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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 19th September 1889, No. 1355.

I should be glad if, for reasons stated below, you would obtain the approval of Government to a modification of the dates of submission of the quarterly reports of overdue completion reports.

2. The procedure followed in obtaining information required for these reports is as follows. After audit of the accounts of each month, lists are prepared, and sent to Executive Engineers, showing all works (not already reported complete) on which, according to the accounts just audited, there has been no expenditure for three clear months; and Executive Engineers are asked to state against each work whether it is completed or not, to explain non-submission of completion report if it is completed, &c.

3. The period of three months has been fixed on the following grounds. If a work is being carried out departmentally, it is tolerably certain that there will be some expenditure on it every month; and if it is under execution by contract, there should be expenditure on it at least once in every three months, if the orders in Code para. 1367 (as modified by Standing Order No. 543) are observed. Consequently, if only the rules regarding measuring and paying for contract works are observed, works on which there has been no recorded expenditure for three clear months should, with very few exceptions, be completed works.

4. These rules, however, are apparently not observed as carefully as perhaps they might be, especially, it would seem, during the first few months of the year; and the result is to enormously increase the number of inquiries to be made after examination of the accounts for June. A great rush is made in March; in which month almost every work in progress is measured up and paid for; and then apparently a reaction sets in, and measurements and payments are neglected. This is shown by the fact that the total number of works in respect of which inquiry had to be made after audit of May's accounts (expenditure having then ceased for three months) was 371; whereas the corresponding number for June was 1,071.

5. The result is, in the first place, that the labor of preparing the June inquiry lists is very greatly increased, and that their issue is consequently delayed; and, in the second place, that labor of replying to the inquiries is also greatly increased; and that the replies are proportionately delayed. This is the more unfortunate, because the inquiry lists based on June accounts happen to be the last of the three sets of inquiries on which one of the quarterly reports is based, namely, that due on 1st October. Experience shows that, under ordinary circumstances, there is plenty of time to get replies to the third inquiry list of the quarter, before the submission of the quarterly report; but, under present circumstances, it is not possible to obtain by the 1st October replies to inquiries based on June accounts.

6. Subject therefore to the approval of Government, I propose to postpone, until 1st November 1889, the submission of the next report, properly due on 1st October, and to similarly postpone the following report until 1st March 1890 (giving an interval of four months again) after which I propose to submit the reports every

three months. The effect of the alteration will be that the inquiry lists based on June's accounts will be the first, instead of the last, of the quarter, and that Executive Engineers will have nearly two months more time for replying to them.

7. At the same time, I venture to think that, with closer attention to the code rule regarding measurement of and payment for contract work, there should not be such great differences between one month and another.

ORDER—dated 2nd October 1889, No. 2755 W., Public Works.

The proposals of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, are approved, but the Government considers that the circumstances which make the change necessary are not creditable to the Executive officers of the department. There is no good reason for the reaction referred to in para. 4 of the Examiner's note, and the last paragraph of the note points to the remedy.

2. The Government trusts that the matter will receive the earnest attention of Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 2nd.

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G.O., 2nd Oct. 1889, No. 2755 W.

OCTOBER.

Completion Reports

Proposals of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for modification of the dates of submission of the quarterly reports of overdue —, approved.

29TH NOVEMBER 1889, No. 3401 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 16th November 1889, No. 1640.

Herewith I submit (by circles) the quarterly reports of completion reports overdue on 31st October 1889.

2. According to the information available, the total number of completion reports certainly overdue on that date was 377, of which 165 were overdue for twelve months and more. Details are shown by circles in the following table:—

Circles.	NUMBER OF COMPLETION REPORTS OVERDUE AND TIME OVERDUE.							Total.
	Six months.	Seven months.	Eight months.	Nine months.	Ten months.	Eleven months.	Twelve and more months.	
I	1	8	3	1	..	..	46	58
II	16	43	8	9	3	2	59	150
III	1	3	2	..	..	..	5	13
IV	1	12	..	1	..	..	2	16
V	1	45	12	2	4	1	39	104
VI	..	5	1	4	1	..	15	26
Pariyār	..	7	2	1	..	..	..	10
Total ..	20	130	28	18	13	3	165	377

