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20TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3134 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, 6th December 1884, No. 104 W :—

I have the honor to forward, for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr. Rainier, Deputy Examiner, of his inspection of the office of the Presidency Division :—

Paragraph 4.—The advices of transfer transactions should be forwarded as promptly as possible so that the transaction may come into the accounts of the division concerned in the month in which payment is made.

Paragraphs 12 *and* 13.– These matters are brought to notice of Government for such orders as may be considered necessary.

Paragraphs 14 *and* 15.—This requires the attention of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Paragraph 16.—The outstanding is the amount due by the Nizam's Government for Colonel Mullins' deputation to Hyderabad.

2. The office is in good order.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, on the 20th November 1884.

The Executive Engineer Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E., and the Accountant Mr. J. Gainsford were present. The last inspection of the office was on the 6th March 1884, *vide* papers with G.O., No. 1414 W., dated 5th June 1884.

2. The sub-divisional arrangements remain the same as then reported, and so do the drawing accounts and imprests.

3. The cash accounts are in good order. The balance of the Executive Engineer's drawing account on the 31st October 1884 was proved correct.

4. The advice to other divisions of any debit in transfer should follow as immediately as possible the payment which occasioned such advice. If the bulk of such payments is known to the Executive Engineer's office only after the submission of the Madras sub-division accounts, most of such payments occurring in the last period of the month, there should be still ample time for the advice of debit to reach any other division by the 15th of the month; but if not thought likely to reach by that date without special arrangement, such arrangement might be made by having all such sub-divisional payments as would occasion such advice reported at once to the Executive Engineer, if made after, say, the 20th of any month. It is necessary that Code paragraph 2269 be strictly acted upon.

5. The work accounts are in order, and evince characteristic pains on the part of the accountant. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the last report have had attention. The register of works is particularly well kept.

6. The Agram entrenchment at Bangalore, for particulars of which please see G.O., No. 3060 W., of 30th October 1883, sanctioning the estimates, has been, at the desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, constructed by the 4th Regiment Pioneers, funds being provided in the Public Works Department. The payment of the men was at first fixed at 30 per cent. below the estimated rates for the work, in accordance with paragraph 3 of an order in the Military Department, No. 5231, of 26th September 1883, printed with the above G.O., No. 3060 W. But on the representation of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment it was

ruled in G.O., No. 1991 W., of 14th August 1884, that full regulation rates should be granted. Such "regulation rates" are described in Article 384 of Volume I, Part 2 of the Army Regulations of the Government of India, as daily rates. The Executive Engineer, however, pays the Commanding Officer of the Pioneers as a piece-work contractor would be paid, who had agreed to accept the estimated rate for all measured work, and leaves the Commanding Officer to pay his men according to his own arrangements. No work voucher for this work has been submitted for months.

7. The lime manufacture account had a credit balance at the end of October 1884 of Rs. 1,475-10-1. It would ordinarily be the Executive Engineer's object to maintain equilibrium in the account of manufactures, neither working to a profit nor a loss; but the lime is in this case understood to be supplied by a fixed rate to contractors and outsiders, and there is no call to reduce the rate. Should the cost of manufacture bye and bye increase, as the Executive Engineer thinks probable, the credit balance will be reduced; meanwhile and till the end of the year, no action is necessary to equalise the outturn and the outlay.

8. The work abstract is prepared from monthly, not ten daily, labor reports, and material returns.

The materials are for the most part shells and fuel which are taken out of stock. The issue of such materials is found to have, month by month, been the same, or very nearly so, as the receipts, which receipts are taken from the *stock* abstract of issues month after month. The quantity issued from stock is regarded as the quantity received on the kilns, and the quantity received on the kilns as the quantity issued to the manufacture.

9. If the kiln keeps any account at all of materials received and issued, this account and not the stock accounts would be the correct source from which the report of materials should be derived.

