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Recd. 8/9/85 Encl.

G.O., 27th August 1885, No. 2258.

No 2204 W. of 19th Septr/85

AUGUST.

Pudupet Meidan.

Appointing a committee to consider and report on the proposal to utilize a portion of the — for housing the Reserve Police of the city.

D/ with order

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G.O. No 3257 W. 16. 11. 83
" " 1205 W. 13. 5. 84
No 2059 D. 19. 11. 84

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Public Works Department.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

No 2205 W. of 21st Septr/85

~~The estimate is returned to the Consulting Architect,~~

~~and A sum of Rs 380 is appropriated for the work from the Provincial reserve with Govt.~~

A sum of Rs 380/- is appropriated for the work from the Provincial reserve with Govt.

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No. 857

Dated 7th September 1885

Received 8th "

No 2205 W. of 21-9-85

No. of Enclosures. ~~1~~ 2

Subject.

Placing Electric Clocks in the Post and Telegraph Office and Public Works Offices.

To
The Consulting Architect to Govt.
With 2 Enclosures.
Exr. P. W. Accounts.

~~To The Consg. Architect with 2 Encls.~~

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With orders

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
7th September 1885.

No. 857

From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosure.
1 Estimate

With reference to G. O. No. 1205 W dated 13th May 1884, I have the honor to submit an Estimate amounting to Rs 380 the cost of the platform and staging supporting the Electric Clock in the large Hall of the Post and Telegraph Office.

As regards the Clock for the Public Works Offices, the Superintendent of Telegraphs states that "a special line to carry the wire will "have to be constructed for some distance, and "I must first hear from the Government Astro-"nomer whether he requires a double wire line "so as to loop this clock into the same circuit "as the others, or whether a single wire to be "worked as a branch, will suffice, before I can

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G.O. No. 1813 W d/25.3.84.
" " 1624 W d/27.6.84.
" " 1824 W d/28.7.84.
" " 1710 W d/23.7.85.

No. 2206 W d/ 21st Septr 1885

Communicated to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will submit as soon as possible, an abstract estimate for constructing a floating latrine with one boat for the Senate House, similar to that sanctioned in G.O. No 1824 W d/28th July 1884, at a cost of Rupees 6,910.

2. The Registrar Madras University is requested to report whether the Syndicate will be prepared to accept a debit against the University Fee Fund, of a moiety of the cost of the latrine.

3. The provision of a second boat for the latrine can be left for future consideration.—

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Consg Architect to Govt
Registrar, Madras University

17.9.85

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P.W.C.W. 2206

(1885.)

FROM

THE REGISTRAR OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS,

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No. 108

Dated 15th September.
Received 21st September 85

No. 2206 W d/21st Septr 1885

No.

SUBJECT.

Regarding the construction of a latrine for the Senate House.

~~To,~~
~~The Chief Secretary~~
~~(for favour of counterinitials to the draft order).~~

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS.

With order

No. 108 OF 1885 — 1886

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS,
The 15th September 1885.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

TO

The Secretary to Government
Public Works department
Ootacamund

SIR,

I am directed by the Syndicate to address you with regard to the provision of a latrine for the Senate House, more especially during the time when Examinations are being held.

2. Previously to the opening up of the new bridge and approaches the University was wont to erect a temporary shed under the casuarina trees between the Senate House and the Canal. This, of course, is now out of the question, and the Syndicate are at a loss to know what arrangements to make for the candidates (about 300 daily) during December and January.

3. I have been in communication with the Consulting Architect to Government as to the cost of a floating latrine, similar to the one at the back of the Civil Engineering College. That officer has informed me that the cost would be Rs 9225. This is a sum which the University is not able to meet.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
D Duncan
Registrar

B. No. 1887 W 14.8.85

B No. 2207 W d/ 21st Septr 1885

Commd to S.E.
with reference to G.O.
No 1887 W d/ 14/8/85

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To
Supdg. Engr.
Exe P.W.D.
Consg Archtt to Govt

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Govt. of {1885} Madras.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

Application sent for 4 S.C d/ 18/9/85

8 S.C

Issued

Recd. 10/9/85 Encl.

G.O., 28th August 1885, No. 174.

Vide G.O. No 1887 W 14-8-85

AUGUST.

Cemetery Rules.

Referring to the Government of India a question raised by the Venerable the Archdeacon as to the fees chargeable for other than masonry graves; and observing that the exemption from payment of fees under Rule 3 is expressly limited to British soldiers on the effective list, with their families.

28TH AUGUST 1885, No. 174, ECCLESIASTICAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Venerable J. F. BROWNE, Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th July 1885, No. 362.

I have the honor to request I may be furnished with an authoritative ruling on the following two points in connexion with the Revised Rules for Cemeteries, &c., published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 17th July 1885.

Page 5, II. "Rules regarding fees, &c."

Rule I. "The following are the rates of fee chargeable" (1) "For every square foot of ground occupied by a grave, Annas 8." Here no mention is made of "masonry," as in the Old Rules, No. 286, 27th December 1877, and No. 241, Ecclesiastical, 1st December 1883, where the order runs, "rules regarding the levy and expenditure of fees on masonry graves, &c."

The present order may mean that in future a fee of Annas 8 per square foot is to be charged on all graves whether masonry or otherwise. Looking at Rule V, which deals with the collection of fees, I can hardly think this was intended, and consider that the word "masonry" has been unintentionally omitted.

As the matter, however, has already been submitted to me, I should be glad to have the orders of Government.

2. Exemption from fees, &c.

By Rule III. British soldiers and non-commissioned officers are exempted.

This apparently applies while they are still in the service. Do they lose this privilege on taking their pension? and does the same rule apply equally to Eurasian soldiers and non-commissioned officers as, for example, a Pensioned Farrier Major of His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard.

Chunar pensioners, a body of men, if still existing, not likely to be found in Madras, only are mentioned, the rule not applying to other pensioners.

ORDER—dated 28th August 1885, No. 174, Ecclesiastical.

The question raised as to the fees chargeable for graves other than masonry will be referred for the orders of the Government of India.

2. As regards the second question raised in the above letter, it is observed that exemption from the payment of fees under Rule III is expressly limited to British soldiers on the active list, with their wives and families. This concession has not been extended to ordinary pensioners, *i.e.*, those not under Military control, or to Eurasians not being British soldiers.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
" Public Works department.
" Military department.

Exd. A. Aubert.

B. No. 1887 W. 14-8-85

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A G.O. No 1291 W. 23.5.84
B. No 2983 W. 4.12.84
" 447 W. 26.2.85

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No. 2208 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Septr. 1885

READ the following

G.O. 447 W dated 26th Febry./85.

In accordance with G.O. No. 1291 W dated 23rd May 1884 the proportion of overseers first grade is raised from 34 to 35, and the number of the third grade reduced from 30 to 29, with effect from the 16th August 1885; the retirement of Sub Engineer J. Smith having absorbed into the first grade of overseers Gunner Lewis, a Military Supernumerary.

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e Examr. P.W. Accounts

G.O. R. No. 1427 W d/ 18.6.85

No. 134 E d/ 20/5/85

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~~No. 2209 W d/ 21st Septr. 1885~~

Communicated to the Supg. Engineer V Circle, in continuation of G.O. No. 1427 W d/ 18th June/85

Rcd. 12 Sep. '85

No. 2209 W d/ 21st Septr. 1885

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2208W

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20 August 1885, No. 7696 Mis; on letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 5 August 1885, No. 592/G & B.

Encs 4

With reference to the Progs. of the Board of Revenue, Mis: No. 5536/13-6-85, and the subsequent reminder of the 17 ultimo, I have the honor to submit M. R. Ry. C. V. Cunniah Chettiar's reply* to the notice sent to him as required by Govt., together with copy of the covering letter from the Dy. Collr. No. 720/31-7-85.

*Dd 25 July 1885, (sent in original to be returned)

2. The clue indicated in the Dy. Collector's letter to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, No. 325/3.4.79 cannot also be followed in this office.

3. Copy of the lease was shown to Cunniah Chettiar although he had no opportunity of seeing the original document bearing his late father's

signature

signature.

4. Copies of the Dy. Collector's letters referred to in the penultimate para of Cunniah Chettiar's reply are also submitted.

Resolution

Submitted to Government with the suggestion that the case be allowed to drop.

2. Cunniah Chetty's family have been in possession for 28 years and there seems to be some ground for believing that he got the valuable Goozili Bazaar Plot in exchange for his comparatively valueless Cochrane's Canal Plot.

