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From, The Superintending Engineer,
IIIrd Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
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Madras

Dated 5th } January 1887.
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No. 1997
Lapse of allotment
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P. W. C. No 2-79

To

The Examiner P. W. Accounts.

Sir,

I beg to state that all letters received in the Divisional Office are first opened by the Executive Engineer who after perusal would send them to the Head Clerk to be handed over to the Registering Clerk for registry, and distribution to the parties concerned. It is very doubtful whether in the course of this transition, the Superintending Engineer's letter communicating the grant in question was ever made over to me, as I always took particular care to keep the Register of grants that I maintained, correct and up to date.

2. In the ordinary course, an omission from the above registers is liable to be detected when the monthly Progress Report of grant and outlay is submitted to the Superintending Engineer. But in the present instance, it was not so. Again when, in March 1887, the Executive Engineer asked

With regards

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asked me to go with him to Ramandrog.
I compared my register, before starting, with
that of the Superintending Engineer's office,
entry by entry, but there was no dis-
agreement between the two records. Then
again, when the Divisional Administration
Report for 1886-87 was submitted to Super-
intending Engineer, no discrepancy was
ever pointed out by him. What is more,
the Examiner's office which is always
positive in disclosing errors, was silent
in this particular instance. The C. O.
sanctioning the work for execution
when funds are available was sufficient
authority for me to endorse "no funds
were available" for the work in question
and under para 1076 of the Code. When
the C. O. referred to above was communi-
cated by Superintending Engineer to the
Divisional Office, even then the fact
that ~~funds~~ funds were already granted
for the work from the amount at
the disposal of the officer Commanding
Ceded Districts was not endorsed on
the C. O.

3. I have submitted these facts as
proofs to show that from whatever cause,
the omission in question might have hap-
pened, it was not due to any negligence
on ^{my} part; and I respectfully solicit that
in consideration of these extenuating cir-
cumstances, that this explanation will be
favorably considered by the Examiners.

(signed) P. Bashiem Naider

11th November 1887.

Accountant 3rd grade.

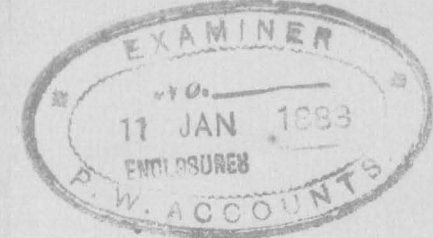
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GOVT. OF MADRAS.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 30th November 1887.

OFFICE NOTE No. 817.

To

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Enc only

G.O. No. 2775 W. dated 19th. October 1887.

Adverting to para 5 of G.O. quoted above, I beg to append for the information of Government copy of the explanation furnished by Accountant P. Bashiem Naidu (now doing duty in the central office) regarding the charge of negligence brought against him; and to state that he seems to have done all that he could to ensure the accuracy of his books.

2. I would also point out that there is nothing to show that he personally ever received any intimation of the allotment of funds for the work in question.

3. I think it is desirable that, as regards documents with

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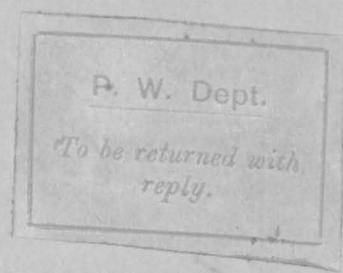
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which the accountant is required to deal, and in connection with which it may from time to time be necessary to bring home to him responsibility for delays and omissions, there should be in every divisional office a register or registers showing the receipt of the documents by the accountant, and the dates of the several operations required in connection with them.

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No 4417 of 2^d December 1887

Refers to the Suptg. Engineer III Circle who will report what evidence there is to show that the sanction to the allotment of funds was seen by the Accountant of the Executive Engineer's Office.

Wm. J. acted, Secy. P.W.D.
1.12.87

To S.E. III Circle (Circular)

Sir, We can produce no written evidence, but I must mention here that it is usual with the messengers to bring papers from the Engineer and leave them in a basket kept for that purpose. The letters &c are first read by the accountant and then by myself. The papers are then handed over to the Registering Clerk for registry. After registry they are distributed to the parties concerned. This system is in force from the formation of this Division in November 1881 till up to date.

Under these circumstances Bhashiam Nayadu could not deny that he never saw the S.E.'s letter communicating the grant in question nor could I have failed to hand the

I have waited to answer this reference till
the Head Clerk came back from leave during
the Xmas holidays just passed in order to
ascertain the practice regarding letters received
in the Executive Engineer's Office. He says that
though he is nominally Manager yet letters
do not as a matter of course first go through
him, but are endorsed by the Executive Eng:
to him or to the Accountant, or to the Drafts-
man according to the subject of each letter.
He therefore disclaims responsibility for
all letters. As in most offices there seems
to have been friction between the Accountant
and the Head Clerk each wanting to be Manager
and each ready to throw the blame of any
thing having gone wrong on the other.

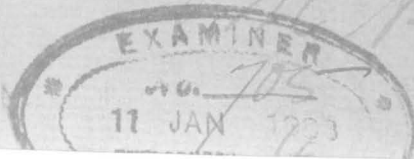
The Executive Engineer has promised to
see that all important papers passing through
the hands of the Accountant and Head Clerk
are initialled by each of them.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant.

H. M. M. Col R. G.
Superintending Engineer
III Circle

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 9778

From The Examiners P.W. Dept.

ENCLOS.— 1

No. 817

Dated 30th November 1887.

Received 1st December 1887.