10. If, however, the stock is accounted for on the spot with the manufactures, there would appear to be no occasion to make a merely mechanical use of the materials reports, all details of receipts on the kiln being sufficiently shown in the register of daily stock issues, from which part IV of the work abstract could be directly posted, as regards receipts.

11. The stock balance at the end of October 1884 was Rs. 5,381, principally building materials and fuel, all stated by the Executive Engineer to be serviceable and no part of it surplus. Count was made on the 1st October 1884.

12. The contractors' accounts are in order.

The security deposit referred to in paragraph 15 of last report, Rs. 1,000 in 4 per cent. Government paper, is with the Bank of Madras. No interest since 1868 has been drawn, I was told. If as the Administrator-General is understood to have told the Executive Engineer, the duty of taking charge of this property till the heir, who is a minor, becomes of age, does not rest with the Administrator-General, the opinion of the Government Solicitor is desirable as to what Government in this Department should do, consistent with its duty to the estate, and whether the interest on this Rs 1,000 should be drawn and again invested in Government paper. Meanwhile the Government paper should apparently under Code rules 2278 be deposited with the Accountant-General, Madras.

13. Again, the question arises whether the Rs. 1,471-5-10, referred to in paragraph 24 of the report printed with G.O., No. 784 W., of 10th March 1883, and which belongs, I was told, to the same estate as the Rs. 1,000 above mentioned, should not be invested in Government paper, although it was originally deposited in cash, as at present it is likely to be lost sight of, and, under certain circumstances, might entirely be forgotten.

14. The Miscellaneous Advance Schedules show a difference for some time between the amount there exhibited as in the hands of the Secretariat, and the amount actually there held, as stated in the statement rendered periodically by the Secretariat. This statement now and then includes receipts to which the Executive Engineer has no clue, or of which there are no particulars sufficient for him to deal with.

15. If the Secretariat could pay in all its receipts to the Madras Sub-divisional Office, Presidency Division, as they occur, such receipts would be more conveniently dealt with in the accounts of the division.

16. The Rs. 2,518-2-0 which was the subject of G.O., No. 897 W., of 2nd April 1884, still stands at debit of Miscellaneous Advances.

17. The office is in very good order.

ORDER—dated 20th December 1884, No. 3134 W., Public Works.

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

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2. The Superintending Engineer should seek the advice of the Government Solicitor on the subject of paragraphs 12 and 13 of the inspection notes. In G.O., No. 784 W., dated 10th March 1883, it was decided that the sum of Rs. 1,471-5-10, referred to in paragraph 13, should be written off to Revenue. It is not stated whether this procedure was adopted.

3. The subject of paragraphs 14 and 15 will receive attention in the Secretariat.

4. The Resident in Hyderabad will again be addressed with reference to the expenses incurred by Colonel Mullins while on deputation in that administration.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. H. French.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 20th

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Dec. 1884, No. 3134 W.

DECEMBER.

Notes of Inspection

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

2nd April 1884, No. 897 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th March 1884, No. 200 W.:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of your office note, No. 361 D., dated the 21st February 1884, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter, No. 45, dated the 8th instant, received from Colonel J. Mullins, R.E., together with a copy of statement received therewith, from which it will be observed that a sum of Rs. 2,518-2-0 is chargeable to the Nizam's Government on account of the deputation of Colonel Mullins, R.E., and to request that that Government may be addressed in view to a remittance transfer receipt being forwarded in favor of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for the full amount.

Enclosures.

From Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer on Special Duty, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 8th March 1884, No. 45.

I have the honor, with reference to your No. 857 X., dated 25th ultimo, to forward a statement of the charges apparently debitable to His Highness the Nizam's Government.

Statement showing the amount chargeable to Hyderabad Government.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of Colonel J. Mullins, R.E., from 30th to 31st January ...	148	10	9			
Do. do. from 1st to 27th February ...	2,145	7	3	2,294	2	0
Travelling expenses of Colonel J. Mullins, R.E., to Hyderabad				83	12	0
Do. do. in Hyderabad territory ...				60	0	0
Do. do. from Shenkarpully to Bangalore.				80	4	0
Total ...				2,518	2	0

Order—dated 2nd April 1884, No. 897 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Resident in Hyderabad be addressed.

(Here enter No. 898 W., dated 2nd April 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd April 1884, No. 897 W.

APRIL.

Colonel J. Mullins, R.E.

Ordered that the Resident in Hyderabad be addressed regarding the expenses connected with the deputation of —, to Hyderabad.

2ND APRIL 1884, NO. 898 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE RESIDENT IN HYDERABAD.

SIR,

Adverting to my letter, No. 3465 W., dated 3rd December 1883, intimating that Colonel J. Mullins, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, had been selected to inspect and report on the site for an anicut on the Manjra river, in the territories of His Highness the Nizam, I am now directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to which is attached an account of the expenses incurred in connection with the duty in question. The total cost amounts, it will be seen, to Rs. 2,518-2-0. I am to request that a remittance transfer receipt for this sum may be forwarded in favor of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

2. Colonel Mullins states that his report on the project will be submitted as soon as certain Revenue information is received from General Glasfurd.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd April 1884.

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Dated April, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

2nd April 1884, No. 898 W.

APRIL.

Colonel J. Mullins, R.E.

Requesting to forward a remittance transfer receipt for Rs. 2,518-2-0, the amount of the expenses incurred by —, during his recent visit to report on the site for an anicut on the Manjra river.

30th October 1883, No. 3061 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 26th September 1883, No. 5231, Military.

Read—the following letter from Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th August 1883, No. 5-I. :—

I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the approval and orders of Government, the accompanying correspondence from the Officer Commanding Bangalore Division forwarding plans and estimates for the construction of an entrenchment at Bangalore and of an ordnance depôt to be erected within the defensive post.

No. 258, dated 17th August 1883.
„ 260, „ 18th „ „

2. Adverting to former order of Government as per margin on the subject of the removal of the arsenal from the fort of Bangalore, I am desired to say that, as the site for the entrenchment has now been definitely fixed, Sir Frederick Roberts hopes that Government will accord their sanction to the early commencement of the new ordnance depôt, so that at no distant date the ordnance buildings in the fort may be abandoned, and the unsatisfactory arrangement under which the spare ammunition and ordnance stores of the garrison are kept at a distance from the military station and separated therefrom by a native town may cease.

No. 5130, dated 26th September 1882.

3. Sir Frederick Roberts has, by personal inspection, satisfied himself that no site in the immediate vicinity of Bangalore is so well adapted for the purpose of an entrenchment, and His Excellency strongly recommends the construction of the ordnance depôt during this year, as well as the enclosure, parapet and ditch, at a cost of Rs. 8,000.

4. Sir Frederick Roberts is desirous that this work of constructing the parapet, &c., should be given to the 4th Pioneers, to be undertaken by them on the contract system.

5. This arrangement will not only be financially advantageous to the State, but it will be of the greatest possible benefit to the men, and it is confidently anticipated will instil into the 4th Regiment, Native Infantry, some of that energy and spirit which is so desirable in a corps of pioneers.

6. The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that, though the well and the duct appertaining thereto are very necessary works to the defensive post, they may for the present be deferred.

Order—dated 26th September 1883, No. 5231, Military.

The plans and estimates for the construction of an entrenchment and ordnance depôt at Bangalore are approved.

2. The question of provision of funds will be considered in the Public Works Department with reference to the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief contained in paragraph 3 of the Quartermaster-General's letter above recorded.

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3. The Government approve of the earthwork being given on contract to the 4th Pioneers, tools being provided by the Public Works Department, and payment made at 30 per cent. less than estimated rates, or, should it be considered more desirable, the corps can be remunerated according to the terms laid down in Articles 467 to 479, Pay Code for India, Vol. II.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1878 C., Public Works.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for countersignature to the plans and estimates, if details are approved by him.

(By Order.)

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 22nd October 1883, No. 2634.

