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6TH OCTOBER 1884, No. 2458 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 of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st October 1884, No. 73 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 South Arcot division.

2. There seems good prospect of this division being at last brought into proper order in regard to its accounts.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the office of the Executive Engineer, South Arcot division, on the 24th September 1884.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. G. T. Walch, had taken charge of this division from Major A. C. Smith, R.E., on the 16th July 1884, and was present; the accountant, M. Chinniah, was also present. The office was last examined by an Accounts officer on the 9th April 1884 (*vide* papers printed with G.O., No. 1066 W., of 28th April 1884).

2. The payments by imprest holders of the wages of maistries, &c., appear to be made late in the month ensuing, and it will be ascertained by the Executive Engineer whether these and payments for labor also cannot be paid a little earlier than at present. The cash-books were found in thorough order, and the Executive Engineer's drawing account balance on the 31st August 1884 was proved correct.

3. With reference to paragraphs 4 and 7 of the last report, the system of rendering work abstracts from the sub-divisional offices instead of preparing them in the Executive Engineer's office has not, in the circumstances of this division, answered at all. The abstracts have come up late and incorrect, and neither the nominal muster rolls nor the ten-day reports have been at hand in the divisional office wherewith to exercise check on the Part I entries of the work abstract; of course, the nominal muster rolls should invariably come up in support of imprest accounts.

The present Executive Engineer had already and entirely of his own accord quite recognised the need of altering all this, and that he might see his way to prepare all work abstracts in his own office, the advantages of this plan were fully discussed, and a memorandum on the subject was left with Mr. Walch.

4. The register of works has of course suffered from the irregularity of initial accounts, and the schedule of expenditure has rested on improper data; but the Executive Engineer may be quite relied upon to set all this in order immediately.

5. In the contractors' accounts there are some items due to contractors which, however, are more than covered by items due from them, notably in the case of one contractor who owes Rs. 158-4-11 for firewood seigniorage, but who is owed Rs. 95 for work. All these should be reported to the Superintending Engineer with all the circumstances, so also should any item which is regarded as irrecoverable.

6. The very marked improvement in this office leaves nothing more for notice.

ORDER—dated 6th October 1884, No. 2458 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

2. The report is satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Dated October, 6th.

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G.O., 6th Oct. 1884, No. 2458 W.

OCTOBER.

Inspection Notes

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

28TH APRIL 1884, No. 1066 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, 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 over-worked 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 Pelandorai anicut (finished in March 1883, a materials at site balance of Rs. 1,299 has been six months under correspondence, but will not 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 Ruthrashoram sluice.

Maintenance of Tiruvadi anicut.

Do. of Vanainadari anicut.

Do. of Tiverandipoora anicut.

Do. of Tirukoilur 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.

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

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Inspection

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

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From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 1st OCTOBER

1884

SIR,

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 SOUTH ARCOT DIVI-
SION.

2. THERE SEEMS GOOD PROSPECT OF THIS DIVISION BEING
AT LAST BROUGHT INTO PROPER ORDER IN REGARD TO ITS ACCOUNTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEДИENT SERVANT.

J. P. Curran

EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Conclusion *Sp 2*
NOTES OF INSPECTION BY H. RAINIER ESQUIRE, DEPUTY
EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER SOUTH ARCOT DIVISION, ON THE 24TH. SEPTEMBER
1884. *Ans 8*

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MR. G. T. WALCH, HAD TAKEN
CHARGE OF THIS DIVISION FROM MAJOR A. C. SMITH R.E. ON THE
16TH. JULY 1884, ^{and} WAS PRESENT. THE ACCOUNTANT M. CHINNIAN
WAS ALSO PRESENT. THE OFFICE WAS LAST EXAMINED BY AN
ACCOUNTS OFFICER ON THE 9TH. APRIL 1884, VIDE PAPERS
PRINTED WITH G.O. NO. 1066 W OF 28TH. APRIL 1884.

2. THE PAYMENTS BY IMPREST HOLDERS OF THE WAGES OF
MAISTRIES ETC., APPEAR TO BE MADE LATE IN THE MONTH
ENSUING AND IT WILL BE ASCERTAINED BY THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER WHETHER THESE AND PAYMENTS FOR LABOR ALSO,
CANNOT BE PAID A LITTLE EARLIER THAN AT PRESENT. THE
CASH BOOKS WERE FOUND IN ^{thorough} ~~thorough~~ ORDER, AND THE EXECU-
TIVE ENGINEER'S DRAWING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON THE 31ST.
AUGUST 1884 WAS PROVED CORRECT.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAS 4 AND 7 OF THE LAST REPORT,
THE SYSTEM OF RENDERING WORK ABSTRACTS FROM THE SUB-
DIVISIONAL OFFICES INSTEAD OF PREPARING THEM IN THE
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, HAS NOT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THIS DIVISION, ANSWERED AT ALL. THE ABSTRACTS HAVE
COME UP LATE AND INCORRECT, AND NEITHER THE NOMINAL
MUSTER ROLLS NOR THE TEN DAY REPORTS HAVE BEEN AT HAND
IN THE DIVISIONAL OFFICE WHEREWITH TO EXERCISE CHECK ON
THE PART I. ENTRIES OF THE WORK ABSTRACT, OF COURSE THE
NOMINAL MUSTER ROLLS SHOULD INVARIABLY COME UP IN SUP-
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THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HAD ALREADY AND
ENTIRELY OF HIS OWN ACCORD QUITE RECOGNISED THE NEED
OF ALTERING ALL THIS, AND THAT HE MIGHT SEE HIS WAY TO
PREPARE ALL WORK ABSTRACTS IN HIS OWN OFFICE, THE ADVAN-
TAGES OF THIS PLAN WERE FULLY DISCUSSED, AND A MEMORAN-
DUM ON THE SUBJECT WAS LEFT WITH MR. WALCH.

4. THE REGISTER OF WORKS HAS OF COURSE SUFFERED FROM
THE IRREGULARITY OF INITIAL ACCOUNTS, AND THE SCHEDULE
OF EXPENDITURE HAS RESTED ON IMPROPER DATA, BUT THE EXECU-
TIVE ENGINEER MAY BE QUITE RELIED UPON TO SET ALL THIS
IN ORDER IMMEDIATELY.

5. IN THE CONTRACTORS ACCOUNTS THERE ARE SOME ITEMS
DUE TO CONTRACTORS WHICH HOWEVER ARE MORE THAN COVERED
BY ITEMS DUE FROM THEM, NOTEABLY IN THE CASE OF ONE CON-
TRACTOR WHO OWES RS. 158-4-11 FOR FIREWOOD SEIGNIORAGE,
BUT WHO IS OWED RS. 95 FOR WORK. ALL THESE SHOULD BE
REPORTED TO THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER WITH ALL THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, SO ALSO SHOULD ANY ITEM WHICH IS REGARD-
ED AS IRRECOVERABLE.

6. THE VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THIS OFFICE LEAVES
NOTHING MORE FOR NOTICE.

H. Raimier

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FROM THE EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Communicated
to the S. E. V. Circle
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satisfactory -

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