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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, 23rd September 1884, No. 70 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 Salem division.

Paragraph 4.—The accountant should have known quite well that all work accounts are required to show work done, whether paid for or not, and that consequently all labor employed should have been charged in the month in which employed, regardless of the date on which it was paid for.

Paragraph 5.—The Superintending Engineer's attention is invited to the orders of Government requiring convict labor to be utilized on jail works, such labor being given free of charge. The manner in which the accounts of works on which prison labor is employed should show the value of such labor is at present under consideration of Government.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, on the 17th September 1884.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. J. M. Bell, was present, as also Mr. Hutton, the accountant. The office was last examined on the 5th September 1883, vide G.O., No. 2636 W., of 19th September 1883.

2. The present Salem division, bereft of works made over to the Barur Project is very light, and is about to become incorporated in the Coimbatore division under G.O., No. 1058 W., dated 28th April 1884.

3. The cash accounts were found to be in thorough order.

4. The work accounts wherever contractors are used are in excellent order; but where the work abstract has been prepared (for works upon which more than one contractor is engaged) there has been some misapprehension which had to be cleared away by definite instructions; part I of the work abstract is intended to show the work done, and value of labor and materials put into the work, period by period during a month, *regardless of the dates on which the said labor or materials have been, are, or may or may not be hereafter paid for.* Part I is a record of the liabilities incurred during any month on any work, and so if labor were engaged in June and not paid for till September, or if materials were received over complete in June, but not paid for till September, June's work abstract would show such labor or materials in part I, and, pending the payment in September, there would consequently be so much difference between *value of work done* and *payments made*. Were these accounts forms not specially framed to show such difference, were they arranged to show mere money payments and receipts, without reference to work done in advance of such cash transactions, the work abstract would probably be unnecessary; but as that document is intended to show for June, June's liabilities, for July, July's liabilities, and August, August's liabilities, it has been wrong to await *payments* for labor employed on the central jail buildings in June before charging such labor in the work abstract, and it should have appeared in June's and not in July's work abstract; moreover it would be wrong to put part of June's liabilities in June's work abstract and part in July's. Of course there is a part (part II) of the abstract for showing payments made during the month, and such payments should be as strictly recorded as the liabilities, but they are quite distinct facts, set down as such at the foot of part I, and carried into the register of works as such every month.

5. On the above jail convict labor has been used, generally about 150 men, and no account either in nominal muster roll, or ten-day report, seems to have been kept of such labor, or of the work done by such labor. The Jail Superintendent has been sending in periodically a bill for so many convicts in such or such month, at so much each (no work alluded to), and the Executive Engineer has sent these bills to the overseer for check and allocation, and then included them in the work abstract under preparation at the time. The estimate for these jail operations contemplated contract work, and not labor of any sort—but if convict labor is employed on jail work it is labor gratis (paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1054, of 25th April 1884), for which this department has to meet no charge from the Civil Department. There should, of course, be in the first instance a separate ten-day report sent up for work done by convict labor, but where such labor is gratis there is no perceptible advantage in the Executive Engineer's accepting the Jail Superintendent's bills for it, as has hitherto been done. This convict labor and work done by it per ten-day report would come against sub-heads of the estimate in part I of the work abstract, just as other labor would, and would consequently be included in the amount of *value of work done* in the register of works. Then would come a column in that book "deduct value of work done by unpaid convict labor" and the remainder would be the actual cost of the work to this department. It has been proposed that if an estimate contemplates the use of such unpaid convict labor it shall include *all* labor in the body of the abstract, showing at the foot of the same a deduction for estimated value of unpaid convict labor to be employed on the work.

6. The suspense accounts are in a satisfactory state.

7. The records of the office are in good order and ready for the impending transfer.

8. The contractors' accounts are well cared for and there were said to be no disputed or doubtful items.

9. The work of the office generally has been thoroughly under the Executive Engineer's personal attention, and its former good character has been on the whole well maintained.

ORDER—dated 26th September 1884, No. 2400 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

2. Orders on the subject of accounting for convict labor employed on jail works will shortly issue.

3. The misapprehension of accounts procedure on the part of the accountant is unsatisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th Sept. 1884, No. 2400 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Inspection Notes

Orders on — submitted by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, of the office of the Salem division.