1 Original endorsement, No. 1878 C., dated 5th October 1883.
1 Detailed estimate for fortified post.
1 Abstract of detailed estimate in duplicate.
1 Specification.
1 Plan.
1 Detailed estimate for ordnance depôt.
1 Abstract of detailed estimate in duplicate.
1 Plan.
1 Detailed estimate for laboratory.
1 Abstract of detailed estimate for laboratory.
1 Plan.
1 General report and specification.
1 Letter from the General Commanding Bangalore Division, to the Quartermaster-General, No. 258, of 17th August 1883.
1 Letter from the General Commanding Bangalore Division, to the Quartermaster-General, No. 260, of 18th August 1883.
1 Letter from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bangalore Division, No. 3423, of 17th August 1883.

I have the honor to return, with my signature, the plans and estimates sent to me with your endorsement, No. 1878 C., dated 5th instant, for a fortified post, including an ordnance depôt and laboratory, at Bangalore.

2. I have made a slight addition to the plan and estimate by giving a foundation of one layer of stone to the revetment of the parapet in the section on E F. In the bastions too—section on G H—I have carried down the stone revetment, through the made earth, into the ground below.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the orders in the Military Department, No. 5231, of the 26th September 1883, I would observe that the stone revetment work should be carried on at the same time as the earthwork, and can be constructed by the pioneers.

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th October 1883, No. 1189.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of O.G., No. 5231, of the 26th September 1883, Military Department, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to express a hope that the Government will take into early consideration the commencement of the work on the entrenchment proposed to be constructed at Bangalore.

2. His Excellency considers this work of such importance that he would urge the Government to ask the Government of India to make a special grant for it, should no funds be available from the military budget.

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Order—dated 30th October 1883, No. 3060 W., Public Works.

The undermentioned estimates are sanctioned for entry in the budget for 1884-85:—

	Amount of Estimate. RS.	Register No.
(1) Constructing a fortified post at Agram, Bangalore	17,470	No. 36 W. of 1883-84.
(2) Constructing an ordnance depôt within the fortified post	14,930	No. 37 W. of 1883-84.
(3) Constructing a laboratory for the ordnance depôt	1,880	No. 38 W. of 1883-84.

2. The Government of India will, however, be requested to make a special grant of Rs. 10,000, if possible, to admit of the works being commenced during the current official year.

3. The question raised in paragraph 3 of the foregoing order in the Military Department will be considered by the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, in communication with the military authorities, on the works being put in hand.

4. These sanctions have been registered as Imperial Ordinary Nos. 36, 37, and 38 W. of 1883-84, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(Here enter No. 3061 W., dated 30th October 1883.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with thirteen enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
" Military Department.

Endorsement—dated 30th October 1883, No. 3061 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

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

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 30th,

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 30th Oct. 1883, No. 3061 W.

OCTOBER.

Fortified post at Agram, Bangalore

The Government of India requested to make a special grant, if possible, of Rs. 10,000 to admit of the construction of the — and the ordnance depôt and the laboratory which have been sanctioned for execution in 1884-85 being commenced during the current official year.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department (through Controller of Military Accounts), dated Ootacamund, 23rd July 1884, No. 554 B.

I have the honor, by order, to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying correspondence* (to be returned) relative to a claim from Officer Commanding 4th Madras Pioneers for full rates of working pay being granted to that corps for work done on the Agram entrenchment at Bangalore.

2. By G.O., No. 5231, dated 26th September 1883, it was ruled that the 4th Pioneers should be remunerated for constructing the parapet, &c., of the Agram entrenchment at 30 per cent. less than estimated rates, or according to the terms laid down in articles 467 to 479, Pay Code for India, volume II, but this order of Government contemplated the employment of the men of this regiment on earth work only, whereas they have been constructing the laboratory, well, &c., and have been employed on other work requiring skilled labor, for which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers they should accordingly be remunerated.