3. As far as the I and V Circles are concerned, however, the above figures are still very incomplete by reason of the failure of the Executive Engineers of the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions to reply in time to the inquiries made by me regarding works for which it seems probable that completion reports are due. The following table shows in detail the divisions from which such replies are wanting and the number of works concerned in each case:—

the number of works concerned in

Division.	INQUIRIES MADE AFTER THE EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR											Total.
	September 1888.	October.	November.	December.	January 1889.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	
Ganjam	9	14	23	10	40	28	53	16	24	105	11	333
Chingleput	..	..	41	39	72	45	..	45	57	194	18	511
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	20
Presidency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	7	27
Nagapatam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	25
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	9	14	64	49	112	73	53	61	81	319	94	920

4. Putting aside the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions as to which there is practically no information at all, the present report shows a considerable improvement, the total number of completion reports known to be overdue having been

reduced from 499 to 377, whilst the number known to be overdue for 12 months and upwards has been reduced from 331 to 165. The great increase from 34 to 130 in the number overdue for seven months is probably connected in some way with the rushing of expenditure at the end of the year. The arrears are principally in the II, V, and I Circles.

5. Since the last report, the arrears in the Presidency division have been almost completely cleared off; but in the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions they have greatly increased; in fact from the former division no reply has yet been received to any one of the letters of inquiry issued, commencing with the inquiries made on the accounts of September 1888, which issued in December 1888, very nearly a year ago; and from the Chingleput division no reply has been received to any inquiry based on the accounts of November or of any subsequent month, except March, although the first of these inquiries issued in February 1889, or eight months ago. I can only bring the facts to the notice of Government.

ORDER—dated 29th November 1889, No. 3401 W., Public Works.

With his letter above recorded, the Examiner submits statements of completion reports overdue on the 31st October 1889.

2. The Government is glad to notice the general improvement which has taken place since the submission of the previous report,* but the results are very unsatisfactory in the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions. The Executive Engineer, Chingleput, will at once submit an explanation with respect to the increase of arrears in his division, and the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, will see that steps are taken to reduce the arrears in the Ganjam division.

3. The Government trusts that with closer attention to this matter and with the relaxation of rules sanctioned in G.O., No. 3197 W., dated 11th November 1889, the next report will show greatly improved results.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers,
" the Chief Engineer, Periyar Project, } with list for Circle.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 29th.

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G.O., 29th Nov. 1889, No. 3401 W.

NOVEMBER.

Completion Reports

Orders on statements of — overdue on
the 31st October 1889.

16TH MAY 1890, No. 1377 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper: —

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 8th May 1890, No. 2632.

I should be glad if, for reasons stated below, you could obtain the approval of Government to a slight modification of the procedure now followed in obtaining the information required for the quarterly reports of overdue completion reports.

2. The present procedure, as already explained in para. 2 of my office note No. 1355, dated 19th September 1889, printed in G.O., No. 2755 W., dated 2nd October 1889, is that, after audit of accounts for each month, lists are prepared and sent to Executive Engineers showing all works (not already reported complete) on which, according to accounts just audited, there has been no expenditure for *three* clear months; and Executive Engineers are asked to state against each work whether it is completed or not, to explain non-submission of completion report, if it is completed, &c.

3. I find by experience that the average proportion of the number of works found to have been completed to the number inquired about about 50 per cent., and with a view to reducing the proportion of wasteful inquiry, and the corresponding trouble to both divisional and central offices, I therefore propose to issue inquiry lists in future only for works on which there has been no expenditure for *four* clear months. This will save a good deal of trouble, without materially affecting the usefulness of the inquiries, as a means of securing all practicable promptitude in the submission of completion reports. The only effect as regards the report to Government is that completion reports overdue for six months or less will not be reported, and any table such as that in para. 2 of my office note No. 1477, dated 17th March 1890 (printed with G.O., No. 972 W. of 26th March 1890), will begin with completion reports overdue for 7 months.

ORDER—dated 16th May 1890, No. 1377 W., Public Works.

