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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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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, 31st March 1885, No. 142 W. :—

I have the honor to submit, for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr. Curry, Deputy Examiner, of his inspection of the office of the Barur Project division.

2. The state of the office is satisfactory. The Executive Engineer should, however, satisfy himself that measurement sheets are properly examined and checked into the contract certificates, and he should periodically get in the original measurement books and compare them with the measurement sheets submitted. The punctual posting of the register of works should be seen to, and the accountant should follow out promptly in his grant register the corrections advised by this office.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTES of inspection by W. E. Curry, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Barur Project division, on the 19th March 1885.

The Executive Engineer, Captain Boddy, R.E., and the accountant, V. A. Soondrivadivelu Moodaliar, were present. This office was previously inspected on the 1st December 1884 (*vide* G.O., No. 3068 W., dated 18th December 1884).

2. Only the Executive Engineer has a drawing account and regular cash-book. He draws on the Krishnagiri, Hosur, and Darmapuri sub-treasuries of the Salem district. The pass-book was examined and agreed with the cash-book. It is not clear at first sight what the amount which the treasury deputy collector certifies to at the end of the month in the pass-book represents. At the end of January it was the amount of cheques cashed, and at the end of February the balance remaining.

3. There are no sub-divisions, and only two imprest-holders—

T. Prakasa Mudaliar, overseer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	RS.
Sergeant R. T. Healy, overseer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
								25

The imprest accounts and cash-book, which is kept by the head clerk, are in good order.

4. There is no stock, and work is almost entirely done by contract.

5. The accounts of works are in good order; work abstracts are kept where necessary, and materials at site have all been verified. The departmental charges for December were supported by proper vouchers.

6. Contract certificates are not made up in the Executive Engineer's office, but by the subordinate in charge of the work, and all measurement sheets are sent up. These sheets were said to be checked in the divisional office; but did not bear evidence of being so. The number and page of measurement books is not given on the sheet.

7. The contract certificates for December were compared with duplicates and the quantities given on the measurement sheets and found correct.

8. Contractors are all paid by cheque from the Executive Engineer's office. The agreements with these contractors, all classed as petty, are verbal only. There is no register of petty contracts made.

9. There are no measurement books recorded as yet in the divisional office. The rate-book is a copy of that for the old Salem division corrected up to September 1883.

10. The register of works was posted up to end of January only instead of February; and in no instance was the appropriation for the year to any work noted. The entries agreed with the work abstracts.

11. The adjustments on account of surplus materials at site (*vide* paragraph 5 of last report) have now been made by crediting sub-heads and debiting materials at site. The revised estimates for the whole project have been sent to the Superintending Engineer.

12. Form D for 10th February was compared with office copy. Several corrections advised from the Examiner's office had not been made in the office copy but left until the return for 10th March.

13. Two service books have not been re-attested for a long time.

14. Service labels are properly accounted for.

ORDER—dated 6th April 1885, No. 845 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for the information and guidance of the Executive Engineer, Barur Project division.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Date 1 April, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th April 1885, No. 845 W.

APRIL.

Inspection Notes

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

13TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3068 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th December 1884, No. 107 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 Barur project division.

2. The adjustments necessary, in consequence of the excess under materials at site, should be effected, care being taken that sub-heads are properly debited with the value that measurements show to be due.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of Inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Barur Project Division, on the 1st December 1884.

Captain Boddy, R.E., the Executive Engineer, was present, as also was the accountant, Soondrivadivelu Mudaliar.

2. The division was formed under the orders contained in G.O., No. 200 W., of 23rd January 1884, and comprises the Barur project (see G.O., No. 408 L., of 19th May 1883), and all works in the Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks (see paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 200 W., of 23rd January 1884).

3. This is the first inspection of the Barur project division since it was established in February 1884 when Captain Boddy took charge, and the above-named accountant joined, previous to which the Salem division had included all of this division's present work.

4. The cash accounts are in order, but, owing to the absence of the pass book at the treasury, the balance of the Executive Engineer's drawing account could not be verified. The accountant will, when next notice of any inspection is received, arrange to have the pass book ready for the examining officer.

