, but from the report, there seems reason to hope for rapid improvement.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, on the 9th April 1884.

Major A. C Smith, R.E., the Executive Engineer, and M. Chinniah, the Accountant, were present.

2. The last inspection by an accounts officer of this division was on the 9th and 10th October 1883, *vide* papers printed with G.O., No. 3076 W. of 31st October 1883.

3. There has been a very salutary redistribution of sub-divisional charges. At the time of last inspection Mr. Evans' charge extended over three large taluks, one of which, the Chidambaram taluk, contained several important works. The sub-division proved altogether impracticable, and is now confined to the Chidambaram taluk only.

4. It was in consequence of the scattered and unmanageable extent of this sub-division that the irregularities of subordinates in accounts matters was so uncontrollable, and delays in submission of accounts to the Examiner's office so frequent. Certain labor, amounting to Rs. 257 was, in this sub-division (maintenance works), unpaid for nearly five months, owing to the muster rolls having been bottled up by the Overseer. Payments to contractors have been made twice over, or on erroneous calculations of the work done, and other irregularities (all of which have been promptly dealt with by the Executive Engineer) in payments, have made the accounts of the sub-division both dilatory and inaccurate. A source of this difficulty in sub-divisional management is now, however, as already stated, removed, by a reduction of the sub-divisional area. Moreover the parties who contributed to such irregularity have left the division, (two have died) and I believe that the very unsatisfactory state of things which elicited the orders of Government on item 46 of the Provincial Statement of Objectionable Items for September 1883, are now at an end and will not recur.

5. The balance of the Executive Engineer's drawing account on 31st March 1884 was proved correct; the sub-divisional offices are, as a rule, examined by the Executive Engineer every six months; that of Tindivanam was last examined in September 1883, and will shortly be visited, the Executive Engineer said.

6. The cash accounts generally are in order and proper audit is maintained.

7. Work abstracts are prepared in the sub-divisional offices and come up to the Executive Engineer unaccompanied by the ten-day reports; where there are materials, part IV should invariably be signed by the sub-divisional officer, and it should be seen that the officer in charge of the work regularly admits possession of whatever materials are at site. The Chidambaram sub-divisional work abstracts for February were not received by the Executive Engineer at the date of inspection (9th April), which may, however, be regarded merely as a final remnant of the delays in that sub-division, past irregularities being not quite worked off yet.

8. Similarly in respect of the restoration of the Pelandoral anicut (finished in March 1883), a materials at site balance of Rs. 1,200 has been six months under correspondence, but will now be adjusted.

9. The register of works is in order. The late Sub-Engineer made an excess payment of Rs. 63 to a contractor in respect of reconstructing Kolapaddy supply channel, which is thought to be irrecoverable. This should be reported for orders, and adjusted as soon as possible.

10. Among balances due to and from petty contractors there are three of the former (Rs. 86) withheld for bad work, and of the latter there is Rs. 67-8-5 which was paid to Contractor Chidumbarai Pillai twice over, the recovery of which is looked upon as hopeless. This will also be reported for orders, and dealt with as explained at the inspection.

11. In the deposits schedule there are items aggregating Rs. 2,971 being seigniorage on firewood made over to contractors from time to time. It has been arranged that contractors will provide themselves in this respect for the future and there will be no further deposit of this kind, and the Accountant-General, Madras, will now be asked, in continuation of our endorsement, No. 1068 of 20th December 1883, to include the above amount in the exchange accounts with this department as soon as possible, so that this deposit account can be cleared.

12. The following completion reports are due to the Examiner's office:—

1881-82.

Repairing bund calingulah, reconstructing sluice and removing prickly-pear, &c.

1882-83.

Closing breaches and reconstructing fallen face of Ruthnasboram sluice.
Maintenance of Tiruvádi anicut.
Do. of Vanainadari anicut.
Do. of Tiverandipoora anicut.
Do. of Tirukoilúr anicut.
Closing breaches in the Porthoopoolum tank.