3. In His Excellency's opinion all stone work and all work required to be carried on in water, such as the construction of a well, should be paid for as skilled labor.

* 1. Letter No. 327, dated 7th July 1884, from Officer Commanding 4th Pioneers, with endorsement thereon by the General Officer Commanding Bangalore division, No 280, of 8th idem, and two statements.
2. Letter No. 301, dated 19th July 1884, from the General Officer Commanding Bangalore division.

ENCLOSURES.

From Colonel G. C. HODDING, Commandant, 4th Pioneers, to the Quartermaster-General (through Division), dated Bangalore, 7th July 1884, No. 327.

I have the honor to bring to notice that the remuneration given to the men of the regiment under my command for work done at the fortified post at Agram is not only inadequate, but discouraging to a newly-formed Pioneer corps.

2. The erection of a fortified post such as that at Agram requires skilled labor, and that labor has been supplied by the 4th Pioneers to the entire satisfaction of Executive Engineer in charge.

3. When the work was first taken in hand, in place of entering into a contract for mud work, I, at the instance of the Engineer in charge, undertook to try and do the whole of the work, excepting magazine and its precincts, the Executive Engineer engaging to pay my men for work done.

4. The remuneration granted up to 22nd June last for work and skilled labor falls much below what is deemed fair. The deduction of 30 per cent. from the estimated rates, as ordered

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in the Proceedings of Government, No. 5321, dated 26th September 1883, is the cause of the small earnings of each man. I trust, therefore, that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be pleased to cause the full rates to be sanctioned.

5. I am induced to ask this concession as the labor of the men under my command has not been ordinary but skilled; and further, as full rates are granted to Bengal Pioneers, as well as to 1st Madras Pioneers, I hope I shall not be considered out of order in making this request.

6. The amount received by each man of 4th Pioneers for one day's work is as follows :—

	AS.	P.
From 1st to 21st March	2	8
„ 22nd March to 21st April	1	8
„ 22nd April to 24th May	1	5
„ 25th May to 22nd June 1884	1	10

From this it will be seen that the earnings of the men are below two annas per diem which, considering the nature of the work they have performed, can scarcely be said to be adequate.

7. In conclusion, I have the honor to request that, if the concession asked for cannot be accorded, the men of 4th Pioneers may be remunerated according to the terms laid down in paragraphs 467 to 479, Pay Code for India, volume II.

8. Enclosed is a detail of work executed up to 22nd June 1884 showing amount due in detail to 4th Pioneers.

No. 280.

Forwarded and specially recommended to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

BANGALORE,
8th July 1884.

(Signed) HUGH ROWLANDS, Major-Genl.,
Commanding Bangalore Division.

From Major-General HUGH ROWLANDS, V.C., C.B., Commanding Bangalore Division, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Bangalore, 19th July 1884, No. 301.

With reference to docket No. 19-T., dated 14th instant, from the Quartermaster-General, the undersigned has the honor to submit the following opinion of the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, Bangalore, on the point raised therein regarding full rates of working pay of the 4th Pioneers at Agram entrenchment as requested :—

1. "That all *stone work* and excavation from well *in water* should be considered skilled labor."

2. "In this latter item an extra daily rate is always allowed when paying daily wages as the work is difficult and troublesome."

3. "He does not consider that any other items should be considered as skilled labor."

Enclosures are herewith returned.

From Colonel C. CARTER, Controller of Military Accounts, Madras, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd August 1884, G.

Letter No. 554 B., dated 23rd July 1884, from the Quartermaster-General, with enclosures, regarding working pay for the 4th Regiment Pioneers.

In forwarding the marginal papers, I have the honor to state that the working pay due to the 4th Regiment Pioneers while employed at the Agram entrenchment at Bangalore is adjustable by the Public Works Department.

No. 3757, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

2. The Government in the Military Department concur in opinion with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that, for other than earth work contracted for, the men

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of the 4th Madras Native Infantry (Pioneers) should be paid as for skilled labor, *i.e.*, at full regulation rates—article 384, Army Regulations, India, volume I, part 2.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
4th August 1884.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

Endorsement by the Military Department, dated 8th August 1884, No. 3846.