G.O.

3. Fraud was probably at the bottom of the transfer, but its proof seems impossible after so long a lapse of time.

Order thereon, 5 September 1885, No. 4719

Recorded. The matter may

be

be allowed to drop.

(True Extract)

C. Warren Major R.E.

For Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To

The Board of Revenue

with 5 encls. returned

Public Works Department

G.O.R. No. 1427 W d/ 18.6.85
No. 134 E d/ 20/5/85

~~No. 2209 W d/ 21st Sept 1885~~

Communicated to the Supg Engineer V Circle, in continuation of G.O. No. 1427 W d/ 18th June/85

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No. 134 E d/ 20/5/85.

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No. 1427 W d/ 18th June/85

Comd. to the S.E. V Circle, with reference to his letter No. 641 dated 15th May 1885

Recd 10.6.85

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P.W. C. No. 7983

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With disposal

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 10th March 1885, No. 2306 Mis.

Read endorsement of the Collector of Madras, dated 2nd March 1885, No. 562, on letter from the Deputy Collector of the same District, dated 26th February 1885, No. 167.

I have the honor to submit the report called for in your endorsement, dated 21st January 1885, Reference No. $\frac{66}{G.413}$ of 1885, communicating copy of Revenue Board's Proceedings, dated 19th idem, Mis. No. 401, on the subject of Goojili Bazaar land now in possession of C.V. Cunniah Chetty.

2. In this office letter, dated 3rd April 1884, No. 239, it was brought to notice that beyond putting the late C.V. Cunniah Chetty in charge of the Goojily Bazaar land at the request of the Civil Architect Department, the Revenue Department had no idea of the conditions of the transfer of the above land nor of the transfer to Government of C.V. Cunniah Chetty's land in Tondiarpet and all exertions to find a clue as to the circumstances of one land passing from

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Government and another passing to Government in the office of the late Civil Architect Presidency Engineer's Office and that of the Consulting Architect to Government, had proved vain.

3. The fact however remains that the Goojily Bazaar land has remained in possession of C.V. Cunniah Chetty's family from 1857 while from about the same year a larger block of the private land of the above gentleman in Tondiarpet has remained in Government possession.

4. Reading the papers which were forwarded for reference with your endorsement under reply carefully, it occurs to me as suggested in para 2 of Mooroogappa Chetty's petition to Government, dated 27th January 1884 that late Cunniah Chetty might have proposed to the then Superintending Engineer the exchange of the two pieces of land, and the Public Works Department might have agreed to such an exchange and taken possession of the Tondiarpet land and kept it (to this very day) in

their

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their possession. The non collection of rent from C.V. Cunniah Chetty and his heirs for the Goojily land and the nonpayment of any rent to him for his land at Tondiarpet by Government, for the past 25 years, raises a strong presumption in favor of the aforesaid theory.

5. The papers forwarded to me for reference are returned.

I have &a.

(Signed) R. Ragoonatha Row
Deputy Collector.

Reference on No. 562 of 1885.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, Mis No. 401, dated the 19th January 1885 and subsequent reminder of the 25th ultimo.

2. The Collector concurs as regards the presumption referred to at the close of para 4.

3. The enclosures received with the Board's Proceedings are

Quoted

quoted above are returned.

(Signed) R. W. Barlow
Collector of Madras.

Madras Collector's Office,
2nd March 1885

Resolution.

Submitted to Government.

2. No clue is forthcoming as to the circumstances under which the plot of land at Tondiarpet came into the possession of Government, but the fact remains that it has continued in their possession for a quarter of a century or about as long as Cunniah Chetty's family has been in possession of the Goojili Bazaar plot.

3. The theory that the plots were exchanged between Government and the Cunniah Chetty family is un-supported by direct evidence, but the inference that some such trans-action may have occurred, suggests itself as the most probable explanation and this receives support from the fact that Cunniah Chetty never received rent for his Tondiarpet land from Government or paid it for that in his possession in the Goojili Bazaar.

(True Extract.
(Signed) C. F. MacCartie.
Ag Sub Secretary.

To

The Secy to Govt. R. D.
with letter & enclosures in original.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

(True copy)

C. Niven. Major R.E.
For Ag Secy to Govt.

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Dy to Cons: 21.10.1885 No 20574
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings[×] of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1885, No. 2306 Mis:, submitting with remarks, letter from the Collector of Madras regarding the plot of Tondiarpet.

× attached

Read also Proceedings of the Public Works[×] Department, dated 20th May 1885, No. 134 E, forwarding copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter regarding a certain plot of land in Tondiarpet.

× Cal copy ✓

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Order thereon, 1st June 1885, No. 2774.

The Government resolve to direct that Cunniah Chetti be called upon by the Collector of Madras to show cause why he should not be required to vacate the land in the Guzjili Bazaar on the receipt of notice as provided for in the terms of the lease. The result will be reported. The clue indicated in the Deputy Collector's letter to the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, of 3rd April 1879, No. 325, should also be followed up.

(True Extract)

C. Unwin × Major RE
for Ag Secy to Govt.

To. The Board of Rev: with the small retd & copies of correspondence of the P.W. Department.

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No. 134 E d/ 20/5/85.

Incl. 5131 ✓

No. 1427 W d/ 18th June/85

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Comb to the S.E. V Circle, with reference to his letter No. 641 dated 15th May 1885

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No. 1427 W d/ 18th June 1885

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Dy to Cons: 21.10.1856 No 20524
Cons: 2.12.56 No 41442
P.W. Let to England No 4 - 10.2.57.
Dy to Cons 2.9.56 No 16527.
Ex: Min: Cons: 24.12.57 - No 1830.
B. No 24534 W. 4.10.84
No 575 C, of 19.3.85.

No. 134 E
20/5/85

Copy of the S.E's letter, with the enclosures in original, forwarded to the Secy to Govt. Rev. Dept., with reference to his office note dated 13th March 1885, (the enclosures of which are herewith returned), with an intimation that nothing further is known in this Dept. regarding the date and reason of the transfer to Govt. of the land in question at Tondiarpet

CS.
18.5.85

20.5.85

To,
The Secy to Govt Rev dept
with enclosures vide lr.
O. 18.5.85.
Despd 20/5.

O.Y.S. 55/Public Dept.
O. 10/9.85
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10/21/9/85

From (6) File 436

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Files connected with these 6 Nos. submitted in a separate packet.

Dated 15th
Recd. 16 } May 1885.

ENCLOSURES. 5

No. 134 Ed/ 20/5/85

No. 641

Cunniah Chetty's land in Tondiarpett — Forwards certain papers regarding — and states that no other papers can be found in the records of the Presidency Division Office.

With memo

No. 134 E a/ 20/5/85.

Incl. 5131 √

No. 1427 W a/ 18th June/85 (15)

Comd. to the S.E. V Circle, with reference to his letter No. 641 dated 15th May 1885

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
~~Ootacamund,~~ Madras

Recd 16/3/85

OFFICE NOTE.

Station Madras date 13th March 1885.

From Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

To Chief Engineer

The undersigned has the honor to request with reference to the enclosed papers (as per list) that enquiries may be made as to the date and reason of the transfer to Government of the block 1. G. 9. Sqre. Ft. 254½ in extent registered as belonging to C. V. Cunniah Chetty, situated in Tondiarpet near the basin. It seems probable that the transfer had some connection with the lease of the land in the Goojili Bazaar mentioned in A. C. Mooroogappa Chetty's Petition dated 27th January 1884.

No. 134 Ed/ 20/5/85

Ag. Under Secy to Govt
for Secy to Govt.

No. 134 E d/ 20/5/85.

Cd. 10.6.85. R. 15-6-85

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 214

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to request an early reply to Office note dated 13th March 1885 regarding certain land situated in Tondiarpett registered as belonging to C. V. Cunniah Chetty but actually in the occupation of Government.

575 C
19-3-85

W. Wilson

Ootacamund
24th April 1885

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To
The Chief Engineer.

No. 134 E d/

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Recd 4/5/85

Await reply to 3962

5750 d/ 19.3.85

Reminder sent 5/7/85

for

No. 134 Ed/ 20/5/85

Please put up the Connected ~~papers if any~~ & send to me.

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The Madras office

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O. 18.5.85.