The Examiner's suggestion to modify the procedure now followed in obtaining the information required for the quarterly reports of overdue completion reports is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 16th.

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G.O., 16th May 1890, No. 1377 W.

MAY.

Completion Reports

Approving the suggestion of the Examiner to modify the procedure now followed in obtaining the information required for the quarterly reports of overdue —.

26TH MARCH 1890, No. 972 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 17th March 1890, No. 1477.

Herewith I submit (by circles) the quarterly report of completion reports overdue on the 28th February 1890.

2. According to the information available, the total number of completion reports certainly overdue on that date was 535, of which 311 were overdue for twelve months and more. Details are shown by circles in the following table :—

Circles.	No. of Completion Reports overdue and time overdue.							Total.
	6 months.	7 months.	8 months.	9 months.	10 months.	11 months.	12 and more months.	
1st ...	1	2	2	1	3	5	133	147
2nd ...	8	13	13	13	1	30	66	144
3rd ...	2	...	...	...	...	3	10	15
4th ...	1	2	4	3	...	...	1	11
5th ...	23	2	2	21	9	56	98	211
6th ...	1	1	1	...	...	1	3	7
Total ...	36	20	22	38	13	95	311	535

3. The following table shows in detail the divisions from which replies have not been received to inquiries made by me regarding works for which it seems probable that completion reports are due, and also the number of works concerned in each case :—

Divisions.	Inquiries made after the examination of accounts for						Total.
	April 1889.	June 1889.	August 1889.	September 1889.	October 1889.	November 1889.	
Ganjam ...	...	105	12	11	19	11	158
Vizagapatam ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7
Presidency ...	45	...	...	39	43	22	127
Chingleput ...	...	...	...	...	...	21	21
Tanjore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	45	105	12	50	62	61	335

4. The great increase in the total number (as shown in the first table) known to be overdue (535 as against 377 in last report) is owing to the more complete information now available as regards Ganjam and Chingleput. Excluding these two divisions the number is $535 - (127 + 168) = 240$ against $377 - (36 + 31) = 310$ in last report, showing a substantial reduction of arrears.

5. Now that the facts as regards the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions are better known, the arrears of completion reports overdue will no doubt soon be largely reduced as has been done in other divisions, but in the matter of information there are still considerable arrears in these two divisions (see table in para. 3), four letters of inquiry *previous to November* being still unanswered in one case and three in the other.

6. The submission of the quarterly report has been slightly delayed in order to give the Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division, time to send in replies promised by him to inquiry lists which remained unanswered.

ORDER—dated 26th March 1890, No. 972 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for attention in continuation of G.O., No. 3401 W., dated 29th November 1889.

2. The general reduction of arrears is satisfactory, but the results with regard to the Ganjam and Chingleput divisions are still far from creditable. In his letter No. 7420, dated 20th February 1890, the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, reported that the arrears in the Chingleput division would be cleared by 30th April 1890.

3. The large arrears in the II Circle require the Superintending Engineer's attention.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers, with list for Circle.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 26th.

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G.O., 26th Mar. 1890, No. 972 W.

MARCH.

Completion Reports

Orders on statements of — overdue on the
28th February 1890.

Statement showing the proposed transfers of Accountants:—

Name and Rank of Accountant	Transferred from		Transferred to		Remarks
	Grade	Division, Office, &c.	Rank	Division, Office, &c.	
A. Ayodhyaramayya	5 th	Examiner's Office	2 nd	Ludivoda	An additional accountant being urgently required in Examiner's Office in consequence of the departure of an accountant on privilege leave J. Jayaram Chetty who was on the spot has been recalled from leave and A. Ayodhyaramayya who is within easy reach of the Ludivoda Division has been directed to join there instead of in Examiner's Office as per G. O. No. 1333 W. dated 10 th May 1890.
J. Jayaram Chetty	5 th	Ludivoda	-	Examiner's Office	

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Madras,

16 June 1890.

OFFICE NOTE No. 3528.

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To W.

I beg to submit a statement showing the proposed transfers of accountants and to request that you will obtain approval of Government thereto as required by Code para 177.

2. The reason for transfer is given in the column "Remarks" of the statement.

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