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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, 9th April 1885, No. 4 W.:—

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

Paragraph 9.—The Superintending Engineer's attention is invited to the rates of work done, as compared with estimate.

Paragraph 11.—The service book opening page entries should be reattested at least every five years, *vide* Civil Pension Code, section 129, rule 1.

Paragraph 12.—The Superintending Engineer's attention is invited to this.

Paragraph 13.—The accountant is responsible for the correct posting of his registers of grants, and it is important he should do it properly and punctually, otherwise his return of grants (form M. 78) will be affected.

Paragraph 14.—The Executive Engineer's attention is drawn to code paragraph 1228.

2. The office is in good order.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTES of inspection by W. E. CURRY, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, on the 26th and 27th March 1885.

The Executive Engineer, Captain D. McN. Campbell, R.E., who took charge of this division on 26th February last, and the accountant, V. Raghavendra Chari, were present. The office was last inspected on 11th September 1884, *vide* G.O., No. 2367 W., of 24th September 1884.

2. The present West Coast division was formed out of a portion of this division on 18th October last; while the old Salem division was amalgamated in September, expenditure on works in that division being included in the accounts of this division from the 1st October.

3. There are now three sub-divisions, each in charge of a sub-divisional officer other than the Executive Engineer, and who all have drawing accounts.

Sub-division.	Officer in charge.	Treasuries drawn on.	
...	Executive Engineer.	Coimbatore.	Udumalpet.
		Erode.	Salem.
		Karúr.	Tirupatúr.
Coimbatore.	Mr. J. Kelly, Supervisor.	Coimbatore.	
		Udumalpet.	
Erode.	Mr. H. E. Clerk, Assistant Engineer.	Erode.	
		Karúr.	
		Satyamangalam.	
Salem.	R. Kaliyanaramier, Supervisor.	Salem.	Tirupatúr.
		Attur.	Námakal.

There are also five imprest-holders.

Name and Rank.	Amount.
	RS.
A. Murugasa Moodelliar, Supervisor ..	100
N. Nadamoony Moodelliar, do. ...	25
C. Murugasa Moodelliar, Overseer ...	100
V. Soobaroya Pillay do. ...	50
S. Ragava Iyengar do. ...	20

4. There are two head treasuries and two pass-books, Coimbatore and Salem. The pass-books were examined and agreed with the divisional and sub-divisional cash-books; they are sent three times a month to the treasury to be written up. Totals and balances in these pass-books are expressed in figures only, they should also be in writing.

5. The cash accounts are in very good order. There is no stock and all construction work is done by contract.

6. Contract certificates are prepared in the offices of sub-divisional officers, by whom also the contractors are paid. Payments from the Executive Engineer's office are confined to establishment charges. The contract certificates for October and February were compared with duplicates and measurement sheets, and the departmental charges for October with vouchers, and found correct.

7. For work above Rs. 2,000, a schedule rate contract is entered into, and an agreement signed in an 8-anna stamped bond. For a less amount there is a plain written agreement.

8. Filled up measurement books are sent to the divisional office. The entries in them are not cancelled in token that the bill which they support has been paid.

9. A close prison at Coimbatore is being constructed by the Jail Superintendent. The Executive Engineer supplies the funds but exercises no supervision over the work. The Jail Superintendent sends up statements showing total quantity and cost of work done to date, from which the register of works is posted. The executed rate is very different from the estimated rate for some of the sub-heads. The reason given is that convict labor is employed.

10. The schedule of rates, register of works, and contractors' ledger are up to date; and postage labels are properly accounted for.

11. Some service books have not been reattested since the years 1876-77.

12. There are disputes with villagers about some padugai lands which are not now leased out. The boundaries are said to be marked out but not properly surveyed.

13. The budget registers are very badly kept. The grants are not systematically totalled for the 10th of each month but only when an alteration of grant is advised, and then the corresponding date or month is not entered so that it is not clear what the grant stands at for any month.

14. Public Works buildings are frequently occupied or vacated by officers of other departments without notice being given to the Executive Engineer. In places where there is no sub-divisional officer, this is difficult to remedy; wherever possible a printed formal notice might be sent holding the party liable for rent till proper notice of withdrawal is given.

ORDER—dated 15th April 1885, No. 904 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for information and consideration.

2. The Superintending Engineer will take steps for making known the provisions of paragraph 1228 of the Public Works Code to officers of other departments occupying public buildings.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 15th April 1885, No. 904 W.

APRIL.

Inspection Notes

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

24TH SEPTEMBER 1884, No. 2367 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, 19th September 1884, No. 66 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 Coimbatore division.

2. The state of things described in regard to the work accounts of the Malapuram barracks is far from creditable. There is no excuse whatever for the ten-day reports being submitted late. They are intended to be posted daily, are dependent on nothing but the muster rolls and statements of materials received and issued daily; if punctually posted, they are ready for closing and despatch at any period during a month. It will be a great advantage when the execution of the work is given to contractors and the departmental labor accounts obviated.