10.6.85. R. 15.6.85

List of papers forwarded to the Revenue Dept. with Memo No. 134 Ed/ 20th May 1885:—

1. E. M. C. dated 28th August 1856, No. 1030 with 4 enclosures.
2. —do— 16th October 1856, No. 1252 with 4 enclosures.
3. —do— 2nd December 1856, No. 1426 with 2 enclosures.
4. —do— 24th December ~~1856~~ 1857, No. 1830 with 1 agreement
5. Original G.O. d/ 15th September 1884, No. 1042 (Revenue)
6. Misc: G.O. d/ 19th December 1884, No. 5770.
7. Revenue Boards' Proceedings (Misc). d/ 10.3.85 No. 2306.
8. Five enclosures of letter from S.E. V Circle No. 641 d/ 15.5.84.

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O. 16.9.85

No. 641

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 15th May 1885.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt.

SIR,

Enclosures. 5

With reference to your Memorandum No. 575 C dated 19th March 1885, I have the honor to report that a careful search has been made in the records of the Presidency Division Office, and with the exception of the following — copies of which are enclosed — no papers can be found relating directly to the transfer of Cunniah Chetty's land in Toudiarpett to the Government

G. O. No. 6616 dated 14th January 1858 passed on Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 24th December 1857.

Letter No. 325, dated 26th November 1879 from the Deputy Collector of Madras.

G.O. 2483 W a/ 4-10-84

Letter No. 4957 dated 26th November 1878 from the District Engineer Presidency.

Letter No. 401 dated 31st October 1878 from the Sub Divisional Officer Northern Range Presidency.

Letter dated 18th October 1878 from Dr. Dhanakote Raju.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

W H Hunter

Coll. R. E.
Offg. Superintg. Engr.
5th Circle.

Dy to Cons: 21.10.1856 No 20674
Cons: 2.12.56 No 41442
P. W. Sec to England No 4 - 10.2.57.
Dy to Cons 2.9.56 No 16027.
Ex: Mins: Cons: 24.12.57 - No 1830.
B. No 2453 W. 4.10.84
No 575 C. of 19.3.85.

No 134 E
20/5/85

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with enclosures vide list
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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Files Connected with these 6 Nos, submitted in a separate packet.

Dated 15th } May 1885.
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ENCLOSURES. 5

No 134 Ed/20/5/85

No. 641

Cunniah Chetty's land in Tondiarpett — Forwards certain papers regarding — and states that no other papers can be found in the records of the Presidency Division Office.

With memo

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G.O. B/2453 W. of 4-10-84 & papers sent with the O. N. from the Rev. Deptt. as per list sent ~~them~~ with it.
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Dy. to Cons: 21.10.1856 No 20524
Cons: 2.12.56 No 4142
P. W. Secy to England No 4 - 10.2.57.
Dy. to Cons 2.9.56 No 16527.
Ex: Min: Cons: 24.12.57 - No 1830.
B. No 24534. 4.10.84
No 5775 C. of 19.3.85.

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3. E. M. C. dated 2nd December 1856, No. 1426 with 2 enclosures.
4. E. M. C. dated 24th December 1857 No. 1830 with one agreement.
5. Original G. O. dated 15th September 1884, No. 1042 (Revenue).
6. Misc. G. O. dated 19th December 1884, No. 5770.
7. Revenue Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings dated 10th March 1885, No. 2306.

Ag. Under Secretary to Govt.

No. 575 Ca/ 19-3-85

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P. W. Dept

Memorandum.

Office Note from the Secretary to Govt., Revenue Dept.,
d/ March 13th 1885.

In para 3 of letter from the Acting Collector of Madras No. 916 d/ 3d July 1884 printed in the Revenue Proceedings ×No. 1042 d/ 15th September 1884 it is stated that "a larger, "though less valuable, block "C. I, G9, sqft 254½, in extent "in Tondiarpet, near the "Basin, registered as C. V. "Cunniah Chetty's land, "has been treated and "enjoyed as Govt. land, "no compensation having been

× P.W. G.O. No. 2453 W d/ 4th Octr/84

"paid to him when in 1883 "a large portion of it was "appropriated for the im-"-provement of the Basin."

Information is required as to the circumstances in which this land came into possession of Govt. It has been supposed that the transfer had some connection with the lease of the land in the Goojeli Bazaar, mentioned in A. C. Mooroogappa Chetty's petition d/ 27th January 1884, but no direct evidence has been brought forward in support of this assumption.

The Supdg. Engineer

S.E. V Circle. ✓ Dc 21/3/85

R.S.

is requested to have a careful search made in the records of the Presidency Division office for any papers which may throw light on the transaction, and to report the result as soon as possible.

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Govt. of (1884) Madras.

REVENUE.

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B/ No. 2453 W a/ 4th October/84

Communicated to the Supdg: Engineer V Circle

Cd.
27.9.84

Issued

Recd. 30/9/84 *Encl.*

G.O., 15th September 1884, No. 1042.

No. 2453 W a/ 4th October/84

SEPTEMBER.

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15th September 1884, No. 1042, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following letter from Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V. Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 31st March 1884, No. 4528 :—

In returning your endorsement No. 212-D, dated 30th January 1884, I have the honor to report that there are no papers to be found in the records of the Presidency Executive Engineer regarding the land alluded to in A. C. Mooroogappah Chetty's petition.

2. If the land is the property of the Government, it should be so shown in the Collector's pymaish accounts, whether or no the present holder came into possession of the land upon orders given by the Chief Engineer, as stated in the petition. The matter appears to be under the notice of the Deputy Collector of Madras as seen by his advertisement at page 471 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th instant.

Endorsement, No. 816-C.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Chepak,
3rd April 1884.

To the Revenue Department.

Endorsement, No. 394, R.P.

Referred to the Collector of Madras for report through the Board of Revenue.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Under Secretary to Govt.

Ootacamund,
19th April 1884.

To the Collector of Madras, with petition and enclosures.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1884, No. 2444 :—

Read—the following letter from C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Board of Revenue), dated 3rd July 1884, No. 916 :—

I have the honor to submit the report on Government Petition from A. C. Mooroogappah Chetty called for on endorsement, No. 394 R.P., dated the 19th April last,* Revenue Department, herewith returned with its enclosures.

2. With the exception of letter No. 630, dated the 27th November 1857, from the Civil Architect to the Collector of Madras, a copy of which is enclosed, no paper is forthcoming either on the records of this Collectorate, or in those of the office of the District Engineer or the Consulting Architect, having reference to the exchange of land brought to notice. Nor can the present C. V. Cunniah Chettiar, son of the late Cunniah Chettiar, or any of his employés, afford any satisfactory information.

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* *Vide* also subsequent reminder No. 28 R. P., dated 27th June 1884.

3. One thing however is clear, viz., that a piece of land in Goojely bazaar, Survey No. 787, measuring Grounds 3 Square feet 894, and entered in the Deputy Collector's Office books as Government land, has been in the possession of the family of the late Cunniah Chettiar apparently for the past 25 years, and has been built upon by the present Cunniah Chettiar and enjoyed by him, while, on the other hand, a larger, though less valuable, block C. 1 G. 9 Sq. ft. 254½ in extent in Tondiarpet, near the Basin, registered as C. V. Cunniah Chetty's land, has been treated and enjoyed as Government land, no compensation having been paid to him when in 1883 a large portion of it was appropriated for the improvement of the Basin. From this fact and from the Civil Architect's letter quoted above, it may be inferred that the exchange referred to did take place in 1857, though there is nothing, except the statement contained in the petition, to show that the exchange was conditional. Nevertheless, Cunniah Chetty continued to pay quit-rent on the Tondiarpet land till Fasli 1291 (1881-82) when a major portion of it was appropriated to Basin improvement while he paid none on Goojely land.

4. Under these circumstances interference with Cunniah Chetty seems inadvisable. Should this view commend itself to the Board and Government, I beg that sanction may be accorded to class and register, as Government property, the land which Government now occupies in Tondiarpet, that in Goojely bazaar being registered in C. V. Cunniah Chetty's name and the usual quit-rent charged and collected from Fasli 1292.

5. This report has been delayed by the time occupied in the search of records.

Resolution—dated 16th July 1884, No. 2444.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board recommend that the Collector's suggestion be adopted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with three original enclosures and a plan returned.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

READ—also Office Note from the Secretary, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd August 1884, No. 528-E:—

With reference to the office note from the Revenue Secretary, dated 12th August 1884, the papers specified below, which have been obtained from the General Record Department, Fort St. George, are herewith forwarded. They explain the circumstances under which C. V. Cunniah Chetty was placed in possession of a piece of land in the Goojely bazaar, Black Town, Madras.