SUBJECT.
Submitting explanation of P.
Bashim Naidu, Accountant,
in regard to the charge of negligence
brought against him in con-
nection with the allotment
of funds for the completion of
wall of the Lock Hospital
at Bellary.

DISPOSAL.

No. 4417 Dated 2nd December 1887

Referred to the Supty:
Engineer III Circle who will
report what evidence there is
to show that the sanction
to the allotment of funds was
given by the Accountant of the
Executive Engineer's Office.
Wd) P.O. Huse, Secy. P.W. Dept.
To S. E. III Circle to be returned
to S. E. III Circle

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 141 & 9778

From

The Superintendent Engineer
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ENCLOS.-4

No. 1997

Dated 5th January 1887.

Received 7th January 1887.

SUBJECT.

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Explanation on the subject.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 19th.

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G.O., 19th Oct. 1887, No. 2775 W.

OCTOBER.

Lock Hospital at Bellary

Orders on report from the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, of the circumstances in which the allotment made during 1886-87 for fitting up a new gate and raising the compound wall of the — was allowed to lapse.

19TH OCTOBER 1887, No. 2775 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th August 1887, No. 2913-A.

Referring to this office letter No. 2358 A., of 5th July 1887, I am desired to submit, for the information of Government, the letter, as per margin, from the General Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, from No. 128 G., dated 13th August 1887.

which it appears that, notwithstanding the provision of funds and the execution of the work in the last official year, the Executive Engineer of the district now requires a fresh allotment of funds to be made for the work in the current year.

2. Before approving of the allotment of funds, which the Brigadier-General Commanding reports he has made a second time, the Commander-in-Chief would ask that the matter be brought to the notice of Government in the Public Works Department, in view to its opinion being obtained as to the necessity for the renewed grant of funds, which, I am to note, will unduly diminish the balance available for allotment for minor works of the current year in the Ceded Districts command.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel A. D. PARSONS, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, dated Bellary, 13th August 1887, No. 128 G.

Adverting to my monthly statement of Minor Works Grant, sanctioned in December 1886, and letters No. 12-G. of 26th January and No. 100-G. of 27th June 1887, I have the honor to report for your information that the Executive Engineer, Bellary division, writes and says, under date the 19th July 1887, that the amount, Rs. 664, already assigned last year for "fitting up a new gate and raising the compound wall of Lock Hospital," is not available for outlay during the current year and the same having lapsed.

2. He has therefore requested that Rs. 600 be now allotted afresh, and I accordingly sanctioned the amount from the current year's grant.

No. 5086, Military.

Referred to the Public Works Department with advertence to this department proceedings of Government, No. 4103, dated 11th July 1887.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
19th August 1887.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 505 D.

Compound wall of the Lock Hospital, Bellary.—Forwarding original letter of Quartermaster-General to Superintending Engineer, III Circle, with request to report the circumstances in which the allotment made during 1886-87 for fitting up a new gate and raising the — was allowed to lapse.

From C. J. PETERS, Esq., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 15th September 1887, No. 1145.

I have the honor to submit a copy of letter No. 1490, of 9th September 1887, from the Executive Engineer, Bellary division, explaining how the allotment for raising the wall of the Lock Hospital at Bellary was allowed to lapse.

2. The fact of the allotment having been made appears to have been lost sight of both in the divisional and this office. On the sum being allotted, it should, of course, have been at once registered in the book kept for that purpose in each office. The accountant, through whose negligence this was not done in the divisional office, was transferred from this circle in May 1887.

3. The second clerk in this office, whose duty it was to register it in this office, pleads that he was sick at the time.

ENCLOSURE.

From A. H. GARRETT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Bellary division, to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, dated Bellary, 9th September 1887, No. 1490.

In reply to your No. 1016, of 5th September 1887, I have the honor to explain the circumstances under which the allotment made in 1886-87 for raising the wall of the Lock Hospital was allowed to lapse. The estimate for this work amounted to Rs. 630 and consequently required the sanction of Government. In view, however, of the emergent nature of the work, it was sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer. On 2nd December the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts allotted funds for the work, and this fact was communicated by the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General had been requested to forward the estimate for sanction of Government. In G.O., No. 668 W., of 4th March 1887, Government sanctioned the work for execution "when funds are available," being, I suppose, unaware that funds had already been allotted. This fact of funds having been provided also escaped the notice of my office, and I think the wording of the Government order to some extent explains the mistake. My accountant therefore, when a bill was submitted for the work in March, endorsed on it that no funds were available. I may mention that the grant for the work was never entered in my progress report, nor was the omission ever noticed in the Superintending Engineer's office. Moreover, when the allotment was made by the Officer Commanding the District, the fact never seems to have been communicated to the Examiner, otherwise he would have corrected the abstract at the end of my schedule of expenditure for December 1886 and subsequent months.

ORDER—dated 19th October 1887, No. 2775 W., Public Works.

The foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, will be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, through the Military Department, with reference to the endorsement in that department, No. 5086, dated 19th August 1887.

2. The explanation furnished by the Superintending Engineer is very unsatisfactory.

3. It appears that an appropriation of funds was duly made for the work by the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts, but that the circumstance was overlooked in both the Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer's offices. Seeing that expenditure was being incurred on the work, application should have been at once made for a specific appropriation to cover it, when the facts of the case would have been elicited in time to prevent the lapse of grant which has now occurred.

4. In the circumstances explained, it is considered that a renewed grant of funds for the work in the current year is necessary, and the Military Department will be requested to arrange for the allotment provided by the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts being sanctioned.

5. Due notice should be taken of the culpable neglect of the second clerk in the Superintending Engineer's office and of the accountant, who, though transferred, is still in Government service.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Military Department.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
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