





No. 371 A.G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

Simla, the 18th October, 1888.

Copy of the following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, and to the Director General of Railways, for information, with the request that Examiners of Public Works and Railway Accounts in all branches of the Department may be instructed to afford Mr. Macdonald every facility in the conduct of his inquiry.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.  
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, Assam, and Coorg.  
The Resident at Hyderabad.  
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.  
The Director General of Telegraphs.

Mr. Macdonald will be instructed to advise Local Governments and Administrations beforehand of his intended arrival at each local head-quarters.

*R. E. Sanderton*

Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Public Works Department No. 370 A.G., dated 18th October 1888.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department,  
To—The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

The Government of India has recently had under consideration the question of the reduction of work in Public Works Offices of Account and Audit, and the present constitution of the establishments employed in Examiners' Offices, which is alleged to be unnecessarily expensive for the work required to be done.

2. It has been decided, in consequence, to have the work of Examiners' Offices in all Branches of the Department thoroughly investigated, in order to ascertain what portion thereof is essential to efficient administration; what portion, if any, may be dispensed with, or simplified; and what reduction can be made in the numbers or salaries of the persons employed.

3. I am directed to state that Mr. R. G. Macdonald, Deputy Accountant General, Public Works Department, has been selected to undertake this investigation, and to request that he may be instructed accordingly. The inquiry should be made, as far as possible, while Mr. Macdonald is engaged with the Committee for the reduction of work in Executive Engineers' Offices of the Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches; but the precise order in which the work should be taken up is left to Mr. Macdonald's discretion.

4. A point to which Mr. Macdonald's attention should be specially directed is the cost of the agency employed in Examiners' Offices, and he should be instructed to report whether the work required to be done could not, in his opinion, be carried out by a less expensive staff.

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