ORDER—dated 14th August 1884, No. 1991 W., Public Works.

The Government sanction the grant of full regulation rates for all skilled labor.

2. The following are the daily rates of working pay prescribed by Military regulations :—

Sappers and Miners.

		AS.
Subadar		8
Jemadar		6
Non-commissioned officer and rank and file	1st class	4
	2nd „	3
	3rd „	2

Other Native Troops.

	AS.
Subadar...	8
Jemadar	6
Non-commissioned officer and rank and file...	2

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with two enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.

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GENERAL.
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Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 14th.

Recd. *Encl*

G.O., 14th Aug. 1884, No. 1991 W.

AUGUST.

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Agram Entrenchment

Sanctioning the grant to the 4th Regiment Pioneers employed at the — at Bangalore of full regulation rates of working pay for all skilled labor.

26th Decr/84 No 3134 W [illegible]

Read the following letter

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From,

The Examiner P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Madras, 6th December 1884.

No. 104 W

Sir,

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Para 4. The advices of transfer transactions should be forwarded as promptly as possible so that the transaction may come into the Accounts of the Division concerned in the month in which payment is made.

Paras 12 and 13. These matters are brought to notice of Government for such orders as may be considered necessary.

Paras 14 and 15. This requires the attention of the Secretary to Government P. W. Department.

Para 16. The outstanding is the amount due by the Nizam's Government for Colonel Mullins' deputation to Hyderabad.

2. The Office is in good order.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.
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Notes of inspection by H. Rainier Esquire, Dy. Examiner P. W. Accounts Madras, of the Office of the Executive Engineer Presidency Division, on the 20th. November 1884.

The Executive Engineer Colonel W. H. Burton R. E. and the Accountant Mr. J. Gainsford were present. The last inspection of the Office was on the 6th. March 1884, vide papers with G. O. No. 1414 W. dated 5th. June 1884.

2. The Sub Divisional arrangements remain the same as then reported, and so do the drawing Accounts, and imprests.

3. The Cash Accounts are in good order. The balance of the Executive Engineer's Drawing Account on the 31st. October 1884 was proved correct.

4. The advice to other Divisions of any debit in transfer should follow as immediately as possible the payment which occasioned such advice. If the bulk of such payments is known to the Executive Engineer's Office only after the submission of the Madras Sub Division Accounts, most of such payments occuring in the last period of the month, there should be still ample time for the advice of debit to reach any other Division by the 15th. of the month; but if not thought likely to reach by that date, without special arrangement, such arrangement might be made by having all such Sub Divisional payments as would occasion such advice, reported at once to the Executive Engineer if made after say the 20th. of any month. It is necessary that Code para 2369 be strictly acted upon.

5. The Work Accounts are in order, and evince

characteristic pains on the part of the Accountant. Paras 6 and 7 of the last report have had attention. The Register of Works is particularly well kept.

6. The Agram entrenchment at Bangalore, for particulars of which please see G.O.No.3060 W. of 30th. October 1883 sanctioning the Estimates, has been at the desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, constructed by the 4th. Regiment Pioneers, funds being provided in the P.W. Department. The payment of the men was at first fixed at 30 per cent below the estimated rates for the work in accordance with para 3 of an order in the Military Department No. 5231 of 26th. September 1883, printed with the above G.O.No. 3060 W. But on the representation of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment it was ruled in G.O.No.1991 W. of 14th. August 1884 that full regulation rates should be granted. Such "regulation rates" are described in Article 384 of Volume I, part 2 of the Army Regulations of the Government of India, as daily [illegible] The Executive Engineer however pays the Commanding Officer of the Pioneers as a piece work Contractor would be paid, who had agreed to accept the estimated rate, for all measured work; and leaves the Commanding Officer to pay his men according to his own arrangements. No Work Voucher for this work has been submitted for months.