19TH SEPTEMBER 1883, No. 2636 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th September 1883, No. 99 W. :—

I have the honor to submit, for information and orders of Government, notes by the Deputy Examiner, Mr. Rainier, of his inspection of the office of the Salem Division.

Paragraph 4.—If all works are executed by contract, Works Abstracts are not required, unless there be more than one contractor on any one individual work, in which case the transactions of each must be brought together in the Works Abstracts for ready posting into the Register of Works. Where only one contractor is employed, the Contract Certificate is the only account necessary for the posting of expenditure and progress.

2. The office maintains its character for good order.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of Inspection, by H. RAINIER, Esq., of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, on the 5th September 1883.

Mr. J. M. Bell, the Executive Engineer, and P. Gnanamuthu Pillai, the Accountant, were present.

2. This office was last inspected by an Accounts Officer on the 22nd February 1883, vide G.O. No. 719 W. of 6th March 1883.

3. Of the imprests enumerated in paragraph 3 of last report, the first has been reduced to Rs. 200, the second has been abolished, the third and fourth have been each increased to Rs. 100. The Imprest Accounts are in order, so are the Cash and Cash Abstract Books.

4. All works are executed by contract. Work Abstracts, therefore, which take much time in preparation might be discontinued, the Contract Certificate showing all that is necessary for the posting of the Register of Works. The Contractors' accounts are in order, and there are no disputed accounts. The Register of Works is up to date and complete, i.e., apace with the accounts. The aggregate of materials at site does not exceed Rs. 2,000.

5. The Executive Engineer's treasury balance on the 31st August 1883 was proved to be accurate. The Executive Engineer fully appreciated the importance of a periodical proof of this himself, so as to prevent irregularity or error, either in the Treasury Pass-book or his own Cash-book or cheque counterfoils.

6. The Accountant is well assisted in accounts. A clerk, Mr. DeCruz, who was interrogated, being able, should the necessity arise, to temporarily carry on the Accountant's duties.

7. There is no stock and there are no manufactures.

8. There have been only about a dozen transactions in tools and plant during the current year, and the register of these implements should be very carefully kept, in view to constant count and overhaul of them. This is sure to be done, and the Storekeeper's receipts and issues

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frequently agreed with the register. There was some slight difference between these, but the matter is not mentioned as detracting in any way from the excellent state of the office.

9. There is a Storekeeper, who has deposited security, and his hands will now be fairly employed with the custody of Local Famine Tools, of which more than 30,000 have already been received over from the Revenue Department, in different places, under G.O. No. 940 W. of 28th March 1883.

These tools are being thoroughly looked at on receipt, the unserviceable being disposed of in the authorized manner.

10. There is nothing in previous reports which has not been cordially attended to, and everything in the office which has not been noticed in this report is in order, and in very good order.

11. The Executive Engineer speaks in praise of the Accountant.

ORDER—dated 19th September 1883, No. 2636 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Salem Division.

2. The report is satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
 Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 19th.

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G.O., 19th Sept. 1883, No. 2636 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Inspection Notes

The — on the Salem Divisional Office, by the Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with remarks.

25TH APRIL 1884, No. 1054 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

ORDER—dated 25th April 1884, No. 1054 W., Public Works.

The Inspector-General of Jails having called attention to the expediency of extending the employment of convict labor on the construction of jails, the Government desire that labor of this kind should be utilised whenever practicable.

2. In proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department (Judicial),

* G.O., dated 24th January 1870, No. 98. No. 1873—80, dated 22nd December 1869,* it is stated that the first application of prison labor should, as a general rule, be in the service of the jail itself, and of other jails; and that the services of all prisoners must be given to the utmost extent to the State in this way, without charge. Applying this principle to Public Works, the services of convicts for jail works would be obtained without cost to the Public Works Department, and the estimates for works of that class would be correspondingly reduced.

3. It is not intended that arrangements already made for carrying out jail works by contract or otherwise should be cancelled, when inconvenience would thereby be caused; but in all cases where the employment of convict labor would be to the manifest advantage of the State, the services of prisoners should be availed of.

