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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers:—

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 13th September 1892, No. 181 A.

During my inspection of the accounts of the Trichinopoly division last week, I made a note of the delay caused in the payment of dues to contractors and piece-workers from the formality prescribed in Madras Code, para. 1621 A., under which every bill in respect of a contract above Rs. 500 has first to be sent to the Divisional office for check, and, on my return to head-quarters, I find the enclosed remonstrance on the subject from the Executive Engineer, Madura division, which has been supported by the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, in his No. 502 M.D., dated 20th August 1892.

2. It is obvious that however rapid the work of checking bills in the Divisional office may be, the time occupied in their transit to and from that office constitutes a delay in payment, which it is desirable to avoid if possible.

3. The Government of India Public Works Department Code, volume I, chapter VIII, para. 30, indeed lays down that—

“Payments to contractors should, as far as conveniently practicable, be made by cheques from the Divisional office on the nearest District or Sub-divisional treasury;”

and chapter XII, para. 146, of the same volume contains the following sentence (commencing at foot of page 339):—

“The original bill duly signed by the contractor . . . should be forwarded to the Executive Engineer for scrutiny and payment;”

but the words, “as far as conveniently practicable,” in the former rule leave a very wide margin for deviations from it under the orders of a local Government, and the system was based on the practice under which records of measurements accompanied each and every bill and it was “a part of the Executive Engineer’s duty to examine this book carefully to see that it is a complete record of each kind of work done for which certificates have been granted” (*vide* last sentence of Public Works Department Code, chapter XII, para. 146, just quoted).

4. But this practice has been changed (*vide* G.O., No. 2350 W., dated 24th August 1892) and it will, therefore, be no longer possible for the Divisional office to exercise such a check even when the final bill is submitted.

5. I am, therefore, of opinion that no essential of control over payments will be sacrificed by allowing Sub-divisional officers, who have drawing accounts, to make payments on account without pre-audit in the Divisional office; but it should be clearly understood—

(i) that every bill for a payment on account shall be checked in the Divisional office as to total value of work done and previous payments before it is admitted into the divisional accounts;—

(ii) every bill for final payment must be rigidly scrutinized as to rates, estimates, and appropriations before payment; and

(iii) that final bills, thus checked, shall be returned to Sub-divisional offices with all possible despatch.

ENCLOSURE.

From A. H. GARRETT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura division, to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 15th August 1892, No. 367 S.E.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that contractors are put to much inconvenience by the system which now prevails of having their bills audited in the Divisional office before being sent to Sub-divisional officers for payment.

2. The only advantage claimed for the system is that Sub-divisional officers cannot make any over-payment or alter rates; but, as all final bills would have to be sent to the Divisional office before payment, any over-payments or improper rates would be noticed and necessary adjustments made before finally settling with the contractor.

3. The objections to the system are the great increase of work in the Divisional office and the long time contractors are kept waiting for their money after works have been measured.

4. The Government of India Code says nothing about the pre-audit system and I request permission to discontinue it except so far as final bills are concerned.

No. 502 M.D.

Copy submitted, through the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for consideration and orders.

2. By para. 1621 A. of the Madras Code, no payment whatever to a contractor in respect of any contract, exceeding Rs. 500, can be made by Sub-divisional officers* without previous check of the claim in the Divisional office, and, in case of contracts not exceeding Rs. 500, payments are to be made on their own responsibility. It is to the restriction in the former case, the Executive Engineer takes objection.

* Except Sub-divisional officers—

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Northern	..	Buckingham canal.

3. As pointed out by the Executive Engineer, the system causes much delay in payment and consequent inconvenience to contractors, especially in such places as Madura, Tinnevely, &c., where great difficulty is experienced in getting proper contractors.

4. In the Government of India Code, the above system of pre-audit of contractors' bills does not appear to find a place, although it is laid down that payments to contractor should as far as possible be made from the Divisional office (*vide* para. 30, chapter VIII, volume I).

5. Under the circumstances stated by the Executive Engineer, the request in his para. 4 is recommended for the favorable consideration of the Chief Engineer.

20th August 1892.

(Signed) A. G. SMITH, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

I concur in the proposals contained in para. 5, which are in fact substantially what I have formerly recommended as a Superintending Engineer.

16th September 1892.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 26th September 1892, No. 2668 W., Public Works.

The proposals of the Examiner, supported by the Chief Engineer, are approved and sanctioned. It is, however, essential that the second of the conditions under para. 5 of the Examiner's note should be strictly observed.

(True Extract.)

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Major, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
" the Consulting Architect.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1892) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 26th.

Recd.

Enc.

G.O., 26th Sept. 1892, No. 2668 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Contractors and Piece-workers

Certain proposals of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, regarding payments to —, approved and sanctioned.

Copy of letter from H. H. Garrett Esq. Executive Engineer, Madras Sd., to the Supt Engineer in circle No 367 SE dated 15 August 1892 -

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I have the honor to bring to your notice that Contractors are put to much inconvenience by the system which now prevails of having their bills audited in the Divisional office before being sent to sub. Divisional officers for payment -

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NO 502 md. d/ 20 August 1892

Copy submitted, through the Examiner, P. W. Accounts, to the Chief Engineer D. P. W for consideration & orders -

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the request in his para 4 is
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Engineer.

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Supt. Engineer Weir
Lt. Col. M. R.

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From

The Supt^r Engineer
M. Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer

Through the Secy P.W.D.
Madras

No 502 M.D.

Dated 20th 3 August 1892
Despatched 22 3 August 1892

System of pre-auditing
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Submits for consideration
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No. 181 of Madras, 13 September 1892.

To W.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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P.W. Accounts
Note by Chief Engineer P.W.D. of 16.11.92

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G.O. 26th September 1892 No. 2668-W

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