2. The Memorandum, dated 7th November 1857, from the Assistant to the Chief Engineer to the Civil Architect cannot be traced. The papers now collected will perhaps afford all the information required.

Documents accompanying.

- Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1030, dated 28th August 1856.
- Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1252, dated 16th October 1856.
- Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1426, dated 2nd December 1856.
- Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1830, dated 24th December 1857, with the deed therein referred to.

ORDER—dated 15th September 1884, No. 1042, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 121.

From the papers received with the last communication read above, it appears that in 1857 the Government expressly declined to part permanently with the land referred to, but agreed to lease it from year to year and on certain conditions to Cunniah Chetty for Rs. 50 per mensem. The lease was to be determinable at six months' notice by either of the parties. It does not appear whether any rent was ever actually collected, but it is quite possible that it was not, inasmuch as the Collector would seem to have been very imperfectly informed of the terms of the transaction.

2. The papers referred to will be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who, after further reference to the Collector and, if necessary, to the Law officers, will report what course should now in their opinion be pursued.

(True Extract.)

H Ellis

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with four original documents.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

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2. The work recommended by Dr Burgess will be carried out by the Exe Engr: Chingleput Division when funds can be made available.

3. The Supty. Engr. will report his opinion on the suggestion to substitute wire fencing for the dwarf walls & wire netting provided in the estimates sanctioned in G. O. No 2018 W of 23 July 1883.

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To The PW Dept

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Proceedings, dated 29/8 1885
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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Archaeological Survey of Wn. and Sn. India, dated, Edinburgh, 16th July 1885 No. 63.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O. dated 8th June 1885 No. 1336 Mis. with accompanying papers relative to conservation especially at the Seven Pagodas.

2. The estimates by Mr. Black, late Special Assistant Engineer, appear to be prepared with care and the objects aimed at are desirable. To prevent cattle herding in the structures & to preserve them from being used for cooking in by wandering natives, or appropriated as dwellings, ~~is~~ are most necessary.

3. A stone railing or wall 3 feet high, as proposed for Nos. 16, 21, 44, 46, 48, 50, 51, and 52, at a cost of Rs. 668/, would keep out cattle, but would scarcely be any protection against lighting fires in the caves. A wall 3 feet high is easily

stepped

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stepped over and would give security against disturbance to a poor Caste Hindu during his cooking. Its appearance might also in some cases be unsightly; but if it could be made effective for its purpose, it need not be seriously objected to. It may however be suggested for consideration whether a wire fence would not serve as well and not be more expensive. The proposal to employ 3 watchmen ought to supply the best means of protection, if they are placed under the local Revenue Officers and supervised. One has been employed for some time past, but complains bitterly of the irregularity with which he gets paid. I was applied to to intercede in his behalf last year, and again he has applied to Mr. Rea to obtain arrears of pay.

4. It is proposed to fill up with frames of galvanized wire-netting the openings between the pillars of Nos. 15, 24, 25, & 32, at an expense of Rs. 535, for the like

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like object as in the cases above. The frames will, I think, interfere with the appearance of these caves, and it might be worth consideration whether, in all cases of the kind, a simple wire fence at a short distance in front of the cave, with a gate & padlock, would not be practically as good a protection as can be provided at a moderate expense. The watchmen would have the keys, and their duty would be to protect the fences and prevent cooking in, or littering the caves &c. At each might be posted a placard forbidding all injury to the remains & stating the authority given to the watchmen to prevent it.

5. The above items amount to considerably more than half the estimate. Of the remaining Rs. 739/, a sum of Rs. 453 is for repairs to the Shore Temple. This is much needed, but it is to be feared that, when the work is begun, it may be found necessary to

exceed

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this estimate.

6. The raising of the fallen blocks, one of them 4 tons weight, at Nos 42 and 43, and replacing them on the roofs, "cleaning sculptures", and other minor details, may well be delayed. Removing and relaying the concrete on the roof of No. 15 (Rs. 209) might be avoided by simply repairing the present roof with mortar or dammer.

Order thereon 29th August 1885 No. 2032 Mis:–

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

Ag Under Secretary

To

The Public Works Department

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S.E. V circle ✓

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To The Supdg. Engineer IV Circle ✓
" Exr. P.W. Accounts ✓

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9th March 1885, No. 545 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 5th December 1884, No. 535 E.W.
" " " " 22nd January 1885, " 26 E.W.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 11th February 1885, No. 68 E.W.

In continuation of my letter No. 535, of 5th December 1884, I have the honor to forward, herewith, two letters from the Executive Engineer, Nílgiris, Nos. 564 and 580, of 30th ultimo and 4th instant, respectively.

2. In the first letter the Executive Engineer gives details of the unsatisfactory working of the lake brickfield up to date; and in the second he reports that the stone-breaking machine has been successfully worked by the 8-horse power engine which had been found insufficient to work the brick-making machine. Major Smith also now recommends the purchase of a 12-horse power engine to work the brick-making machine.

3. As to continuing work at the brickfield, I think there should be no hesitation. A large outlay has already been incurred in starting the field, which would be in a great measure thrown away if the work be stopped now. The field has been thoroughly examined, and all that is wanted, as has been long known, is efficient supervision and a powerful engine to work the machine.

4. The late superintendent, Mr. Mullane, has proved a failure, and his services have been dispensed with. He knew something of clays and brick-making, but was wanting in tact for dealing with labor, and was a bad manager. He has been replaced by a sub-overseer under the direction of Sub-Conductor Lord.

5. Good bricks are still badly wanted at Ootacamund and cannot be purchased. The case instanced by Major Smith shows this. He could not procure sufficiently good bricks for the arch of the Charing Cross bridge, and had to cart them up from Wellington. There bricks cost Rs. 12 a thousand, but with carriage to Ootacamund they would probably be double that rate. With proper supervision and a powerful engine to work the machine, I see no reason why the cost of brick-making should be greater than at Wellington, or the quality of the bricks inferior.

6. I recommend that the net loss up to date determined by the Examiner should be written off, and the working of the field continued with the aid of a 12-horse power engine specially purchased for the work.

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 23rd February 1885, No. 4347.

Dy to Cons. 21.10.1886 No 20571.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th March 1885, No. 545 W.

MARCH.

Lake Brickfield, Ootacamund

Orders on report of the operations at the —.

27TH OCTOBER 1884, No. 2631 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 27th August 1884, No. 868 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1751 W., dated the 17th July 1884, requesting that the Provincial account may be relieved of the charges connected with the purchase and repair of the buildings at Ootacamund known as "Bombay Castle," and now in occupation by the offices of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General.

2. I am to observe that in the original estimate, marked F, of the cost of transferring the offices of the head-quarters of the Madras army to Ootacamund, received with letter, No. 1804, dated 24th March 1883, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Military Department, Rs. 3,600 was entered as "rent of house taken for offices." In paragraph 9 of Colonel Hankins' letter, No. 4321, dated 7th August 1883, it was said, "I am further directed to forward a statement of the cost of the purchase of the 'Bombay Castle' property at Ootacamund. The amount has been met from Provincial funds;" and it was added, "that the annual saving as estimated by the Controller of Military Accounts resulting from the permanent transfer of army head-quarters to Ootacamund will be as per statement G, Rs. 7,317-14-11," *minus* the pay of the medical subordinate recommended. Statement G referred to is a statement of cost revised in the Military Department of the Government of Madras and contains a note to the effect that the "sum of Rs. 3,600 entered in former statement F for rent of offices at Ootacamund has been omitted in this statement, as the building in which the offices are now located is Government property." This note, moreover, was made after the Controller of Military Accounts had pointed out that no expenditure was shown on account of office accommodation, and that as credit had been taken for the saving of rent in Madras, the interest on the capitalized value of buildings purchased at Ootacamund should appear as a *per contra* item.

3. In considering, therefore, the subject of the proposed permanent transfer of the head-quarters offices from Madras to Ootacamund, the Government of India were led to believe from the foregoing details that there would be no charge against the Military department for capital outlay or interest on account of buildings, and it was in this belief that the transfer was sanctioned.

4. Under the circumstances the Governor-General in Council is unable to authorise a special grant under "Imperial, Military Works," to cover the cost of the buildings in question and to relieve the Provincial account of the charge.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 23rd August 1884, No. 400 E.W.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, an estimate of Rs. 5,575 for repairs to Bombay Castle and all the adjoining buildings.

1 Estimate.
2 Abstract estimates.

2. The works now provided for are repairs to walls and roofs; repairs and petty alterations to doors, windows, ventilators, floors and railings; painting and papering where required; putting up partitions; and providing some additional coir-matting.

