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16TH JANUARY 1884, No. 129 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

Official Memorandum from the Chief Secretary, dated 31st August 1883, No. 1676.
Endorsement to the „ „ 13th Sept. „ „ 1715C.
Office note from the „ „ 11th Oct. „ „ 1980.
Memorandum to the „ „ 20th Nov. „ „ 2275C.
Office note from the „ „ 14th Dec. „ „ 2454.

ORDER—dated 16th January 1884, No. 129 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial, &c., Departments.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Military „
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 16th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 16th Jan. 1884, No. 129 W.

JANUARY.

Lithographic Press

Abolishing the system of billing for work done by the — for other departments.

No.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Official Memorandum.

Dated the 7th August 1883.

It is considered that the present system of sending in bills for work done for Government in one Secretariat department by a branch of another Secretariat Office is incorrect in principle.

2. This bill will therefore be returned to the Public Works Department for consideration of this point.

(By order)
Lushington
Ag: Under Secretary.

To,
The Public Works Deptt.

15/9

~~P.W.Ch.~~ 7568

P.W.
7745/83

~~Recd 3/9/83~~
En/

OH. 48-8.

Forward C's note to
Financial Depart for consideration
with reference to the bills
objected to. — CS
11/9

No 1460 D d/ 29-6-83
G.O. 1449 W d/ 21-6-83.
" 1112 W d/ 9-4-79.
" Pub. 223 d/ 18-2-79

KEEP WITH Genl. No.

dated 18

No 1715 C d/ 13th Septr/83
C

Copy of the foregoing note from the Exr PWA forwarded to the Finl Dept for consideration with advertence to memo No 1676 d/ 31st Augt. 1883, & with reference to the bill objected to.

CS
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Finl Dept. with bill with memo
15/9

Entd in Regt Register

P.W. Ch. No 7745

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT. OF MADRAS. 1883. P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 8th September 1883. 129/2

Recd

OFFICE NOTE No. 589.

To
W.

No 1715 C d/ 13-9-83 Enc: 3.

Your Office Note No. 1926 D. dated 6th. September 1883.

Other Departments have heretofore been charged with the value of work done on their account, in accordance with G.O. No. 1449 W. dated 21st. June 1880. The chief objection to the discontinuance of this practice is the undue exaggeration of the cost of P.W. Establishments which would result from a change.

2. Whether Government decides that the charge to other Departments shall or shall not be made, the submission and acceptance of a bill is important, for, so far as the accepting Department Office is concerned, it stands as an acknowledgment that the work is approved and for the Lithographic Department it is the voucher for any statement

that may be prepared shewing the value of work turned out.

C.

7/9

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

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OFFICE NOTE.

To D.W.

Office Note from Chief Secretary No. 1950 of 11-10-83 - is forwarded for remarks.

Return of previous papers is requested - with reply to this.

11-10-83.

C/

Public Works Department.

Memorandum.

129/12

No. 2275 C of 20th Novr/83.

With reference to the Office Note from the Chief Secretary No. 1980 dated 11th October 1883 enquiring whether there is any insuperable objection to adopting, in the case of the Lithographic Press, the system in force in the case of the Government Printing Press, under which no Bills are presented for work done, the cost of which is however duly shewn in the accounts against each Government Department, the undersigned

~~would remark~~ observes that, under present arrangements, the two Establishments are not ~~quite~~ under identical conditions.

Although working for all Departments of Govt., the Lithographic Press is charged wholly to the P.W. Dept., and it was thought that credit for work done should be afforded to this Department in order to relieve it of the exclusive cost of maintaining an Establishment, used alike by all officers of Govt. who may require its services. The System of sending out Bills was therefore adopted. This system has, however, been

found to cause some amount of irritation, and to give much trouble in correspondence and accounts, - and the undersigned ~~Public Works Secretary~~ would be glad to see it abandoned.

The Lithographic Estabt. is charged against "Provincial", and it would seem to be immaterial, so far as Provincial Funds are concerned, whether it forms a Sub-head of the Public Works Provincial Budget, or is separately budgetted for.

If the Establishment be excluded from the P.W. Budget, there will be no longer any necessity to regard it in the light of a selfsupporting Institution, carrying on its operations at the Expense of Govt. Departments generally, but it can be brought under the same conditions as the Govt. Printing Press.

This financial change need not interfere with existing arrangements as to the control of the operations, which are necessarily of a technical character, requiring the immediate supervision of a Professional officer. The Chief Engineer should thus continue to control the Establishment as at present.

Should these proposals be approved in the Finl. Department, the undersigned will draft the requisite orders for carrying them into effect from the beginning of the ensuing official year.

WS
17.11.83.

W

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Desp. 21/11

R.S.

G.O. B/2452 Way 1-9-83
" 1808 Way 15-7-82
" 1449 Way 21-6-80

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No 2275 Cay 20-11-83

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No 449 W d/21.6.80
" 1405 W d/15.7.82
" 2452 W d/1.9.83
" 2275 W d/20.11.83

Office Note.

No 2454

The Undersigned has the honour to say that he approves the proposals.