13. The accountant is sufficiently assisted. There is now no reason why accounts should be rendered late, and an alteration in this respect will be confidently expected.

ORDER—dated 28th April 1884, No. 1066 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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Dated April, 28th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 28th April 1884, No. 1066 W.

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The notes of — on the South Arcot Divisional office, submitted by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

No. 13 W.

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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3. There is still much to be effected before the Division can be considered in a satisfactory state in the matter of its Accounts work, but from the report there seems reason to hope for rapid improvement.

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

J. L. Rainier

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY H.RAINIER ESQUIRE, DEPUTY EXAMINER PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS MADRAS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SOUTH ARCOT DIVISION ON THE 9TH APRIL 1864.

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MAJOR A.C.SMITH R.E.THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, AND M.CHINNIAH THE ACCOUNTANT WERE PRESENT.

2. THE LAST INSPECTION, BY AN ACCOUNTS OFFICER, OF THIS DIVISION WAS ON THE 9TH AND 10TH OCTOBER 1863, VIDE PAPERS PRINTED WITH G.O.NO 3076 W.O. 31ST OCTOBER 1863.

3. THERE HAS BEEN A VERY SALUTARY REDISTRIBUTION OF SUB-DIVISIONAL CHARGES. AT THE TIME OF LAST INSPECTION MR. EVANS CHARGE EXTENDED OVER THREE LARGE TALUQS, ONE OF WHICH THE CHIDUMBERAM TALUQ CONTAINED SEVERAL IMPORTANT WORKS. THE SUB-DIVISION PROVED ALTOGETHER IMPRACTICABLE AND IS NOW CONFINED TO THE CHIDUMBERAM TALUQ ONLY.

4. IT WAS IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE SCATTERED AND UNMANAGEABLE EXTENT OF THIS SUB-DIVISION, THAT THE IRREGULARITIES OF SUBORDINATES IN ACCOUNTS MATTERS WAS SO UNCONTROLLABLE, AND DELAYS IN SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS TO THE EXAMINERS OFFICE SO FREQUENT. CERTAIN LABOR AMOUNTING TO RS 257 WAS IN THIS SUB-DIVISION(MAINTENANCE WORKS) UNPAID FOR NEARLY FIVE MONTHS, OWING TO THE MUSTER ROLLS HAVING BEEN BOTTLED UP BY THE OVERSEER. PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN MADE TWICE OVER, OR ON ERRONEOUS CALCULATIONS OF THE WORK DONE, AND OTHER IRREGULARITIES (ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PROMPTLY DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER) IN PAYMENTS, HAVE MADE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE SUB-DIVISION BOTH DILATORY AND INACCURATE. A SOURCE OF THIS DIFFICULTY IN SUB-DIVISIONS MANAGEMENT IS NOW HOWEVER AS ALREADY STATED, REMOVED. BY

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A REDUCTION OF THE SUB-DIVISIONAL AREA. MOREOVER THE PARTIES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH IRREGULARITY HAVE LEFT THE DIVISION, (TWO HAVE DIED) AND I BELIEVE THAT THE VERY UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF THINGS WHICH ELICITED THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT ON ITEM 66 OF THE PROVINCIAL STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONABLE ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 1883 ARE NOW AT AN END, AND WILL NOT RECUR.

5. THE BALANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS DRAWING ACCOUNT ON 31ST MARCH 1884 WAS PROVED CORRECT, THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICES ARE AS A RULE EXAMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER EVERY SIX MONTHS, THAT OF TENDIVANUM WAS LAST EXAMINED IN SEPTEMBER 1883, AND WILL SHORTLY BE VISITED, THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SAID.