Order—dated 27th October 1884, No. 2631 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 2632 W., dated 27th October 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Financial Department, with copy of letter.
" Military Department, with copies of letter and note by the Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Grubert.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 27th,

Recd. *Encl,*

G.O., 27th Oct. 1884, No. 2631 W.

OCTOBER.

"Bombay Castle" Buildings, Ootacamund

Orders on letter from the Government of India declining to make a special grant from "Imperial, Military Works," to cover the cost of purchase and repair of — for the accommodation of the army head-quarter offices provided from Provincial funds.

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum.

No.357 C. dated 15th. February 1884.

Office Note from the Examiner P.W. Accounts No.1169 Dated 9th. February 1884.

With reference to para 3 of G.O.No.94 W. of 12th. January 1884 please see Code para 1109, which enjoins that copies of Abstract Estimates should be furnished to this Office by the sanctioning authority, I would suggest therefore that when Superintending Engineers fail to attend to the orders laid down in Chief Engineers (P.W. Department) Circulars Nos. 476 and 1046 of 25th. February and 25th. April 1881 respectively, that they be directed to furnish Abstracts of Estimates through the sanctioming authority to this Office.

Copy of the above forwarded to Suptg. Engrs. for attention, with advertence to the Circulars quoted by the Examiner P.W. Accounts.

2. The abstracts of all estimates for works costing above Rs. 2500, and for all new supplies of Tools & Plant, irrespective of the amount of estimate, should invariably be submitted to this office in duplicate.

3. Attention to this rule would obviate necessity for the frequent calls which the Chief Engineer has now to make on Superintending Engineers for copies of abstract estimates required by the Examiner P.W.Accounts.

(By Order)

C. Baren. Major R.E.
Dy.Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To

Suptg. Engineers.
Cong.Archt.to Govt.
Genl.Supt.P.W.Stores.
Exr.P.W.Accounts.
Chief Engr.for Irrgn., for information.

No. 1122

Nilgiri Division Office
Ootacamund 22nd July 1885

From,

The Executive Engineer,
Nilgiri Division;

To,

The Superintending Engineer,
4th Circle;

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 413/N.J of 10th July 1885, I have the honor to report that the errors &c in mode of accounting in respect of Brick manufacture Lake Brickfield, noticed by the Examiner Public Works Accounts have been rectified in subsequent accounts.

2. I would further report that owing to our having a large stock of firwood still in hand at the Brickfield, I have decided to carry on manufacture, as weather permits, until this supply is exhausted; which will be some time next month. I then

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propose to close both manufacture and accounts and submit a report on the working of the field up to that date. The report called for, in para 3 of G.O. No. 1895 W. of 4th August /84 will also be then submitted.

I have &c.

(By order)

(Sigd) J. T. Maddax.

Accountant, Nilgiri Dn.

No. 314
C.W.

Copy Forwarded to the Chief Engineer with reference to the latter part of para 2 of G.O. No. 953 W of 22d April 1885. The report promised by Executive Engineer on the working of the Brickfield will be submitted as soon as possible after its receipt in this office.

L. Beatty - Colonel. R.E.
Superintending Engr. 4th Circle

Coimbatore
28th July /85

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No. 1345 C dt. 6th Augt. 1885

Approved.

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From
The Superintendg. Engineer
Fourth Circle

Dated 28th } July 1885.
Despd. 29th }

No. 314
E. W.

Brick Manufacture
Lake Brick field, Ootacamund.

Forwards copy of Ex: Engr's letter No. 1122 d/ 22nd July 1885 with regard to the closing of operations of ——

NOTES.

REFERENCE TO MADRAS P. W. D. CODE.

PARAS. 264 AND 271.

1. The Superintending Engineer should inspect each Divisional Office in his Circle at least once a year. The inspections should be more frequent of those Divisions in which the Superintending Engineer notices that there is a greater laxity of supervision on the part of the Executive Engineer.

2. One of the most important points to be looked into in the course of the inspection is the treatment of the initial accounts rendered to Executive Engineers. When cases are brought into the Civil or Criminal Courts, these initial accounts are the documents which the judicial Officers generally require as evidence, and therefore the mode in which these documents are treated and filed in Divisional Offices should invariably form one of the points for investigation in the course of inspection. The Inspecting Officer should see that they are free from corrections and erasures and properly kept so that they may serve as legal evidence when required for that purpose.

3. In the body of the report the name and grade of any Officer or subordinate responsible for irregularities noticed should invariable be mentioned.

4. Previous reports should be referred to by the Inspecting Officer, and if it is found that any irregularities therein noticed have not been corrected, the same should be prominently noticed as matters on which instructions have been issued but not attended to. The report should also, as a rule, show briefly what steps have been taken to remedy all defects previously noticed.

5. The report will be forwarded to the Examiner for his remarks and transmission to the Chief Engineer.

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G. O. No 953 W. 22. 4. 85

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DIVISION Nilgiri

Name and Grade of Executive Engineer. } Major A. C. Smith R.E. Executive Engineer

Date of assuming charge 9th August 1884

Date of last inspection—

By Superintending Engineer 26th October/84.

By Examiner or Deputy 30th 31st March & 1st April/85

Date of present inspection 24th April 1885

Report of Inspection of the Executive Engineer's Office by Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle

SUPDG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 276. Ex. W. 6 JUL 85 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

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SUPDG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 672 W.S. 11 AUG 85 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

Enc: 1
Endorsement No. 72 S. E4.
d/ 29th May 1885

Transmitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department

J. C. Cordon

Examiner P. W. Accts
Madras.

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Endorsement No. 537 W.
d/ 3d. July 1885

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer 4 Circle

F. G. Heaven

Dy. Examiner
for Examiner P. W. Accts
Madras.

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Report of Inspection of the Executive Engineer's Office by Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
*1	(1) What are the Sub-divisions of this Division? (2) Name the Sub-divisional Officers in charge, and since when they have been in charge. (3) Do the Sub-divisions accord with the authorized list and limits?	(1) Ootacamund within Municipal limits & Main Road from Kallar to Gudalur. (2) Sub Condr. R. A. Bragg Sub Engineer in charge of No. 1 Sub Division from 16th April 1883. and Sub Condr. A. Lord in charge of No. 2 Sub Division from 1st April 1884 – (3) yes.			No. 1098 Cdy 25th June/85
	CASH.				
2	Who are disbursers? Who are imprest holders, and what is the amount of each imprest?	Ex Engr. & the 2 Sub Dn. Officers. Sub Dn. Officers as well as Ex Engr. Draw on Cheques. but all payments to petty Contractors &c. above Rs 50 are made by Ex Engr. Sub Condr. H. Hollingsworth is at present the only Imprest holder. Imprest Rs 700			
3	Does any change in the amount of imprest appear desirable?	3. — No.			
4	Are laborers paid up punctually and regularly? Are there any arrears of more than a month's standing? and, if so, why?	yes.			
5	If there is a cashier, has he furnished adequate security?	Yes, Rs 50 recoverable by monthly instalments of Rs 5. Security is shortly to be increased to Rs 500 recoverable Rs 10 a month.			
6	What description of chest is used? What is the arrangement for custody of key or keys?	Wooden box with 2 Chubb's locks. Key in the Custody of the H. Clerk.		6. The Key should be in the custody of the Cashier Vide Code para 1925.	For Superintending Engineer's attention. The Executive Engineer will be good enough to arrange for the key being kept by the Cashier or report why this is not done
7	What has been the largest amount of cash at any one time since last inspection. And, if unusually large, what were the circumstances under which it was kept in the chest?	Rs 53-8-7. at end of March/85. Cash balance is as a Rule never allowed to exceed Rs 50.			
8	What is the nature and strength of the guard over the Treasure Chest? Does the guard give any and what security?	No Special Guard – an Office Messenger sleeps in the premises.			
9	How is cash remitted to Sub-divisional Officers? What measures are taken for its protection?	Each Sub Divl. Officer has his own Drawing account. The Detached Officers at Wellington and Gudalur are kept in funds by Cheque on Sub treasuries at Coonoor and Gudalur.			