4. The Trichinopoly jail, for which a provision of Rs. 20,000 is made in the budget of 1884-85, and which has not yet been commenced, presents a favorable opportunity for trying convict labor on a large scale. The convicts would, perhaps, be best employed in digging foundations, carting bricks and lime, collecting sand; &c., and subsequently in aiding in the erection of the enclosure wall, and in any other work for which skilled-labor is not essential.

5. The arrangements for segregating the convicts, and otherwise maintaining discipline, can doubtless be efficiently managed by local officers acting in concert.

6. The special attention of Public Works officers is invited to the matter; and they will report how far these orders can conveniently be carried into effect as regards jail works entered in the budget of 1884-85.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

" Judicial Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 25th.

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G.O., 25th April 1884, No. 1054 W.

APRIL.

Convict Labor

Ordering, with remarks, the utilisation of —
on jail construction whenever practicable.

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28TH APRIL 1884, No. 1058 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th January 1884, No. 6 W.

With reference to G.O., No. 3291 W., of 17th November 1883, I have the honor to propose a change in regard to three of the divisions of this circle, with a view to the equalisation of work and expenditure in Coimbatore and Salem, and the better supervision of works on the West Coast and North-West Wynaad.

2. The Coimbatore division now includes three districts—Coimbatore, Malabar and South Canara—divided into five sub-divisions, viz. :—

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Coimbatore. | 4. Cannanore. |
| 2. Erode. | 5. Mangalore. |
| 3. Calicut. | |

The Salem division is not sub-divided, but is supervised by the Executive Engineer with the aid of an attached officer.

Again, the north-west portion of Wynaad, *i.e.*, that part of Wynaad which belongs to the Malabar district, is nominally attached to the Nilgiri division; but owing to want of establishment and the difficulty of reaching it from Ootacamund, the Executive Engineer has been practically helpless for carrying out any work there. Moreover, owing to the unwieldy size of the present Coimbatore division, as it now stands, combined with the difficulties of travelling in West Coast districts, it is impossible for the Executive Engineer to visit the works in progress on the West Coast as often as is desirable.

3. My proposal is to form a new division, to be called the West Coast division, with head-quarters at Calicut, and to comprise the two districts of South Canara and Malabar with North-West Wynaad, and to do this by transferring the present Executive Engineer of Salem and his office establishment to Calicut, making Salem a sub-division of the Coimbatore division, and moving an Assistant Engineer from the present Coimbatore division to Salem.

4. According to the sanctioned scale of establishment, Coimbatore is entitled to three Assistant Engineers, and Salem has none; under the proposed arrangement Coimbatore with Salem would be allowed two Assistants, and the West Coast one.

5. I send, herewith, sketch maps and statements of expenditure, which, I hope, will make my proposal and the expediency of it perfectly clear. The maps show the unwieldy size of the present Coimbatore division, and that my proposal is to form two divisions of pretty nearly the same size; while from having a railway running through them, the officer stationed at Coimbatore could readily reach any part of Salem.

The statements show that the average outlay per annum in the present Coimbatore division has been Rs. 3,18,718 and the cost of establishment about 22 per cent.; while

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in Salem there has been an average outlay of Rs. 85,714 only and establishment has cost about 31 per cent.

6. By the change I propose the outlay of the two divisions would be nearly equalised, and the cost of establishment become about 25 per cent.

This no doubt is a high percentage, but the great areas over which the works are scattered have to be considered; and at the present moment works at Kalpathi and Manantoddy have to stand over for the want of a subordinate to superintend them.

7. The only increase in cost of establishment I think indispensable to make the new arrangement fairly effective is that the new West Coast division should be allowed the establishment of a first-class division. It will be remembered that, when Calicut was formerly the head-quarters of a division, there were great difficulties with the office establishment, and as a consequence all the office work fell into arrears and confusion. Not only is living and carriage expensive at Calicut, but most of our office servants dislike the West Coast; and frequent changes are highly detrimental to efficiency.

I would propose to overcome the old difficulties by giving a first-class establishment, and by a special selection of the men to be sent there.

8. I propose making Calicut the head-quarters of the new West Coast division instead of Cannanore or Mangalore—(1) because it is easily reached from Coimbatore, and it is desirable that the division office should be readily accessible at all times from the circle office; (2) because there is now a Government building at Calicut which was built for a division office; and (3) because it is the head-quarters of a district, and a convenient point of departure for the Wynaad, Malapuram, Trichūr, Cochin and Quilon.

9. There are troops stationed at no less than six places in the proposed new division, viz. :—

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| 1. Quilon. | 4. Calicut. |
| 2. Trichūr. | 5. Cannanore, and |
| 3. Malapuram. | 6. Mangalore. |

The expenditure in 1883-84 in the West Coast sub-divisions on military works and repairs will be Rs. 92,235; or about 38 per cent. of the total expenditure in those sub-divisions, which is Rs. 2,40,278.

It would therefore be convenient that the divisional officer should be a Royal Engineer; and in any case it is desirable that the frequent changes of officers that formerly occurred should be avoided as far as possible. To this end I venture to suggest that, if practicable, an officer who has lately returned from furlough should be given the post and expected to remain there three years at least, if his health remains good.

10. The only arrangement I have to suggest is that Mr. Bell should have the new temporary Barur division including the Hosūr and Krishnagiri taluks, and that Captain Boddy, R.E., shortly expected from England, should go to Calicut. In that case there would be no difficulty in making the change of divisions at once; but if Mr. Bell is to be moved to Calicut I think it better the change should take place from 1st May.

P.S.—This letter is accompanied by lists showing the sanctioned, existing and proposed scales of establishment as regards assistants and upper subordinates.

From the same officer, dated Coimbatore, 8th January 1884, No. 10 W.

I have the honor to submit a revised statement showing proposed changes of establishment in place of the one which accompanied my letter, No. 6 W., of 5th instant.

2. The temporary establishment sanctioned for the Coimbatore division would eventually have to be made permanent, should the present arrangement of divisions be left undisturbed.

3. Consequently, the redistribution of establishment proposed in my letter under reference would cause a net saving of Rs. 27½ instead of an increase.

REVISED STATEMENT SHOWING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IV CIRCLE.

PRESENT SCALE.		PROPOSED SCALE.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.		Grounds of Proposition.	Remarks.
Number.	Designation.	Amount of Pay.	Number.	Designation.	Amount of Pay.	Number.	Amount of Pay.		
1	Salem Division, 3rd Class.	Rs. 55	1	New West Coast Division, 1st Class.	Rs. 70				
1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 3rd grade	55	1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	70				
1	Clerk, 4th class, 2nd grade	35	1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	45				
1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	50	2	Do. do. 2nd do.	35				
1	Draftsman, 2nd class	42½	1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	50				
1	Do. 3rd do.	25	1	Draftsman, 1st class	60				
1	Storekeeper	15	1	Do. 3rd do.	25				
1	Accountant	..	1	Storekeeper	..				
1	Executive Engineer	..	1	Executive Engineer	..				
1	Assistant Engineer	..	1	Assistant Engineer	..				
5	Upper subordinates	..	7	Upper Subordinates	..				
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1	Coimbatore Division, 1st Class.	Rs. 70	1	New Coimbatore Division, 1st Class.	Rs. 70				
1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	45	1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	70				
1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	35	1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	45				
2	Do. do. 2nd do.	50	2	Do. do. 2nd do.	35				
1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	60	1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	50				
1	Draftsman, 1st class	25	1	Draftsman, 1st class	60				
1	Do. 3rd do.	30	1	Do. 3rd do.	25				
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1	Accountant	..	1	Accountant	..				
1	Executive Engineer	..	1	Executive Engineer	..				
1	Assistant Engineer	..	1	Assistant Engineer	..				
12	Upper subordinates	..	10	Upper subordinates	..				
1	Temporary Establishment sanctioned in G.O., No. 1401 W. and 2108 W., dated respectively 12th May and 1st August 1883.	30			310	4	87½		
1	Clerk at Rs. 15 each	30			..		..		
1	Draftsman, 1st class	50			..		..		
20		425	22		..		..		
				Total ..			115		
				Deduct increase ..			87½		
				Net Decrease ..			27½		

8th January 1884.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

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From the same officer, dated Coimbatore, 24th March 1884, No. 167-E.W.