6. THE CASH ACCOUNTS GENERALLY ARE IN ORDER AND PROPER AUDIT IS MAINTAINED.

7. WORK ABSTRACTS ARE PREPARED IN THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICES, AND COME UP TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER UNACCOMPANIED BY THE TEN-DAY REPORTS; WHERE THERE ARE MATERIALS, PART IV SHOULD INVARIABLY BE SIGNED BY THE SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICER, AND IT SHOULD BE SEEN THAT THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE WORK REGULARLY ADMITS POSSESSION OF WHATEVER MATERIALS ARE AT SITE. THE CHIDAMBARAM SUB-DIVISIONAL WORK ABSTRACTS FOR FEBRUARY WERE NOT RECEIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AT THE DATE OF INSPECTION (9TH APRIL) WHICH MAY HOWEVER BE REGARDED MERELY AS A FINAL REMNANT OF THE DELAYS IN THAT SUB-DIVISION. PAST IRREGULARITIES BEING NOT QUITE WORKED OFF YET.

8. SIMILARLY IN RESPECT OF THE RESTORATION OF THE PELANDORAI

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PELANDORAI ANICUT (FINISHED IN MARCH 1883) A MATERIALS AT SITE BALANCE OF RS 1299/- HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS UNDER CORRESPONDENCE, BUT WILL NOW BE ADJUSTED.

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9. THE REGISTER OF WORKS IS IN ORDER. THE LATE SUB-ENGINEER MADE AN EXCESS PAYMENT OF RS 63/- TO A CONTRACTOR IN RESPECT OF RECONSTRUCTING KOLAPADDY SUPPLY CHANNEL, WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE IRRECOVERABLE. THIS SHOULD BE REPORTED FOR ORDERS, AND ADJUSTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

10. AMONG BALANCES DUE TO AND FROM PETTY CONTRACTORS THERE ARE THREE OF THE FORMER (RS 86) WHITTLED FOR BAD WORK, AND OF THE LATTER THERE IS RS 67-8-5 WHICH WAS PAID TO CONTRACTOR CHIDAMBARAI PILLAI TWICE OVER, THE RECOVERY OF WHICH IS LOOKED UPON AS HOPELESS. THIS WILL ALSO BE REPORTED FOR ORDERS, AND DEALT WITH AS EXPLAINED AT THE INSPECTION.

11. IN THE DEPOSITS SCHEDULE THERE ARE ITEMS AGGREGATING RS 2071/- BEING SEIGNIORAGE ON FIREWOOD MADE OVER TO CONTRACTORS FROM TIME TO TIME. IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED THAT CONTRACTORS WILL PROVIDE THEMSELVES IN THIS RESPECT FOR THE FUTURE, AND THERE WILL BE NO FUTHER DEPOSIT OF THIS KIND, AND THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL MADRAS WILL NOW BE ASKED IN CONTINUATION OF OUR ENDORSEMENT NO 1008 OF 20TH DECEMBER 1883 TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE AMOUNT IN THE EXCHANGE ACCOUNTS WITH THIS DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT THIS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CAN BE CLEARED.

12. THE FOLLOWING COMPLETION REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE EXAMINERS OFFICE

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1881-82.

1661-62.

REPAIRING BUND CALINGALAN, RECONSTRUCTING SLUICE AND REMOVING PRICKLY-PEAR, ETC.

1662-63.

CLOSING BREACHES AND RECONSTRUCTING WALLEN FACE OF RUTHRAMONAM SLUICE.
MAINTENANCE OF VELUVADY ANICUT.
MAINTENANCE OF VAMANIACANI ANICUT.
MAINTENANCE OF VIVEKANANDOORA ANICUT
MAINTENANCE OF TIRAVOILOOR ANICUT.
CLOSING BREACHES IN THE PORAMBOKOOLUM TANK.

13. THE ACCOUNTANT IS SUFFICIENTLY ASSISTED. THERE IS NOW NO REASON WHY ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE RENDERED LATE, AND AN ALTERATION IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED.

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EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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To
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From.

The Examiner P.W. Accounts,

Madras.

The Secretary to Government,

P.W. Department.

Dated 21st April 1884.

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