3. The office is otherwise in good order.

ENCLOSURE.

Notes of inspection by H. RAINIER, Esq., Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the office of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, on the 11th September 1884.

Mr. Davidson, the Executive Engineer, was present, as was also V. Ragavendra Charry, the accountant. The office was last examined on the 1st September 1883 (*vide* G.O., No. 2667 W., of 22nd September 1883).

2. The treasuries drawn upon by the Executive Engineer are in three different districts, and only one of the pass-books was in the office. The drawing account balances could not therefore be checked. In future when intimation is received of an intended inspection, either by the Superintending Engineer or by an Accounts officer, arrangements will be made to have the pass-books all ready. The cash-book was found in order.

3. Of the imprest accounts, that returned by Overseer L. A. Rungasawmy, who holds an imprest of Rs. 600 under Mr. Sub-Engineer (1st grade) Nicholson of the Calicut sub-division, shows that labor has been paid for after due date on the barracks for European infantry at Malapuram :—

Labor for 21st to 30th June was paid for on 10th July.

Do. for 1st to 20th July, on 1st and 2nd August.

Do. for 21st July to 10th August, on 21st August.

Do. for 11th August to 20th August, not yet advised.

The work is a large one, comprising sixteen sub-works, six of which are in progress at present; it is the only large work which is being carried out on the departmental system, and the accounts of labor and materials, as rendered by the overseer, passed on by the sub-divisional officer, and dealt with in the Executive Engineer's office, require a great deal more attention from all concerned. Ten-day reports have been reaching the Executive Engineer's office very late, and the outlay on the work, as gathered from these, has been frequently included in the wrong month's work abstract. In fact the work abstract of a month, and consequently the register of works account, has been made to show not the outlay in that month or for that month on the work, but the outlay which during the preparation of that month's work abstract came to the knowledge of the Executive Engineer's office. The ten-day reports for 1st to 10th June reached the Executive Engineer's office on the 12th July; 11th to 20th June, on same date; 21st to 30th June, 2nd August; 1st to 10th July and 11th to 20th July, on 23rd August; 21st to 31st July and 1st to 10th August, on 3rd September. This sub-divisional office was inspected by the Executive Engineer on the 13th August last, and no delay in the initial accounts was then

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 24th Sept. 1884, No. 2367 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Inspection Notes

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

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

[Form No. L]

No. 4

From

THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras, 9 April

1885

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for information and orders of Government notes by Mr. Garry, Dy. Examiner, of his inspection of the Office of the Coimbatore Division.

Para 9. The Superintending Engineer's attention is invited to the rates of work done, as compared with Estimate.

Para 11. The Service Book opening page entries should be reattested at least every five years, vide Civil Pension Code, Section 129 Rule 1.

Para 12. The Superintending Engineer's attention is invited to this.

Para 13. The Accountant is responsible for the correct posting of his Registers of Grants, and it is important he should do it properly and punctually, otherwise his Return of Grants (Form M.78) will be affected.

Para 14. The Executive Engineer's attention is drawn to Code para 1238.

2. The Office is in good order.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

D. C. Curdson

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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NOTES OF INSPECTION BY W.E. CURRY ESQUIRE, DEPUTY
EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS MADRAS. OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER COIMBATORE DIVISION, ON THE 26TH. AND 27TH. MARCH
1885.

1. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CAPTAIN DIMEN. CAMPBELL R.E.
WHO TOOK CHARGE OF THIS DIVISION ON 26TH. FEBRUARY LAST AND
THE ACCOUNTANT V. RAGHAVENDRACHARI WERE PRESENT. THE
OFFICE WAS LAST INSPECTED ON 11TH. SEPTEMBER 1884, VIDE
G.O. NO. 2367. W. OF 24TH. SEPTEMBER 1884.

2. THE PRESENT WEST COAST DIVISION WAS FORMED OUT OF
A PORTION OF THIS DIVISION ON 18TH. OCTOBER LAST; WHILE THE
OLD SALEM DIVISION WAS AMALGAMATED IN SEPTEMBER, EXPENDI-
TURE ON WORKS IN THAT DIVISION BEING INCLUDED IN THE
ACCOUNTS OF THIS DIVISION FROM THE 1ST. OCTOBER.

3. THERE ARE NOW THREE SUB DIVISIONS EACH IN CHARGE
OF A SUB-DIVISIONAL-OFFICER OTHER THAN THE EXECUTIVE ENGI-
NEER, AND WHO ALL HAVE DRAWING ACCOUNTS.