2 The Accountant Genl. recommends the transfer of the charges to the head "Stationery & Printing" which seems more appropriate than "Administration" the head suggested by this office.

14/12/83 Chief Secretary

To the P.W. Secretary
with reference to his
Memo No. 2275 C
dated 20 Nov/83.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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MADRAS

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P.W. C No 1118[illegible]

~~Financial~~ (1883) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No 4022

From
~~THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,~~
Madras,

To
THE ~~Chief Secretary to Government~~
Financial Dept.

No. 4151

Dated 10 } December 1883.
Received 15 }

No.

Subject.

States the head to which the cost of the Lithographic Press Estt may be debited

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Public Works Department.

129/3 9

Memorandum

Office note from the Examiner. P. W. Accounts No. 589 dated 8th September/83

Your office note No. 1926 D dated 6th September 1883.

Other Departments have heretofore been charged with the value of work done on their account, in accordance with G. O. No. 449 W dated 21st June 1880. The Chief objection to the discontinuance of this practice is the undue exaggeration of the cost of P. W. Establishments which would result from a change.

2. Whether Government decides that the charge to other Departments shall or shall not be made, the submission and acceptance of a bill is important, for, so far as the accepting Department Office is concerned, it stands as an acknowledgment that the work is approved and for the Lithographic Department it is the voucher for any

any statement that may be prepared shewing the value of work turned out.

No. 1715—C dated 13th September/83

Copy of the foregoing note from the Examiner P.W. Accounts forwarded to the Financial Department for consideration with advertence to its Memo No. 1676 dated 31st August 1883, and with reference to the bill objected to.

(By order,)

C. Unwin

Major R.E.

Under Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

To

The Financial Department

with bill

Exd Sectn

P.W. Sur/5902/83

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No. 1980 Dy. 18th Oct/83

Office Note.

For the Secretary,
Pub: Works Deptt.

With reference to the accompanying paper No. 1715 C, dated the 13th September 1883 – will you, please, consider whether there is any insuperable objection to the system pursued in the case of the Government press being adopted with the lithographic department. Bills are not presented by the press, which, nevertheless contrives to show, separately the

the cost of work done by it for each Government department.

There is of course no desire to interfere with the arrangements of the lithographic department; but if you can see your way to relieving this and other offices of these bills without prejudice to the working of that department, I should be glad.

Ag: Chief Secretary

CM.

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Office Note

P. W. C. No 8902

Read 13th Oct/83

I.W.

The previous papers are at hand. S.A. 11.10.83

Ls. 13-10 M 31/10

No 2186 W

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1883. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY. 129/2 13

Chepauk, 16th October 1883.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

The Supt. Govt. Press.

With reference to the enclosed correspondence (to be returned) please let me have a report showing the manner in which you show separately without presenting bills, the cost of work done by the Govt. Press for each Govt. Department.

In the Lithographic Press attached to this office, monthly bills are sent for acceptance to each office for which work is done, and it is this practice which it is desired to discontinue

Sd/ C. Bowen
U. S.

Dc/60 with
El
CW 8902

No 2186 D. G.O. [illegible] 9033/3

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 16th October 1883.

OFFICE NOTE. 129/8/14

To

The Supdt Govt Press

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In the Lithographic Press attached to this office, monthly bills are sent for acceptance to each office for which work is done, and it it is this practice which it is desired to discontinue.

C. Strahan
Major R.E.
Under Secy to Govt M.W.D.

Government Press,
17th October 1883.

No. 2316.

Office Note.

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x herewith returned.

The Superintendent of the Government Press reports, with reference to Office Note No. 2186 D, dated 16th October 1883, P.W.D., that the practice of the Press is simply to debit each department or Office with the value of the work done for it, calculated according to the rates of the Press, as soon as practicable, after the close of the Official year a Statement is prepared from the Accounts, showing the value of work done for each department and is submitted with the Annual Administration Report, of which see Statements A. C. and D.

E S Key
Superintendent.

To
The Under Secretary to Govt.,
P. W. Department.

QLS 13/10.

M. 31/10.

P.W.O. No. 9033

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9330

Regd [illegible] to

Recd 18/10/83

R. No. 712.
20.10.83.
Encl: 8.

En 1 file

Chepauk
20th Octr/83

No. 2222 D

To C/

Could not a similar plan be adopted with regard to the Lithographic Press.
KY.

DW 19/10

My objection to this system is that there will be absolutely no check on the cost & quantity of the work turned out by the Litho: Press. The Govt. Press is altogether different, its work being uniform & requiring no criticism. Officers have several times objected to their bills when they get them. How will it be when they get no bills? CS.

Keep with Genl. No.

dated 18 .

P.W.O. No. 9330

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[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT. OF MADRAS. 1883. P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 25th October 1883.
Recd 25

OFFICE NOTE No. 783.

To
W

1 file
Encl: 9.

Your Office Note No. 1926 D d/ 6th September 1883

The Government Press does not debit other Departments in the same sense as we do in the case of the Lithographic Press. The former merely shows what it has done for other Departments, but that cost is not transferred and charged by that other Department in its own accounts.