5. The work in this division is nearly all done by contractors, but there are no large contracts. The contractors' accounts are in order, and the work accounts have on the whole been intelligently and carefully prepared, but the account of "constructing the anicut over Ponnai river" has, since March 1884, been neglected as regards materials transactions in the following respect. The Executive Engineer having found more materials at site of the above work than stood on the books, and having satisfied himself that such surplus materials must have been charged direct to final sub-heads of the estimate, reported the circumstances for orders of the Superintending Engineer, and correspondence has ensued.

Meanwhile the materials account of the work, in Part IV of the work abstract, was suspended pending orders on the above case. As well might the cash book be suspended on account of any doubtful cash transaction. The adjustment of the above, probably by debiting materials at site by credit to sub-heads erroneously charged, with whatever surplus materials are actually found, will doubtless soon be allowed by the Superintending Engineer. Meanwhile the Part IV Account from month to month should be written up and brought to date, as verbally explained at the inspection.

6. The work abstract of any month should show in Part I only the liabilities of that month, and care should be taken to as much as possible prevent any work abstract (Part I) from embracing odd periods of two or three months.

7. When finally completed the work abstract should invariably be examined and signed by the Executive Engineer in accordance with code, paragraph 2247.
8. The Executive Engineer explained that, owing to famine account items having been in many cases found misleading, the estimate of the Barur project division, which was originally based on work done in the famine to some extent, has been under revision, both as regards quantity and rate of work. The revised estimate may be expected to come into operation by the end of the financial year 1884-85.
9. There is no stock, and there are no manufactures. The tools and plant are all of good value I was told, and none surplus. The materials at site of works were pronounced all serviceable and frequently verified.
10. The accountant is a junior, but a promising, hard-working man. He is sufficiently assisted, and the office is, on the whole, in good order.

ORDER—dated 13th December 1884, No. 3068 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for the information of the Executive Engineer, Barur project division.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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General Account
BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 13th.

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G.O., 13th Dec. 1884, No. 3068 W.

DECEMBER.

Notes of Inspection

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

N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

[Form No. L.]

No. 142 *h*

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras, 31st March

1885.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr. Curry, Dy. Examiner, of his inspection of the Office of the Barur Project Division.

2. The state of the Office is satisfactory. The Executive Engineer should however satisfy himself that measurements sheets are properly examined and checked into the Contract Certificates, and he should periodically get in the original measurement books and compare them with the measurement sheets submitted. The punctual posting of the Register of Works should be seen to, and the Accountant should follow out promptly in his Grant Register the corrections advised by this Office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

D. C. Curson

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY W.E. CURRY ESQUIRE DEPUTY
EXAMINER P. V. ACCOUNTS MADRAS, OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER BARUR PROJECT DIVISION ON THE 19TH MARCH 1885. *Y.S.*

1. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CAPTAIN POOREY R.E. AND THE
ACCOUNTANT V.A. SOONDRIVADIVELU MOODELIAR WERE PRESENT. THIS
OFFICE WAS PREVIOUSLY INSPECTED ON THE 1ST DECEMBER 1884;
VIDE G.O. NO. 3068 W. DATED 13TH DECEMBER 1884.

2. ONLY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HAS A DRAWING ACCOUNT
AND REGULAR CASH BOOK. HE DRAWS ON THE KISTHAGIRI HOSUR, AND
DARAMPOOY SUB-TREASURIES OF THE SALEM DISTRICT. THE PASS
BOOK WAS EXAMINED AND AGREED WITH THE CASH BOOK. IT IS NOT
CLEAR AT FIRST SIGHT WHAT THE AMOUNT WHICH THE TREASURY
DEPUTY COLLECTOR CERTIFIES TO AT THE END OF THE MONTH IN THE
PASS BOOK REPRESENTS AT THE END OF JANUARY IT WAS THE AMOUNT
OF CHEQUES CASHED; AND AT THE END OF FEBRUARY THE BALANCE
REMAINING.