SUB DIVISION- OFFICER IN CHARGE.- TREASURIES DRAWN ON.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.	COIMBATORE.
	ERODE.
	KARUR.
	VDUMALPATTI.
	SALEM.
	TIRUPATUR.
COIMBATORE- MR. J. KELLY	COIMBATORE.
SUPERVISOR.	VDUMALPATTI.

ERODE.- MR. H. E. CLEM.	ERODE.
ASSTT. ENGINEER.	KARUR.
	SATTYANGALAM.

SALEM. R. KALIYANAPAMIER	SALEM.
SUPERVISOR.	AMTUR.
	TIRUPATUR.
	NAMKAL.

THERE

THERE ARE ALSO 5 IMPREST HOLDERS:-

NAME.	RANK.	AMOUNT.
A. MURUGASA MOODELLIAR.	SUPERVISOR..	RS. 100.
N. NADAMOONY MOODELLIAR.	DO.	RS. 25.
C. MURUGASA MOODELLIAR.	OVERSEER.	RS. 100.
V. SOOBARAYA PILLAY.	DO.	RS. 50.
S. RAGAVA IYENGAR.	DO.	RS. 20.

4. THERE ARE TWO HEAD TREASURIES AND TWO PASS BOOKS- COIMBATORE AND SALEM. THE PASS BOOKS WERE EXAMINED AND AGREED WITH THE DIVISIONAL & SUB-DIVISIONAL CASH BOOKS; THEY ARE SENT THREE TIMES A MONTH TO THE TREASURY TO BE WRITTEN UP. TOTALS AND BALANCES IN THESE PASS BOOKS ARE EXPRESSED IN FIGURES ONLY; THEY SHOULD ALSO BE IN WRITING.

5. THE CASH ACCOUNTS ARE IN VERY GOOD ORDER. THERE IS NO STOCK AND ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK IS DONE BY CONTRACT.

6. CONTRACT CERTIFICATES ARE PREPARED IN THE OFFICES OF SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICERS, BY WHOM ALSO THE CONTRACTORS ARE PAID. PAYMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE ARE CONFINED TO ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES. THE CONTRACT CERTIFICATES FOR OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY WERE COMPARED WITH DUPLICATE AND MEASUREMENT SHEETS, AND THE DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES FOR OCTOBER WITH VOUCHERS, AND FOUND CORRECT.

7. FOR WORK ABOVE RS. 2,000, A SCHEDULE RATE CONTRACT IS ENTERED INTO, AND AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN AN 8 ANNA STAMPED BOND. FOR A LESS AMOUNT THERE IS A PLAIN WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

8. FILLED UP MEASUREMENT BOOKS ARE SENT TO THE
DIVISIONAL

DIVISIONAL OFFICE. THE ENTRIES IN THEM ARE NOT CANCELLED IN TOKEN THAT THE BILL WHICH THEY SUPPORT HAS BEEN PAID.

9. A CLOSE PRISON AT COIMBATORE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED BY THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUPPLIES THE FUNDS BUT EXERCISES NO SUPERVISION OVER THE WORK. THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT SENDS UP STATEMENTS SHOWING TOTAL QUANTITY AND COST OF WORK DONE TO DATE, FROM WHICH THE REGISTER OF WORKS IS POSTED. THE EXECUTED RATE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE ESTIMATED RATE FOR SOME OF THE SUB-HEADS. THE REASON GIVEN IS THAT CONVICT LABOUR IS EMPLOYED.

10. THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, REGISTER OF WORKS, AND CONTRACTORS' LEDGER ARE UP TO DATE; AND POSTAGE LABELS ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR.

11. SOME SERVICE BOOKS HAVE NOT BEEN REATTESTED SINCE THE YEARS 1876-77.

12. THERE ARE DISPUTES WITH VILLAGERS ABOUT SOME PADUGAI LANDS WHICH ARE NOT NOW LEASED OUT. THE BOUNDARIES ARE SAID TO BE MARKED OUT BUT NOT PROPERLY SURVEYED.

13. THE BUDGET REGISTERS ARE VERY BADLY KEPT. THE GRANTS ARE NOT SYSTEMATICALLY TOTALLED FOR THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH BUT ONLY WHEN AN ALTERATION OF GRANT IS ADVISED, AND THEN THE CORRESPONDING DATE OR MONTH IS NOT ENTERED, SO THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE GRANT STANDS AT FOR ANY MONTH.

14. PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS ARE FREQUENTLY OCCUPIED OR VACATED BY OFFICERS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

BEING

BEING GIVEN TO THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. IN PLACES WHERE
THERE IS NO SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICERS, THIS IS DIFFICULT TO
REMEDY, WHEREVER POSSIBLE A PRINTED FORMAL NOTICE MIGHT BE
SENT HOLDING THE PARTY LIABLE FOR RENT TILL PROPER NOTICE
OF WITHDRAWAL IS GIVEN.

Madras

4TH. APRIL 1885.

[Signature]

DEPUTY EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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