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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 21-7-88
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railway Stores, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 11th August 1888, No. X Railway.

Vendors' bills for stores purchased through the Port Storekeepers for State Railways or for the Irrigation and Buildings and Roads Branches of the Public Works Department.

Read—

Paragraph 31 of a report, dated the 3rd March 1888, of an inspection of the office of the Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta, by the Examiner of Accounts of the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

"31 Vendors' Bills.—Bills are made out by vendors in triplicate, the original and duplicate are sent by them to the indenting officer direct, in accordance with the address and instructions given on the supply order, form No. S. R. 36/C. The triplicate copy and the railway receipt are sent to the Port Storekeeper, who forwards the latter to the indenting officer with a memorandum of advice, and then completes the posting of his progress sheet, as explained in the preceding paragraph. The original copy of the bill is returned to the vendors duly receipted by the indenting officer, for transmission to the Port Storekeeper for payment. Here, I think, there is a weak link in the chain. In the first place it does not seem right in principle that a bill, after it has been accepted, should be returned to the vendor to be presented to a third party for payment. An unscrupulous vendor might alter the quantities accepted, or otherwise tamper with the bill, and such alterations, unless they were very palpable indeed, would not be detected in the Port Storekeeper's office. The system, though in accordance with orders, see Director of State Railway Stores' No. 2888-E, dated 21st May 1879, appears to be objectionable in this respect. I think, and Mr. Mellor agrees with me, that the accepted bill should be returned to him and not to the vendor, the latter being advised by the certifying officer, if necessary, that his bill has been accepted and sent to the Port Storekeeper for payment. Again, in cases where delay takes place in acceptance, and the vendor makes enquiry as to the cause, the Port Storekeeper is often at a loss to find out where the bill is. The indenting officer, when applied to, states it has been returned to the vendor, and the latter in turn states either that he has not received it, or that he has sent it to the Port Storekeeper. This inconvenience and attendant delay would be minimized if the procedure I have suggested were adopted."

Read also—

Director General of Railways' Circular No. XIII of the 5th November 1886.

Observations.—The Government of India agrees in the objections brought to notice by the Examiner of Accounts of the Eastern Bengal State Railway to the system prescribed in the Director General of Railways' Circular herein read, under which vendors' bills, after acceptance by indenting officers, are returned direct to the vendors for transmission to the Port Storekeepers for payment.

Resolution.—The Government of India therefore desires that in future all verified and accepted bills for stores supplied by vendors on orders issued to them by the Port Storekeepers should be returned by the indenting officer direct to the Port Storekeeper, and not as hitherto to the vendors or dealers supplying the goods.

10th September 1888, No. 2796 W., Public Works.

Order.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated, for information and guidance, to the

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North Western Provinces and
Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Berar and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Rajasthan, Central India and Baluchistan.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

Local Governments
and Administrations,
and to the officers
noted in the margin.

Also, for information, to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways.

(Signed) M. C. BRACKENBURY, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary.

Copy.—dated 10th September 1888, No. 2796 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers,
To the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 10th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 10th Sept. 1888, No. 2796 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Stores

Circular from the Government of India directing that in future all accepted bills for — supplied by vendors should be returned by the indenting officer direct to the Port Storekeeper, communicated to the officers concerned.

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Circular No. X Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY STORES.

Vendors' bills for Stores purchased through the Port Storekeepers for State Railways or for the Irrigation and Buildings and Roads Branches of the Public Works Department.

Simla, the 11th August, 1888.

Read—

Paragraph 31 of a report, dated the 3rd March 1888, of an inspection of the office of the Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta, by the Examiner of Accounts of the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

31. VENDORS' BILLS.—Bills are made out by vendors in triplicate, the original and duplicate are sent by them to the indenting Officer direct, in accordance with the address and instructions given on the supply order, Form No. S. R. 5. The triplicate copy and the railway receipt are sent to the Port Storekeeper, who forwards the latter to the Indenting Officer with a memorandum of advice, and then completes the posting of his progress sheet, as explained in the preceding paragraph. The original copy of the bill is returned to the vendors duly receipted by the Indenting Officer, for transmission to the Port Storekeeper for payment. Here, I think, there is a weak link in the chain. In the first place it does not seem in principle that a bill after it has been accepted, should be returned to the vendor to be presented to a third party for payment. An unscrupulous vendor might alter the quantities accepted, or otherwise tamper with the bill, and such alterations, unless they were very palpable indeed, would not be detected in the Port Storekeeper's office. The system, though in accordance with orders, see Director of State Railway Stores' Circular No. 2885 E, dated 21st May 1879, appears to be objectionable in this respect. I think, and Mr. Mellor agrees with me, that the accepted bill should be returned to him and not to the vendor, the latter being advised by the certifying officer, if necessary, that his bill has been accepted and sent to the Port Storekeeper for payment. Again, in cases where delay takes place in acceptance, and the vendor makes enquiry as to the cause, the Port Storekeeper is often at a loss to find out where the bill is. The Indenting Officer, when applied to, states it has been returned to the vendor, and the latter in turn states either that he has not received it, or that he has sent it to the Port Storekeeper. This inconvenience and attendant delay would be minimized if the procedure I have suggested were adopted.

Read also—

Director General of Railways Circular No. XIII of the 31st November, 1886.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Government of India agrees in the objections brought to notice by the Examiner of Accounts of the Eastern Bengal State Railway to the system, prescribed in the Director General of Railways' Circular herein read, under which vendors' bills after acceptance by Indenting Officers are returned direct to the vendors for transmission to the Port Storekeepers for payment.

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