

5TH JUNE 1885, No 1309 W, PUBLIC WORKS

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Account

READ—the following letter from Colonel W H BURTON, R E, Officiating Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 27th May 1885, No. 804 —

With reference to paragraph 2 of G O, No 853 W, dated 8th April 1885, I have the honor to report that the Executive Engineer brings to notice that of the six contract bonds reported in the Deputy Examiner's report (paragraph 18) as missing, one has since been found in a separate cover, the remaining five were issued to contractors; of these, some were spoiled by the contractors and the others have not yet been paid for. The value of all the five bonds will be recovered from the contractors concerned.

2. As regards paragraph 13, the Executive Engineer reports the case somewhat differently from the Deputy Examiner, for he says "Arrears for June, July and August due to temporary lascars employed in surveying and levelling on certain irrigation works were not paid until September—a delay due to the sub-divisional officer at Ranipett not submitting these claims to the Executive Engineer until September." The matter seems of no moment, but the sub-divisional officer has been cautioned.

3 As regards paragraph 14, it appears that Mr Norris, the late Executive Engineer, and Supervisor Narrainasawmy Mudelliar, made certain verbal agreements with some contractors for labor on the jail superintendent's quarters and cellular prison, and that the contractors were paid in accordance with such agreements. As the contractors did not dispute the arrangement, no inconvenience appears to have been caused. The contractor's ledger is kept by the Executive Engineer. Contractors should not, in my opinion, touch it. They already sign two copies of each bill. The ledger contains an extract from the bill.

4 As regards paragraph 15, the Executive Engineer reports that measurement books have been regularly kept up, the Deputy Examiner's remarks referring only to those recorded in the divisional office.

5 The subject of paragraph 21 has been disposed of in G O, No. 1200 W, dated 21st May 1885.

ORDER—dated 5th June 1885, No 1309 W, Public Works

With his letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, submits the report called for in G O, No 853 W, dated 8th April 1885, on the Deputy Examiner's notes of inspection of the North Arcot divisional office.

2 With advertence to paragraph 2 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, it is observed that, although the temporary lascars in question were paid in September, not October as stated by the Deputy Engineer, there was still considerable delay for which no excuse or explanation is offered. The Government desire that their servants should be promptly paid their wages, and they are surprised that an officer of Colonel Burton's experience should consider the delay as a matter of no moment.

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3. Nor do the Government agree with the remark made by the Superintending Engineer in his paragraph 3 regarding the contractor's ledger. On this point, Colonel Burton's attention is drawn to paragraph 2256 of the Public Works Code, under which the entries made in the ledger should be open to inspection by contractors, and should be signed by them at convenient intervals.

4. As regards the Superintending Engineer's paragraph 4, the Government do not consider it satisfactory that the latest measurement book recorded in the divisional office is dated 1880. The attention of the Superintending Engineer is drawn to paragraph 2106 of the Public Works Code, according to which the return of all measurement books to the divisional office for record should be insisted upon.

5. The irregularities brought to notice by the Deputy Examiner do not reflect credit on Mr R W Norris, who held charge of the North Arcot division from August 1881 to December 1884, and the Government will look for a more satisfactory report on the divisional office, after its next inspection by an officer of the Accounts branch.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts

„ Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance Scheme, with copy of

G O, No 853 W, dated 8th April 1885, for communication to Mr Norris

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Inspection Notes

Orders on letter from the Superintending Engineer, V. Circle, reporting on certain points noticed by the Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in his — of the North Arcot division office

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of G.O. No 1309 W of 5.6.85,
the words "Deputy Engineer"
should be "Deputy Examiner"

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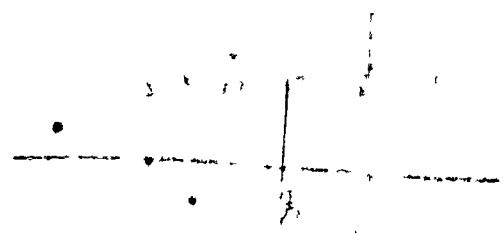
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