I have the honor to inform you that if no change is to take place in the limits of Coimbatore division, the continued employment of the clerks sanctioned in G.O., No. 2108 W., of 1st August 1883, will be needed in 1884-85 to enable the Executive Engineer to carry on the heavy office work of the division. This extra establishment is needed to assist the permanent establishment.

2. I have therefore the honor to request sanction as follow :—

2 Clerks on Rs. 20 each	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
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							For one year...	840

ORDER—dated 28th April 1884, No. 1058 W., Public Works.

In the letters recorded above the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, proposes a re-arrangement of divisions in order to facilitate executive duty and to distribute more equitably the cost of working.

2. Under existing arrangements, the circle comprises the following divisions :—

Nilgiris.	North Arcot.
Coimbatore.	B Project.
Salem.	Barur (Temporary.)

3. It is now proposed to reconstitute a West Coast division, with head-quarters at Calicut, and to transfer to it the Executive Engineer of Salem with his establishment, the present Salem division being worked as a sub-division of the Coimbatore division.

4. Including the temporary office establishment now employed in the Coimbatore division, the new arrangements will result in a net saving of Rs. 27½ per mensem, as shown in the statement which accompanies the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 10 W., dated 8th January 1884.

5. For the reasons advanced by the Superintending Engineer, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the changes, from such date as they can be conveniently carried out.

6. The proposal of the Superintending Engineer to post a Royal Engineer officer for charge of the new West Coast division will be kept in view. Captain Boddy has already been posted to the Barur Project division.

7. The sanction to the revised scale of office establishment accorded in these proceedings has been registered as Provincial No. 6 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Establishment, Permanent.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Military Department.
„ Financial Department.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

29/10/84
Dated April, 28th.

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G.O., 28th April 1884, No. 1058 W.

APRIL.

Executive Divisions in the
IV Circle

Sanctioning, with remarks, a re-arrange-
ment of the —

From

No. 707.

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Madras, 23rd September 1884.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

D. P. Curran

Examiner P. W. Accounts.

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From,
The Examiner P.W. Accounts,
Madras
To,
The Secretary to Government,
P.W. Department.

No. 707.

Dated 23rd September 1884.

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Notes of inspection by Mr.
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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY H. RAINIER ESQUIRE, DEPUTY
EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER SALEM DIVISION, ON THE 17TH. SEPTEMBER 1884.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MR. J. M. BELL WAS PRESENT AS
ALSO MR. HUFFTON THE ACCOUNTANT. THE OFFICE WAS LAST
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BY PERIOD DURING A MONTH, REGARDLESS OF THE DATES ON WHICH
THE SAID LABOR OR MATERIALS HAVE BEEN, ARE, OR MAY OR MAY
NOT BE HEREAFTER PAID FOR. PART I IS A RECORD OF THE
LIABILITIES INCURRED DURING ANY MONTH ON ANY WORK, AND SO

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IF LABOR WERE ENGAGED IN JUNE AND NOT PAID FOR TILL
SEPTEMBER, OR IF MATERIALS WERE RECEIVED OVER COMPLETE IN
JUNE, BUT NOT PAID FOR TILL SEPTEMBER, JUNE'S WORK ABSTRACT
WOULD SHOW SUCH LABOR OR MATERIALS IN PART I, AND, PENDING
THE PAYMENT IN SEPTEMBER, THERE WOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE SO
MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VALUE OF WORK DONE AND PAYMENTS
MADE. WERE THESE ACCOUNTS FORMS NOT SPECIALLY FRAMED TO
SHOW SUCH DIFFERENCE, WERE THEY ARRANGED TO SHOW WHERE MONEY
PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO WORK DONE IN
ADVANCE OF SUCH CASH TRANSACTIONS, THE WORK ABSTRACT WOULD
PROBABLY BE UNNECESSARY. BUT AS THAT DOCUMENT IS INTENDED
TO SHOW FOR JUNE, JUNE'S LIABILITIES; FOR JULY, JULY'S LIABILI-
TIES; AND AUGUST, AUGUST'S LIABILITIES; IT HAS BEEN WRONG
TO AWAIT PAYMENTS FOR LABOR EMPLOYED ON THE CENTRAL JAIL
BUILDINGS IN JUNE, BEFORE CHARGING SUCH LABOR IN THE WORK
ABSTRACT, AND IT SHOULD HAVE APPEARED IN JUNE'S AND NOT IN
JULY'S WORK ABSTRACT. MOREOVER IT WOULD BE WRONG TO PUT
PART OF JUNE'S LIABILITIES IN JUNE'S WORK ABSTRACT AND
PART IN JULY'S. OF COURSE THERE IS A PART (PART II) OF THE
ABSTRACT FOR SHOWING PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH, AND
SUCH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE AS STRICTLY RECORDED AS THE LIABILI-
TIES, BUT THEY ARE QUITE DISTINCT FACTS, SET DOWN AS SUCH
AT THE FOOT OF PART I, AND CARRIED INTO THE REGISTER OF
WORKS AS SUCH EVERY MONTH.