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No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	CASH BOOK.				
10	(a) By whom are the entries made in the Divisional Cash Book? (b) Are the entries full and clear and not unnecessarily diffuse, and are the Nos. of vouchers and Nos. of cheques and cheque-books entered in every case? (c) Does the Executive Engineer or Sub-divisional Officer initial every page, (both carried over and brought forward totals)?	(a) Head Clerk (b) Yes (c) Yes.	The totals brought forward are now initialled and the Nos. of Cheques and Cheque books are entered.	10/. The entries in the Cash Book must be made by the Cashier Vide Code para 2128.	For Superintending Engineer's attention The Executive Engineer is requested to see that this is done in future or report at once if he sees any objection Yes; the Cashier is [illegible] to be on the road, and [illegible] be the writer of Cash Book. See Code para [illegible] which Hd Clerk is the [illegible] Cashier
11	(a) Are the entries confined to Actual Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the person in charge of the chest? (b) Is there any cash in the chest except that which forms, *bonâ fide*, the cash balance of the Division?	(a) Yes (b) No			
12	Are proper precautionary measures adopted to ensure that value has been received for the amount of the bill, certificate or order, and that the document is free from clerical errors?	Yes. Suppliers Bills are prepared in Sub Dl. Offices & Checked in D. Office before they are paid. As a rule Contractors bills are prepared on Sub D. Officer's Measurement Sheet, in Divl. Office.	Measurements are invariably made in the first instance by a Sub-Divisional or detached Officer and from them the bill is made out.		
13	(a) Is the cash-book balanced and the cash in the chest actually counted by the Executive Engineer at least once a month? (b) On what date was it last counted, and is the actual balance found on that occasion noted in the Cash Book and certified to by the Executive Engineer?	(a) Yes. (b). List Counted on 1st April 1885 & certified to by Executive Engineer	The actual balance counted and certified to on 1st April was Rs 53-8-7.		
14	What is the date of the last entry in the Cash Book?	23d April 1885			
	DRAWING ACCOUNT.				
15	Is the banking system carried out to the fullest extent practicable?	Yes.			
16	(a) How often are Pass-books sent to the Treasury to be written up? (b) Is there any delay on the part of the Treasury in writing up and returning the Pass-books, or the Treasury Balance Certificates, and what explanation has the Treasury Officer given of the delay?	(a) once a week (b) none now	The Pass Book has just been sent to the Treasury Officer to be made up & so I was unable to inspect it on this occasion.	16/. Executive Engineers should receive intimation of the Superintending Engineer's intention to inspect ~~divis~~ divisions so as to have the pass book available for inspection.	For Superintending Engineer's attention Noted
17	Were the Pass-books of the Division carefully examined by you, and did the entries therein agree with those in the Cash Book? If not, explain the reason, and also state when they were last examined by the Executive Engineer, and whether on that occasion found to be correct?	Yes, the book has been written up to 17th April 1885 & examined on 20th April 1885 and found Correct.			

Report of Inspection of the Executive Engineer's Office by Superintending Engineer, ______ Circle.

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	DRAWING ACCOUNT—(*Continued*).				
18	In whose custody does the current Cheque Book (or Books) remain?	In the custody of the Executive Engineer		18/. And Sub-divisional Officers, it is presumed.	
19	At what intervals are the copies of Sub-divisional Officers' Cash Books submitted to the Executive Engineer's Office?	Once a month; Imprest holders or send their accounts twice a month or oftener for recoupment.	Hitherto Mr. Bragg only has had a drawing account & he sent in copy of Cash book on the 1st of the month; Mr. Lord will do the same in future. The special attention of the Executive Engineer is called to the remarks of the Examiner on nos. 19 & 20	19/. It would facilitate work in the Divisional office if copies of sub-divisional cash books were sent every ten days or fortnight.	(19) The Superintending Engineer will see ~~that~~ copies of each ? sub divisional cash works books are sent periodically to divisional office as suggested by the Examiner of P. W. accounts
	RENTS.				
20	What record is kept of rents and other Public Works revenue which may become due?	A monthly Return is prepared showing buildings rented & available for rent with the amount of rent recoverable. As there are no sources of P.W. Revenue this return is considered sufficient for all practical purposes.		20/. The monthly return referred to is a register showing the rents due and recovered during the month; but a record should be maintained of all miscellaneous revenue that may become due. This was pointed out on the last Inspection report also of the Superintending Engineer.	(20) Attention is drawn to the remarks, of the Examiner of P.W. accounts against this question.
21	Are demands for rents and other revenue promptly made upon the parties responsible?	Yes.			
22	What rents or other revenue are now more than one month over-due, and what steps have been taken for the recovery thereof?	None.			
	RECORDS.				
23	Are note-books regularly kept up, and do the remarks entered therein show that works are regularly and systematically inspected? (Para. 1525).	Yes.	The divisional, Sub-divisional & detached Officers keep note Books which are called for when necessary.		
24	Are separate Measurement-books kept up, and do these show that works are regularly measured?	Yes.	I inspected some measurement books from the Sub Divl. Office which show regular measurements from which the bills are made up.		
25	State the number of works in progress or completed in each Sub-division, and the number which have been check-measured by the Executive Engineer himself.	About 50 works in progress, of which about 12 are completed – All inspected by Executive Engineer.		25/. The No. of works actually check-measured by E.E. should have been stated.	This will be obtained and forwarded with future reports

Sub Divn	No of works	No of which checked	Remarks
Tr. Sub Dn			

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	RECORDS—(*Continued*).				
26	Are proper Plans and Registers kept in the Executive Engineer's Office of all the buildings, &c. in his Division, showing whether the buildings are maintained from Imperial, Provincial, or Local Funds? (Para. 1194).	A Register is kept of all buildings maintained from Imperial &c. Plans of important buildings (i.e.) Lawrence Asylum Wellington Barracks, are available. Some more plans of Cutcherries &c. are still wanting. Plans require to be properly arranged.	I inspected the Register of buildings which appears to be fairly complete. The list of Plans has still to be entered in a Book; this should now be attended to without delay.		The Executive Engineer should attend to these matters as soon as practicable.
27	Are accurate Plans kept of all Cantonment or other Government lands in charge of the Department? Are the Subordinates acquainted with the boundaries, and do they see that they are respected?	The only Cantonment is that at Wellington & of it there is a Rev. Survey Map			
28	(a) Are the Fund, Departmental, Service, Main and Sub-head, and Project clearly shown for each work entered in the Register of Estimates sanctioned? (b) Is the column for noting Completion Report filled up?	(a) yes (b) yes.	I inspected the Register of Estimates which had been made up to 31st March. The dates of Completion Reports have been filled in.		
29	Are the accounts of Sub-divisional Officers despatched, as a rule, to the Divisional Office by the 5th of the month following? If not, what steps have been taken to ensure punctuality?	Yes- Mr. Todd's accounts are sometimes too late. He has been written to on the subject.			
	REGISTERS OF WORKS.				
30	Is the Register of Works written up from the Original Work Abstracts previous to the preparation of the Work Vouchers and Schedule? If not, from what are the latter prepared?	yes	The Register of Works is now being posted for March from the work abstracts, which are made up from the ten day reports.	30/. Posting of work register for March should have been complete before 24th April.	Steps should be taken to post the register of Works in due time
31	Are the Registers kept written up to date?	yes			The special attention of the Executive Engineer is called to the remarks on question 33
32	(a) Do the Work Abstracts and Registers clearly show the quantity and value of materials at site of each work? (b) Have the materials been verified?	(a) yes (b) yes.	(a) yes. (b) They are verified by the Sub Divl. Officers.		
33	(a) Are the materials collected not in excess of the actual requirements of the work in each case? (b) And are transfers of materials from one work to another of frequent occurrence?	(a) As a rule, yes. but some Shingles Collected for Combined Post & Telegraph Office roof are in excess of actual requirements. will be utilized elsewhere or sold. (b) As frequent as necessity arises to facilitate progress of work	Transfers of materials from one work to another rarely occur.		