7. The Lime Manufacture Account had a credit balance at the end of October 1884 of Rs.1,475-10-1. It would ordinarily be the Executive Engineer's object to maintain equilibrium in the Account of Manufactures, neither working to a profit nor a loss but the lime is in this case understood

to be supplied by a fixed rate to Contractors and outsiders, and there is no call to reduce the rate. Should the cost of Manufacture by and by increase, as the Executive Engineer thinks probable, the credit balance will be reduced- meanwhile and till the end of the year, no action is necessary to equalise the outturn and the outlay.

8. The Work Abstract is prepared from monthly not ten daily, labor reports, and Material Returns.

The Materials are for the most part shells, and fuel which are taken out of stock. The issue of such Materials is found to have month by month, been the same, or very nearly so, as the receipts which receipts are taken from the stock Abstract of issues month after month. The quantity issued from stock is regarded as the quantity received on the kilns and the quantity received on the kilns as the quantity issued to the Manufacture.

9. If the kiln keeps any Account at all of Materials received and issued, this Account and not the Stock Accounts would be the correct source from which the report of Materials should be derived.

10. If however the Stock is accounted for on the spot with the Manufactures there would appear to be no occasion to make a merely mechanical use of the Materials reports, all details of receipts on the kiln being sufficiently shewn in the Register of daily stock issues, from which part IV. of the Work Abstract could be directly posted, as regards receipts.

11. The stock balance at the end of October 1884 was

Rs. 5,381, principally building materials and fuel, all stated by the Executive Engineer to be serviceable and no part of it surplus. Count was made on the 1st. October 1884.

12. The Contractors' Accounts are in order.

The security deposit referred to in para 15 of last report Rs. 1,000 in 4 per cent Government paper, is with the Bank of Madras. No interest since 1868 has been drawn, I was told. If as the Administrator General is understood to have told the Executive Engineer, the duty of taking charge of this property till the heir who is a minor, becomes of age, does not rest with the Administrator General, the opinion of the Government Solicitor is desirable as to what, Government in this Department should do, consistent with its duty to the Estate, and whether the interest on this Rs. 1,000 should be drawn and again invested in Government paper. Meanwhile the Government paper should apparently under Code rules 3278, be deposited with the Accountant General Madras.

13. Again, the question arises whether the Rs. 1,471-5-10 referred to in para 24 of the report printed with G.O. No. 784 W. of 10th. March 1883, and which belongs, I was told, to the same Estate as the Rs. 1,000 above mentioned, should not be invested in Government paper, although it was, originally deposited in Cash, as at present it is likely to be lost sight of and under certain circumstances might entirely be forgotton.

14. The Miscellaneous Advance Schedules show a difference for some time between the amount there exhibited as in the hands of the Secretariat, and the amount actually there held, as stated in the statement rendered periodically by the Secretariat. This statement now and then includes receipts to which the Executive Engineer has no clue, or of which there are no particulars sufficient for him to deal with.

15. If the Secretariat could pay in all its receipts to the Madras Sub Divisional Office Presidency Division, as they occur, such receipts would be more conveniently dealt with in the Accounts of the Division.

16. The Rs. 2,518-2-0 which was the subject of G.O. No. 807 W. of 2nd. April 1884, still stands at debit of Miscellaneous Advances.

17. The Office is in very good order.

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Dy. Examiner P. W. Accounts,
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Communicated to the Supt Engineer V Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

2. The Supt. Engr. should seek the advice of the Government Solicitor on the subject of paras 12 and 13 of the inspection notes. ~~It was decided~~ To

G.O. No: 784 W dated 10th March 1883, it was decided that the sum of Rs 1471-5-10, referred to in para 13, should be written off to Revenue. It is not stated whether this procedure was adopted.

3. The subject of paras 14 and 15 will receive attention in the Secretariat.

4. The Resident in Hyderabad will again be addressed with reference to the expenses incurred by Colonel Mullins while on deputation in that administration.

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