5. ON THE ABOVE JAIL CONVICT LABOR HAS BEEN USED,

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GENERALLY ABOUT 150 MEN, AND NO ACCOUNT, EITHER IN NOMINAL
MUSTER ROLL, OR TEN-DAY REPORT, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN KEPT OF
SUCH LABOR, OR OF THE WORK DONE BY SUCH LABOR. THE JAIL
SUPERINTENDENT HAS BEEN SENDING IN PERIODICALLY, A BILL,
FOR SO MANY CONVICTS IN SUCH OR SUCH MONTH, AT SO MUCH EACH
(NO WORK ALLUDED TO); AND THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HAS SENT
THESE BILLS TO THE OVERSEER FOR CHECK AND ALLOCATION, AND
THEN INCLUDED THEM IN THE WORK ABSTRACT UNDER PREPARATION
AT THE TIME. THE ESTIMATE FOR THESE JAIL OPERATIONS
CONTEMPLATED CONTRACT WORK, AND NOT LABOR OF ANY SORT-BUT
IF CONVICT LABOR IS EMPLOYED ON JAIL WORK IT IS LABOR
GRATIS, (PARA 2 OF G.O. NO. 1054 OF 25 TH. APRIL 1884) FOR
WHICH THIS DEPARTMENT HAS TO MEET NO CHARGE FROM THE
CIVIL DEPARTMENT. THERE SHOULD OF COURSE BE IN THE FIRST
INSTANCE A SEPARATE TEN-DAY REPORT SENT UP FOR WORK DONE
BY CONVICT LABOR, BUT WHERE SUCH LABOR IS GRATIS THERE IS
NO PERCEPTIBLE ADVANTAGE IN THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S
ACCEPTING THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT'S BILLS FOR IT, AS HAS
HITHERTO BEEN DONE. THIS CONVICT LABOR AND WORK DONE BY
IT PER TEN-DAY REPORT WOULD COME AGAINST SUB-HEADS OF THE
ESTIMATE IN PART I OF THE WORK ABSTRACT, JUST AS OTHER LABOR
WOULD; AND WOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT
OF VALUE OF WORK DONE IN THE REGISTER OF WORKS. THEN, WOULD
COME A COLUMN IN THAT BOOK 'DEDUCT VALUE OF WORK DONE BY
UNPAID CONVICT LABOR', AND THE REMAINDER WOULD BE THE ACTUAL

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COST OF THE WORK TO THIS DEPARTMENT. IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED THAT IF AN ESTIMATE CONTEMPLATES THE USE OF SUCH UNPAID CONVICT LABOR IT SHALL INCLUDE ALL LABOR IN THE BODY OF THE ABSTRACT, SHEWING AT THE FOOT OF THE SAME, A DEDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED VALUE OF UNPAID CONVICT LABOR TO BE EMPLOYED ON THE WORK.

6. THE SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS ARE IN A SATISFACTORY STATE.

7. THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE ARE IN GOOD ORDER AND READY FOR THE IMPENDING TRANSFER.

8. THE CONTRACTORS' ACCOUNTS ARE WELL CARED FOR AND THERE WERE SAID TO BE NO DISPUTED OR DOUBTFUL ITEMS.

9. THE WORK OF THE OFFICE GENERALLY HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY UNDER THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION, AND ITS FORMER GOOD CHARACTER HAS BEEN ON THE WHOLE WELL MAINTAINED.

SIGNED: H. RAINGER,
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