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	REGISTERS OF WORKS—(*Continued*).				
34	Before any work is begun, does the Executive Engineer see that the Officer in charge is supplied with fully detailed instructions in writing and proper working drawings? [Paras. 329, 1519, 1520, 1523 and 1524.]	Yes.	Both the Officers in Charge and the Contractors have instructions and Copies of plans.		
35	Are works carried on as rapidly as is possible with reference to the funds appropriated and soundness of execution? [Para. 1521.]	Yes.			
36	Are there any works commenced without sanction, appropriation of funds and written orders by competent authority for their commencement? In the case of such works, are the rates fair and such as will be covered by the ordinary rates of the station? [Paras. 311, 1513, 1518 and 1519.]	There was only one - i.e. Bombay Castle the outlay on which has now been stopped pending definite orders by Govt. of India as to whether the Charge should be "Imperial" or "Provincial"	Sanction is still awaited to the estimate of Rs. 5575. vide G.O. No. 2631 W of 27th October/84. meantime expenditure has been incurred to the extent of about Rs. 3000/.		Final orders are still awaited from Government of India It has since been decided to treat the work as Provincial
	WORKS.				
37	Does the Executive Engineer make frequent inspections of out-stations, and see that the work carried on by his subordinates is sound and economical? [Para. 330.]	Yes.			
38	What is the date of the last Inspection Note submitted by the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer? [Para. 332.]	17th March 1885.			
39	What Sub-divisions have remained uninspected for more than six months? [Para. 333.]	None	In future the Subdivisional Officers having drawing accounts, their Offices will have to be inspected half yearly. Hitherto they have only been imprest holders.		Noted.
	WORK ACCOUNTS.				
40	Are Work Abstracts prepared by Sub-Divisional Officers, or in the Divisional Office?	Divisional Office.			
41	Are Completion Reports sent in immediately on the completion of each work? And is the fact recorded as a closing entry in the Register of Works? [Para. 323.]	Are sent in as soon as possible after completion — fact of completion recorded in Register of works.			

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	CONTRACTS.				
42	Are contract work and petty contract work availed of to the fullest extent practicable or desirable?	Yes, as far as possible.			
43	Has security been taken in all cases for the due fulfilment of contracts? And where security is not taken, is the usual reserve of 10 per cent. invariably retained from each payment?	10 per cent invariably deducted			
44	What steps are taken to ensure that contractors or petty contractors shall acknowledge from time to time the correctness of the balance of their accounts?	The balances are brought forward in the bills they sign which is considered sufficient acknowledgment.		44/. The contractor should acknowledge the correctness of his ~~a~~ accounts by signing the letter Vide Code para 2256	For Superintending Engineer's attention The Executive Engineer's attention is called to para No. 2256 of the Code.
45	Are there any disputed accounts with contractors? If so, state briefly the particulars and the steps taken to obtain a final adjustment.	There is a dispute between Esoff Sait & Groves & Co. about some timber supplied by the former (thro' the Dept as he states) to the latter for record room Collector's Cutchery involving a sum of Rs 115-8-4. Late Ex. Engr decided that it should not be paid. The matter will be again looked into and properly decided.	(45) This matter should be settled without further delay and the fact reported.		
46	(a) Is there any, and what, record kept in the Office, of Measurements of all contract work? (b) In the case of roads, and such like work, does the record show the locality of the work done according to mileage? (c) Does the Executive Engineer check measurements?	(a) Extracts from measurement books filed with contractors bills. (b) This will be done in future in respect of the Main Road. (c) Yes.		46(c)/ See answer to query 25	
47	Are there any contract works not measured and paid for, for a period of more than three months, and, if so, what is the reason for non-measurement?	No.			
	STOCK.				
48	What was the balance of stock in the Division at the end of the month for which accounts were last submitted?	Rs 36936-14-5.			
49	Have tenders been invited for the supply of Stores at Schedule rates as wanted, so as to obviate the necessity of keeping more stock on hand than can be helped?	Tenders are usually advertized for for all new works to be given out on Contract. These have also for the 1st time been invited for supply of Petty stores.	The Contract system is being introduced as far, and as fast as is practicable, and this will obviate the necessity for stock; with the exception of bricks of good quality which will probably still have to be made departmentally	49/. In G.O. No. 1895 W dated 4th August 1884, a special report was called for at the end of the current official year from the Superintending Engineer.	The Superintending Engineer's report called for in G.O. No. 1895 W dated 4th August 1884 is awaited. The report [illegible]
50	Is this under or in excess of sanctioned reserve, and if the latter, why?	In excess owing to the high charges for manufacture & land & kilns on which a special report will be made as soon as seasons operations are closed.			

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	STOCK—(*Continued*).				
51	When and by whom was the stock in each Sub-division last counted, and were the quantities on that date duly certified to? If incorrect, have the discrepancies been duly accounted for?	By Sub Dl. Officers on the following dates. 31st March 1885, 11th April 1885, quantities duly certified to.		Enquire to determine the question of increasing or reducing the limit of Reserve fixed for the Dn.	Office No 400/N-S of 18th August/84 should be expedited.
52	Are the prices at which the stock is now rated fair and reasonable with reference to the rates at which it is now manufactured or purchased?	Yes with the exception of out-turn from Lake Brickfield which is very high (Rs30 per 1000) owing to the expensive nature of operations.	* Balance in hand Rs 35436 Reserve limit Rs 17500 Excess over reserve Rs 17936	50/. The balance of stock in hand at end of March/85 was greatly in excess of the reserve limit, although in sanctioning the estimates for manufacturing operations in this Division Government ordered (Vide G.O. No 625 W.D/14-3-85) that they should not tend to increase the reserve limit fixed for the Dn. at the close of the official year. 51/ The names of Sub Dl. officers should have been stated. 53/ The question here refers to Surplus Stock articles & this has not been replied to.	Vide order passed above
53	(a) Are there any surplus materials in the Division on which there have been no transactions during the past six months, and which are not likely to be required? (b) And is there any Stock or Tools and Plant that it would be advisable to sell or otherwise dispose of?	(a) There are some Shingles belonging to the Combined Post & Telegraph office valued @ Rs1276 which are not likely to be required. A sale of unserviceable articles has been sanctioned by Supdg Engr. in his No 181/N.I. of 23-3-85.			
	STOCK MANUFACTURE.				
54	What is the balance under the head of Stock Manufactures? I.—For Bricks? II.—For other Materials? Is this amount reported by the Executive Engineer to be fully covered by materials in course of manufacture? What steps have been taken by the Executive Engineer to satisfy himself on this point?	Balance of every thing at end of March 1885. +Bricks 3000 - Rs6730+ Other materials 3730 The actual quantity of materials will be correctly known at close of season's operations.	(54) The manufacture of bricks is now being stopped as there is a good stock in hand & as soon as it is stopped a revised rate will be fixed. If it is decided that further manufacture is to go on proposals will be made for working the machine by water power.	54/. The point of the second question appears to have been missed. The Executive Engineer should have stated whether the balance at debit of manufacture is covered by the value of materials in course of manufacture. The closing of the accounts of operations is not necessary to secure this information.	(54) For Superintending Engineer's attention The Executive Engineer is requested to furnish the information now asked for.
	TOOLS AND PLANT.				
55	Is the Divisional Register of Tools and Plant posted up to date and kept separate from Stock?	yes.			
56	Are all Surveying and Drawing Instruments kept in the personal custody of the Executive Engineer and his Assistants? [Para. 1967.]	In the custody of Store Keeper	(56). The instruments are kept in almirahs and the keys kept by the Store Keeper. The Executive Engineer inspects them periodically. There are no unserviceable levelling instruments.		
57	Are none but instruments required for actual use kept up in the Division, and the orders of the Superintending Engineer taken with regard to the remainder? [Para. 1962.]	Application has been made for new Levelling Instruments. ~~When received~~. Other unserviceable articles have recently been sold by public auction under Supdg Engr's Sanction.			

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	TOOLS AND PLANT—(*Continued*).				
58	(a) When and by whom were the tools last counted in each Sub-division? (b) Are the count certificates attached to the half-yearly Returns? (c) And have all discrepancies been enquired into and adjusted?	Mr. Bragg on 30th & 31st March 1885. " Lord — 31st — Do " Hollingsworth 2d April 1885. " Saldanha 23d March 1885. Divl. Storekeeper 11th & 16th Feby/85. (b) yes — (c) no discrepancies.	(c) There are no discrepancies.	58/ Code para 2016 directs that all important stores be counted by a member of the Engineer establishment; it is not thought that count by storekeeper is sufficient.	The tools should in future be counted by a member of the Engineer Establishment.
	ROAD METAL.				
59	Are there proper records of Road Metal collected and used—also showing rates and quantity in store?	Monthly Statements are received from Sub D. Offices of Road Metal Collected & used.			For the Executive Engineer's special attention
	MISCELLANEOUS.				
60	What is the total amount of miscellaneous advances outstanding? What steps have been taken for their recovery, and are any of the items considered irrecoverable?	Rs 1014. all in course of adjustment.		60/ The Superintending Engineer 4th circle was specially addressed by this office regarding the items outstanding in the Miscellaneous Advances Schedule.	Early steps should be taken for adjustment of the items still outstanding und miscellaneous advances. The outstanding balances have already been reduced to a small amount and the Executive Engineer is requested to report for the information of Govt what amount still remains unadjusted and when he hopes to adjust it.
61	(a) Is the account of deposits properly kept? (b) Does it contain ~~any~~ only items susceptible of adjustment?	(a) yes (b) yes.			
62	Is there any Divisional Rate-book kept up? If not, on what date are the rates for estimates calculated? [Para. 266.]	yes	(62). There is a Rate Book, it has lately been revised, a copy of the Revised Rate Book should be furnished to the Circle Office and one for the Chief Engineer.		
63	(a) What Sub-divisional transfers have been made since last inspection? (b) Are the Transfer Reports duly filed in the Office, and were all irregularities and deficiencies duly brought to notice of the Superintending Engineer and Examiner?	(a) Abdul Karim Khan Saib made over his Sub Divn. to Mr. Lord on 10 November/84. (b) yes.			
64	Are there any persons employed in the Office who are beyond the strength of the permanent and temporary establishment sanctioned for the Office, and if so, how are they paid?	No.			
65	Are the books and primary accounts kept in the prescribed manner, and are they attended to by the Executive and Assistant Engineers and not left too much in the hands of Accountants and Subordinates? [Para. 270.]	yes.			

