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Recorded, with reference
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The Hon. J.W. Acob.

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Circular No. 9 P. W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

Simla, the 18th September 1891.

Contractors' Book.

Read—

Paragraphs 62 to 69, 77, 81 and 83 of the Report by the Public Works Accounts Committee.

Public Works Department letter No. 210 A.—G. of the 10th December 1889.

The reports by Local Governments and Administrations printed as Annexure A to this Resolution:—

RESOLUTION.—In Public Works Department letter No. 210 A.—G. of the 10th December 1889, Local Governments and Administrations were requested to introduce tentatively, in certain selected divisions, the contractors' book recommended by the Public Works Accounts Committee in the paragraphs of their report read above, and to submit a report on its working after the book had been given a fair trial.

2. The reports* received, show that there is a diversity of opinion as to the usefulness of the proposed record and of its applicability to all conditions and circumstances of work.

* Vide Annexure A.

3. It appears, however, that the book may with certain modifications be usefully maintained as an additional record; but until experience has shewn that it can be relied upon as the Executive Engineer's sole record of transactions with contractors, it would in the opinion of the Government of India be premature to abolish the existing system.

4. The Government of India has accordingly decided to leave it to the option of Local Governments and Administrations to introduce the contractors' book. But in any case the existing system must also be, for the present, retained. If further experience shows that a contractors' book can be so modified as to stand alone, the Government of India will be glad to consider its adoption hereafter.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing be communicated to the Local Govern-

For information and guidance.
The Governments of Madras and Bombay (General and Railway), 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 Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Director General of Railways.

For information only.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Director General of Telegraphs.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Central Division.
The Comptroller General.

ments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the other Officers noted in the margin, for information.

J. G. FORBES, Colonel, R.E.,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Document accompanying.

Annexure A.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.
REVENUE.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 21st September 1891, No. 893.

SEPTEMBER.

Famine Relief Works.

Concurring in the remarks of the Board of Revenue on the list of — for 1891-92 received from the Collector of Tinnevely.

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Superintending Engineer
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