3. THERE ARE NO SUB-DIVISIONS AND ONLY TWO IMPREST
HOLDERS

T. PRAKASA MUDALIAR	OVERSEER	RS. 100
SERGT. R.T. HEALY	DO	RS. 25

THE IMPREST ACCOUNTS AND CASH BOOK WHICH IS KEPT BY THE
HEAD CLERK, ARE IN GOOD ORDER.

4. THERE IS NO STOCK AND WORK IS ALMOST ENTIRELY DONE
BY CONTRACT.

5. THE ACCOUNTS OF WORKS ARE IN GOOD ORDER; WORK-
ABSTRACTS ARE KEPT WHERE NECESSARY, AND MATERIALS AT SITE
HAVE ALL BEEN VERIFIED, THE DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES FOR.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER WERE SUPPORTED BY PROPER VOUCHERS.

6. CONTRACT CERTIFICATES ARE NOT MADE UP IN THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE BUT BY THE SUBORDINATE IN CHARGE OF THE WORK AND ALL MEASUREMENT SHEETS ARE SENT UP. THESE SHEETS WERE SAID TO BE CHECKED IN THE DIVISIONAL OFFICE, BUT DID NOT BEAR EVIDENCE OF BEING SO. THE NUMBER AND PAGE OF MEASUREMENT BOOKS IS NOT GIVEN ON THE SHEET.

7. THE CONTRACT CERTIFICATES FOR DECEMBER WERE COMPARED WITH DUPLICATES AND THE QUANTITIES GIVEN ON THE MEASUREMENT SHEETS AND FOUND CORRECT.

8. CONTRACTORS ARE ALL PAID BY CHEQUE FROM THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE. THE AGREEMENTS WITH THESE CONTRACTORS ALL CLASSED AS PETTY, ARE VERBAL ONLY. THERE IS NO REGISTER OF PETTY CONTRACTS MADE.

9. THERE ARE NO MEASUREMENT BOOKS RECORDED AS YET IN THE DIVISIONAL OFFICE. THE RATE BOOK IS A COPY OF THAT FOR THE OLD SALEM DIVISION CORRECTED UP TO SEPTEMBER 1883.

10. THE REGISTER OF WORKS WAS POSTED UP TO END OF JANUARY ONLY INSTEAD OF FEBRUARY; AND IN NO INSTANCE WAS THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR TO ANY WORK NOTED. THE ENTRIES AGREED WITH THE WORK ABSTRACTS.

11. THE ADJUSTMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF SURPLUS MATERIALS AT SITE, VIDE PARA 5 OF LAST REPORT HAVE NOW BEEN MADE BY CREDITING SUBHEADS AND DEBITING MATERIALS AT SITE. THE REVISED ESTIMATES FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

12. FORM D. FOR 10TH. FEBRUARY WAS COMPARED WITH OFFICE COPY. SEVERAL CORRECTIONS ADVISED FROM THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE HAD NOT BEEN MADE IN THE OFFICE COPY BUT LEFT UNTIL THE RETURN FOR 10TH. MARCH.

13. TWO SERVICE BOOKS HAVE NOT BEEN RE-ATTESTED FOR A LONG TIME.

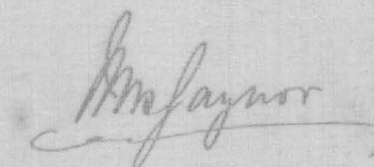
14. SERVICE LABELS ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR.

(SIGNED)

W.E.CURRY.

BY EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS.

(TRUE COPY.)



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The Examiner P.W. Accounts,
Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
P.W. Department.



Communicated
to the Suptg. Engr.
IV Circle, for the in-
formation & guidance
of the Ex. Engr.
Barur Project Division.

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No. 142 W

Dated 31 March 1885.

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Notes of inspection of the
Office of the Barur Project Division
by Mr. Curry Dy. Examiner. Forwards
with remarks-----

S.B. IV Circle
S.B. V Circle
Ex. P.W. accts.

Withd.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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by the Engr. in charge,
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