

16TH JUNE 1884, No. 1499 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 27th May 1884, No. 650 G.

As it appears from paragraph 1850, chapter XIV, of the Madras Public Works Code, that the power of raising an imprest above Rs. 1,000 is exercised by the Government of Madras, I am directed to point out that this is not in accordance with paragraph 3, chapter X of the Public Works Code, under which the Government of India alone can raise the amount of an imprest above the maximum of Rs. 1,000, fixed by Public Works Department circular, No. 54, dated 3rd October 1877.

From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th June 1884, No. 26 W.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 233 E., dated 4th instant, I have the honor to forward (to be returned) letter, No. 87 G., of 2nd February 1884, from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, and my draft reply thereto. I fancy the letter from the Government of India is connected with the Accountant-General's (Public Works Department) reference to me.

2. In my opinion, cases in which imprests over Rs. 1,000 are required are very few, and as Government are not in favor of such large imprests (see G.O., No. 1004 W., of 18th April 1884, paragraph 3) I do not think there is any object in desiring to retain the power of sanction which has obtained in the Madras Code. As far as I can remember there have been only three or four cases, during my experience here, in which Government has had occasion to apply the rule.

ORDER—dated 16th June 1884, No. 1499 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 1500 W., dated 16th June 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with original papers returned.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 16th June 1884, No. 1499 W.

JUNE.

Imprests

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed as regards the power exercised by the Government of Madras of raising — above Rs. 1,000.

16TH JUNE 1884, No. 1500 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 650 G., dated 27th May 1884, in which it is pointed out that the power exercised by the Government of Madras of raising an imprest above Rs. 1,000 is not in accordance with paragraph 3, chapter X of the Government of India Code.

2. In reply, I am to say that the cases in which imprests have been raised beyond this limit have been very few, and have been sanctioned, after due consideration, to meet exceptional circumstances. The general practice has been to keep imprests as low as is consistent with regular and punctual payments for labor. His Excellency the Governor in Council, whilst quite appreciating the necessity for strict control in this respect, would be glad to see the rule in the Madras Public Works Code, paragraph 1850, remain unaltered; the power of raising an imprest above the limit of Rs. 1,000 remaining in the hands of the Local Government, instead of each case, as it arises, having to be referred for the special orders of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

OOTACAMUND,
16th June 1884.

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16th June 1884, No. 1500 W.

JUNE.

Imprests

The Government of India requested to allow the rule in the Madras Public Works Code, under which the Government of Madras exercise the power of raising — above Rs. 1,000, to remain unaltered.

11TH AUGUST 1884, No. 1949 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 19th July 1884, No. 856 G. :—

In reply to your letter, No. 1500 W., dated 16th June 1884, requesting that the rule in the Madras Public Works Code under which the Government of that province has the power of raising an imprest above the limit of Rs. 1,000 may be allowed to stand, I am directed to state that this limit was adopted for two reasons: (i) to ensure uniformity of practice, and (ii) because the arrangements in force previous to the issue of Public Works Department circular, No. 54 A.G., dated 3rd October 1877, had been misapplied in some cases, in one of which, owing to the use of large imprests, a sum of about Rs. 15,000, actually spent in the last month of an official year, had been brought into the accounts of the following year.

2. The general rule now in force is considered by the Government of India a good one and calculated to prevent any irregularities of the kind referred to above, and I am therefore to state that it is regretted that the recommendation of the Madras Government cannot be accepted in this instance; but if the expenditure in any case is likely to prove too high for the limit of Rs. 1,000, the Local Government can always permit the disburser to draw on the treasury up to a fixed limit, on which authority being granted, however, he will cease to be an imprest holder.

ORDER—dated 11th August 1884, No. 1949 W., Public Works.

Recorded for guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 11th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 11th Aug. 1884, No. 1949 W.

AUGUST.

Imprests

Letter from the Government of India refusing to concede to the Local Government the power of raising — above Rs. 1,000, recorded.

No. 1531 G.O.

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

P. W. Department.
FOR IRRIGATION

DOWLAISHWERAM, 11th September 1884.

Desp 13th

SIR,

With reference to para 1850 of the P.W. Code, I have the honor to report for the information and approval of Govt. that the Executive Engineer Central Dist. Godavari having informed me that in anticipation of sanction he increased Sergeant Blake's Imprest from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000 owing to there being some very heavy payments to be made to work people in connection with emergent repairs to Gummaram Aqueduct, I have authorized the above temporarily.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

W. A. Thomas Asst. Engr.
For Sup. Engr. 1st Circle.

W. J. C.

From

A. L.

The Supg Engineer
1st Circle

To The Chief Engineer
DPK
Madras

Dated 11th
Despd 13th } September 1884
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No 1531 G.O.
Encls. -

No 1594 Cay 25-9-84

Oversee Seryt Blake's Imprest.

Reporting that he has
authorized the increase
of — from 1000 to
2000 temporarily.

No 1594 Cay 25th September 84
Memo

With reference to letter
from the Supg Engr. 1 Circle
No 1531 L. D. d/11th Sept^r
1884, the undersigned has
the honor to state that un-
der a recent ruling, no
imprest can be raised
above the limit of Rs.
1000 without the special
sanction of the Govt. of
India. If the payments
made by Seryt Blake
are likely to prove too
large for the limit of
Rs. 1000, the Govt. will,
on the Supg Engr's recom-
mendation, permit him
to draw on the treasury
up to a fixed limit,
on which authority being
granted, he will cease
to be an imprest holder

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The Sup Engr is re-
quested to report therefore
whether he would recom-
mend giving Sergeant
Blake a drawing ac-
count, and if so up
to what limit.

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23.9.84

Go. A 1949 Way 11-8-84
" 1500 Way 16-6-84
" 1499 Way 20

Z.C.
B. No. 2758 W. 6-11-84.

No. 1594 Cap 25-9-84

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No. 291

From

The Executive Engineer in charge

Central
Eastern Division Godavari.

To

The Superintending Engineer

First Circle.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No.
1733 G.D of 8th Instant, I have the honor
to state that Sergeant Blake's Imprest
was only temporarily increased to
Rs. 2,000 from the 22nd August to 31st idem
on which latter date his Imprest
was reduced to Rs. 1,000.

I have seen
(Signed) W. Lopp
Executive Engineer

No. 1874 G.D. (True Copy)

Copy submitted to Chief Engineer
D.P. W. for information with reference
to his Memo No. 1594 C. dated 25th Sept/84.

Don't know
25th October 84
Sept 27th } W. Lopp Asst Engr
for Supr Engineer 1st Circle

SK

No 1594 C of 25-9-84
L.O. 1949 W of 11-8-84
L.O. 1500 W of 16-6-84
L.O. 1499 W of 16-6-84

No 2758 W of Nov 6th 1884

Recorded, with
remark that the
imprest should not
have been raised
without the previous
sanction of Govt.

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From

The Supg Engineers

1st Circle

To

The Chief Engineer

D.S.W.

Madras.

Dated 25th

Despd 27th } October 1884

Recd 3/11/84

No 1874 C.P.

Encls. —

No 2758 W of Nov 6th 1884

Serjt Blakes Imprest

Submits copy of the
Governor Central D^o Office
letter regarding —

With order

for the order.