Report of Inspection of the Executive Engineer's Office by Superintending Engineer, ______ Circle.

No.	Queries or points to be noted.	Information afforded by Executive Engineer.	Remarks by Inspecting Officer.	Remarks by Examiner.	Orders of Chief Engineer.
	MISCELLANEOUS—(*Continued*).				
66	Are the Subordinate, Office and Petty Establishments efficient, actually necessary and adequate to the management of the Division? Are they acquainted with the Code Rules? [Para. 269.]	Yes	The Establishments are efficient, necessary and adequate; with the exception that the Executive Engineer would be glad to have an extra Sub overseer for employment in the Municipal limits on works under Mr. Bragg, and this will now be recommended officially.	66/ The appointment of a Suboverseer has been sanctioned by Government	
67	Are Service Books kept up for all, and duly signed by the Executive Engineer?	Yes			
	GENERAL REMARKS. Nil.				

Dated 28 April 1885
A. L. Smith Major RE
Executive Engineer.

Recd 27/4/85

Copd MDr 27/4

Dated 30th April /85
J. Beatty - Col. RE
Superintending Engineer.

Dated 29th May 1885.
D. C. Gunnery
Examiner, P. W. Accounts.

19-6-85

Dated C. Anwen Major RE
Deputy Chief Engineer.

To The Supdg: Engineer IV Circle
through the Examr. P. W. Accts
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S O
GEN'L NO. 1433
5 AUG 1885
P.W.D.
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No. 479/23

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Nilgiris, whose attention is drawn to the Examiner's remarks and the orders of Government thereon and he is requested to report specially on the points noted for the information of Government.

L. Beatty - Col., R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.
1st Augt./85.

(To be returned)

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P. W. A. G. O[illegible]

From

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle.

Dated 27th } August 1885.
Desp.d " }

No. $\frac{359}{E.W.}$

Enclosure 1.

Report of Inspection of the Nilgiri Division Office by the Supg. Engineer IV Circle

Forwards Executive Engr's explanation for information of the Chief Engineer with reference to his No. 1098C of 25th June 1885. on [illegible]

No. 1330

Executive Engineer's Office
Ootacamund 13th August 1885

From

The Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th circle

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Sir

In returning herewith your last report of inspection of the Divisional Office with the Chief Engineer's orders No. 1098 of 25th June 1885, and your Endorsement thereon No. $\frac{479}{N.D.}$ of 1st Instant, I have the honor to submit the following Explanation.

6c page 1
10c page 2

In deciding whether or not the key of the Divisional Cash Chest should be kept by the Cashier, and the Divisional cash book written by him, the peculiar circumstances of the Division should be taken into account and especially the circumstance that the Cashier will be very seldom in the Divisional Office to take note of cheques drawn and to make any petty payments in connection with Divisional Office Contingencies. The Cashier was specially appointed to relieve the Sub Divisional Officers of the duty of making petty payments to Coolies, so that they may have more time for inspection purposes, he will therefore be more or less always on the move, up and down the Gudalur road or elsewhere. It would therefore be highly inconvenient, if not impossible for him to keep the key of the Divisional Cash Chest, or even the Divisional Cash Book. I would therefore strongly recommend that the present system under which the Head clerk is entrusted with the key of the Cash chest as well as the writing up of the Divisional Cash Book be continued - vide concluding portion of Code para 1924.

49 & 50 / pages 6 & 7 — Vide this Office letters noted below:-

No. 1122 of 22nd July 1885.
" 1239 " 31st July 1885.

54. page 7 — The balance at debit is by no means covered by the value of materials in course of operation - in other words there is a heavy loss, which will have to be adjusted at close of operations.

60 - page 8 — The amount unadjusted to end of June is Rs 872"0"10. Of this amount Rs 400"0"0 are outstanding against the late Mr Normand

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x adjusted in July/85

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and will be debited to the State Railway concerned on the receipt of the required information from Mr Grant the Dy Examiner in charge of State Railway accounts, another sum of Rs 119"15"8 being pay and allowances of Lascar Lazarus will be debited to Establishment in July's accounts as per audited salary bill for June. The balance is made of small items principally advances to members of the Department, which of necessity figure in the Suspense accounts of every Division more or less, which are in course of adjustment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
A. B. Smith Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

+ Adjusted in July/85.

No. 359 / E.W.

Enclosure 1.
Report of Inspection of the Nilgiri Dn. Office by the Supg. Engr. IV Circle

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. thro' the Examiner of P.W. Accounts for information with reference to his No. 1098 C of 25th June 1885 on the report of inspection of the Executive Engineer's office by the Superintending Engineer.

2 The custody of the key of the cash chest and the writing of Cash Account may under the circumstances explained by Executive Engineer, be advantageously left with the Head Clerk in reference to the latter part of para 1924 of the P.W. Code.

3 As regards observations on Stock manufacture the Chief Engineer's attention is invited to this Office No. 329/E.W. of 14th August 1885; also his Memorandum No. 1345 C of 6th August /85.

4. The outstanding Miscellaneous Advances will in great part be adjusted in the accounts for July 1885.

S.P.
4-9-85

F. Beatty Colonel R.E.
27th August /85
Supdg. Engineer IV Circle

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EXAMINER
No.
31 AUG 1885
ENCLOSURES
P. W. ACCOUNTS

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

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From

The Executive Engr.
Nilgiri Divn.

No. 1330
Dated 10th Augt./85
Enclosed Inspn. Report.

Inspection Report –
Divisional Office –
Returns with the required
Explanation

Endorsement No. 306 S. E. IV
of 8th September 1885

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department with the following remarks.

Query 54. The ~~lapses~~ losses on Manufactures conducted in the Nilgiri Division are chronic, and seem to require careful investigation.

Query 60. Advances to Members of the Department are not being regularly recovered and on the Executive Engineer's attention being drawn to the fact in Audit ~~Accountant General's (P W Depa~~) Note on accounts for March/85, he states that being on the Spot he is a "better judge of the par"ticular circumstances of "each case where a rigid en"forcement of Code rules "would result in unneces"sary hardship with Corres"ponding disadvantage."

What the particular hardships are the undersigned fails to see; but in any case the Executive Engineer is not at liberty to deviate from Code rules without proper sanction.

Recoveries on account of the hire of public Cattle

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to private individuals are not also regularly made, and the Executive Engineer in accounts for July 1885 states that the items are being recovered "with the utmost regularity possible with due regard both to the public interest and the convenience of the parties concerned."

J. C. Gordon
Examiner P. W. Accts
Madras.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2211 W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Septr 1885.

READ the following

From the Supdg. Engineer IV Circle No. 359 E.W. d/ 27th August 1885.
From the Examiner P. W. Accounts No. 306 S.E. IV d/ 8th Septr. 1885.

The remarks of the Examiner of P.W. Accounts relative to the losses on manufactures conducted in the Nilgiri Division will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, in view to a special report being submitted on the subject.

2. ~~The Supdg Engineer will take~~ The necessary steps should be taken for the early recovery of the

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amounts still remaining unadjusted in the accounts of the Nilgiri Division under miscellaneous Advances.

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To The Supdg. Engineer IV Circle ✓
" Exr. P.W. Accounts ✓

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A.J.S. 7¾/9.
a. 14.9.85

Desp 21/9/85