This procedure answers in the case of the Government Press, because that Press is maintained for general purposes, and the cost of its working is not a charge against any special Department. The case with the Lithographic Press is quite different, it is maintained primarily for the purposes of the P.W. Dept. and its cost forms a charge against the Establishment Grant of that Dept. The Lithographic Press is not expected to undertake to execute work for other Departments free of charge, since the entertainment of any additional Establishment that may be necessitated by the execution of such work, would not be accepted by the Government of India as a valid excuse for any abnormally high percentage which may appear in the cost of our P.W. Establishments as compared with similar Establishments elsewhere.

As for the mere "Bill" it is as I said before really an acknowledgement that work done had been accepted and acknowledged as received.

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Office note from C
No 783 of 25.10.83.

Dr. 129/18

For orders —

The question still remains to be settled whether L Branch cannot debit other depts. with the value of work done, without the submission of monthly bills —

This might be arranged by the several Acct. Branches by book adjustment.

C.H.
25/10/83

W.G. 29/10
R.W.A. 2/11
A.L.S. 13/10
H.G. 31/10

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D.W.

The Supt Govt Press might perhaps be asked to tell this office how he shows separately the cost of work done by the Press for each Govt Dept?

Cn
13/10

Please do so.

CS
13/10

QLS 13/10

Mo 31/10

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 26th October 1883.

OFFICE NOTE. 129/920

To W.

Objection has been raised in the Revenue Depart & other offices to the system of presenting bills for work done by the Lithographic Press, and we are asked to relieve those offices of these bills.

The Lithographic Press is part of the P.W.D. & is not on the same footing as the Govt Press. The cost of the Establishment falls on the P.W. Budget less the value of work turned out for other Depts, who are charged for same by book transfer on their acknowledging receipt & value of work turned out.

If no bills were presented these Depts would have no check on the cost of work to be charged to them.

In some instances bills presented to others have been returned to this office with objections to the charges made. Had such bills not been presented the officers concerned would have no knowledge of the debits against them, and there would be no proper check on or control over the operations of the Lithographic Supdt.

C.J.

C. No: 9330
L

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I noted on a somewhat similar proposal a few months ago. It will be seen that the file containing the notes will reach you through I.

R.S.
12.11.83.

Handed back by W. to lie over till I. sends in the other file.

R.S.
14.11.83.

M 21/10

S.A.W.

Charges in Litho: Press.

Please complete the file with my Notes on the subject, and keep for me at Madras.

A.S.
31. 10. 83.

C.A.W.

The file containing your original notes has been with D.I. for some time past.

I asked for it as soon as I received from Ooty your above note of 31-10-83, & D.I. promised to let me have it almost immediately.

The accy. slip contains D.I.'s reply to a second request for the papers sent up to him this day. Ch
12.11.83

M 31/10

D.I.

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If you cannot now spare the file relating to the Lithographic Press, kindly return it to Works office – A separate case has been lying over here for some time pending the return of the file with you.

Ch
12.11.83.

S.A.W.

The file is with I., who will shortly submit it to W.

A.L.R.
12-11-83

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P.W./83
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From Financial Dept.
No 1676 of 31. 8. 83

To Dy Sec VB

For orders.

This revives the question whether bills should be sent out for work done by the L Branch.

C. A. W.'s suggestion was that the total working expenses should be rateably divided at the end of the year, & bills discontinued.

The P. W. Workshops sent out bills for work done for Govt Depts. On the same

M 31/10

principle, this also would be incorrect.

Ch
3/9

R. No 544.
6.9.83. Encl: 2.

No 1926 d/6th Sept/83

T. C. For favour of opinion.

CJ
4/9

M 31/10

To W

Charges in the Lithographic Press

My former Office note on this subject is still with I. The case may however be disposed of without it.

I can see no reason why the Lithographic Press should not be on exactly the same footing as the Govt. Printing Press. It does work for all Depts, and there is no reason why the cost should be charged to one particular Dept. viz the Public Works.

The Establishment is Provincial, and it is a matter of indifference financially whether the cost forms a Subhead of the P.W. Provincial Budget or whether the cost is separately budgetted for. The latter course would remove the technical objections assumed by the Examiner, and would enable work to be done without the irritation which is now being constantly caused by the submission of Bills.

The Establishment would still be under the immediate supervision of the Chief Engr: in the same way as the Printing Press is under the direct control of the Chief Secretary.

At present, each office for which work is done, accepts the charge, includes it in the office Contingent Bill, and thus enables the P.W. Dept to take credit for the cost of work. The arrangement gives a great deal of trouble, causes irritation, and results in no particular advantage.

C.S. 17.11.83

M 31/10.

I entirely accept this view. The course suggested by C.A.W. would put an end to what seems to be an unsatisfactory state of matters.

A reply may be drawn up on these lines, to go to the Chief Secretary in reply to his Office Note No. 1980 of 11-10-83.

17-11-83

No. 129 W

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P.W. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 16th January 1884
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officer

D.S.
21-12-83.

C.J.
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W.
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D.W.
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Trib. to Depts
Revenue. Dept
Military Dept.
Examiner P.W. Acct.
(The Chief Secretary for counterinitials)

C.S.

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