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J.W.C. No. 5075

B.No. 1896W. d/27 July

From,
The Superintending Engineer,
IIIrd Circle.

The accounts
the Kurnool
Division should
reach the Exam-
iner's office by
the 22nd of each
month - unless
further orders.

To, The Chief Engineer
M.D.
Madras

Dated 21st July 1886
Received 22nd July

Enclosures.

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23/7/86

No. 780

Kurnool Divisional
Accounts.

Recommending that
the date of submission of
may be extended to the 20th
for the reason assigned

S.E. III. Circle

Exr. P.W. Accs.

6.5.86

23.7.86

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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, 4th June 1886, No. 36 W.:—

Adverting to G.O., No. 721 W., dated 23rd March 1885, prescribing revised dates for submission of divisional accounts, subject to reconsideration after the lapse of a year, I have the honor to report that the arrangement has been in force during the year 1885-86, and that the following are the results.

2. In the accompanying statement, marked (A), is given the number of divisional accounts received after due date in 1884-85 under the old arrangement, compared with the number in 1885-86, under the new; showing that, whereas in 1884-85, 47 per cent. of the divisions used to be in arrears, in 1885-86 the percentage of arrears has risen to 55; so that, notwithstanding the additional time allowed, there has been a greater want of punctuality than formerly.

3. Thus, the opinion expressed in my office note, No. 323, dated 2nd August 1884, paragraph 10, has proved correct, and no advantage has been gained by the relaxation of rule. I would therefore suggest that the old rule be reverted to, and that Superintending Engineers be requested to propose such measures as may ensure its being properly carried out. Statement (B) attached shows the divisions which have been in arrears.

ENCLOSURES.

A.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the number of divisional accounts received within and after due dates during 1884-85 and 1885-86 (divisions the accounts of which are compiled in this office are omitted).

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1884-85.				1885-86.			
Number of divisions rendering accounts each month.		Number of accounts rendered <i>within</i> due date.	Number of accounts rendered <i>after</i> due date.	Number of divisions rendering accounts each month.		Number of accounts received <i>within</i> due date.	Number of accounts received <i>after</i> due date.
Month.	Total number of divisions.			Month.	Divisions.		
April 1884	37	20	17	April 1885	39	20	19
May	38	19	19	May	39	17	22
June	38	22	16	June	38	19	19
July	38	24	14	July	37	13	24
Aug.	38	27	11	Aug.	37	11	26
Sept.	38	18	20	Sept.	37	15	22
Oct.	37	24	13	Oct.	37	12	25
Nov.	38	13	25	Nov.	37	18	19
Dec.	37	16	19	Dec.	37	17	20
Jan. 1885	37	20	17	Jan. 1886	37	23	14
Feb.	37	20	17	Feb.	37	24	13
Mar.	37	12	25	Mar.	36	11	25
Total	450	237	213	Total	448	200	248
Percentage	..	52.7	47.3	Percentage	..	44.6	55.4

MADRAS,
4th June 1886.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

B.

STATEMENT showing divisions and the average number of days in arrears in 1885-86.

Divisions.						Due date.	Average Number of days in arrears.
I	Ganjam	...	...	...	...	20	13
	Rushikulya	...	...	...	...	20	6
	Godávri Eastern	...	...	...	...	30	6
	Do. Central	...	...	...	...	25	10
	Do. Western	...	...	...	...	25	3
II	Dowlaishweram	...	...	...	...	20	3
	Kistna Eastern	...	...	...	...	24	1
	Sangam	...	...	...	...	21	4
III	Buckingham canal	...	...	...	...	21	3
	Kurnool	...	...	...	...	20	4
IV	B. Project	...	...	...	...	16	2
	Coimbatore	...	...	...	...	21	2
	Nilgiri	...	...	...	...	22	2
	South Arcot	...	...	...	...	21	2
V	Presidency	...	...	...	...	21	2
	Do. Stores	...	...	...	...	20	3
VI	Trichinopoly	...	...	...	...	19	1
	Cauvery-Vennár	...	...	...	...	19	7
	Negapatam	...	...	...	...	19	4
	Ramnád	...	...	...	...	20	5
	Tank	...	...	...	...	20	3

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

MADRAS,
4th June 1886.

ORDER—dated 21st June 1886, No. 1560 W., Public Works.

The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, submits the report called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 721 W., dated 23rd March 1885, relative to the results of the revised dates fixed for the submission of monthly divisional accounts.

2. The Government regret to observe that, instead of improvement resulting from the extended time allowed in the case of many divisions, there was generally a greater want of punctuality in 1885-86 than in the previous year. The divisions most frequently in arrears appear to be those named in the margin, the Ganjam division having been notoriously late in the submission of its accounts. His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot but regard this report with dissatisfaction, and must again direct the personal attention of Superintending Engineers to the matter.

Ganjam.	Kurnool.
Rushikulya.	Cauvery-Vennár.
Godávri Eastern.	Negapatam.
Godávri Central.	Ramnád.
Sangam.	

The results seem to show that the preparation of the accounts is not commenced until the due date is near at hand; whereas it should be impressed on Executive Engineers that their preparation should be commenced at the earliest possible date in the month, so that pressure and delay in their completion may be avoided.

3. The dates fixed in G.O., No. 721 W., dated 23rd March 1885, will remain in force for another year, and a report on the subject will again be made by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, at the end of 1886-87. Since the date of that Government order, the Kurnool and Kurnool Canal divisions have been amalgamated; and the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, will report whether any extension of time is required in the case of the combined division. The Government are of opinion that more punctuality will be attained if the promotion of accountants and the annual increments to their salaries were made dependent on the regular submission of

divisional accounts; and if, when the accounts of any division are late more than a certain number of times in the year, without satisfactory explanation from the Executive Engineer, the accountant concerned were to receive no increment.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance Scheme.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez,
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 21st June 1886, No. 1560 W.

JUNE.

Divisional Accounts

Orders on report by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, on the results in 1885-86 of the revised dates fixed for the submission of —.

Superintending Engineer's Office,
3RD CIRCLE

D.W.

It is necessary
to fix a date
by which the
accounts shd
reach C.

A.S. proposes
20th as the date
the accs should
be despatched
from the Division.

HB

22.7.86.

In G.O N° 721 W of 23rd March
1885. The date fixed for receipt
of accounts in Examiner's Office for
the Kurnool & Kurnool Canal Division
respectively were the 16th & 20th.

Since that time the two divisions
have been amalgamated and in
G.O N° 1560 W of 21st June 1886
S.E III was asked to report
whether any increase of time

was necessary requests
S.E III now reports that the date
of despatch from E.L's Office may
be fixed for 20th by which the
accounts will reach E's Office
by the 22nd.

He states that the increased
time is absolutely necessary
and that the accounts can be
punctually despatched by the
date named.

On
23.7.86.

The desired increase of
time may be allowed
in favour of the accounts
of the Kurnool & Kurnool
E.L's Office 12th

Superintending Engineer's Office,

3RD CIRCLE

Bellary 21st July 1886.

No. 80

FROM,

Col. M. S. S. R. E.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

IIIRD CIRCLE.

TO,

THE

Engineer

P. W. Department

Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to para 3 of G. O. No. 1560W dated 21st 886, I have the honor to report that saving of time for the submission of the Kharche accounts is absolutely necessary in the case of combined Kurnool Canal Division; for the amalgamation of the two Divis, the accounts work has greatly increased.

I therefore recommend that the date fixed for the submission of accounts from this Division be extended to the 20th, by which date the A/c can be most punctually submitted.

I have the honor to be

your most obedient servant.

Col. M. S. S. R. E.

Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle