

same head, and, if it be necessary that Imperial funds should bear a portion of the charge, the amount might be distributed between Provincial and Imperial in the ratio of expenditure, or in some other empirical manner.

15. It may be considered that the system just described involves too radical a change. It will certainly require the sanction of the Government of India in the Public Works Department as well as the concurrence of the Comptroller-General and it would probably take considerable time to have the details fully considered.

16. My own opinion is that, however suitable the procedure just described may be on an open line of railway, where the Examiner is the disbursing officer, it does not commend itself for a department where cash transactions filter through several returns from the accounts of Executive Engineers to an Examiner's books, and, after three years' further experience, I still adhere to the opinion expressed in February 1889 (see para 8 of this letter) as far as the Public Works Department is concerned.

17. The simplification in procedure by an extended use of money orders will be apparent from the following. Under present rules, if the Executive Engineer, Tanjore division, wants a payment made in Negapatam division, the routine based on Government of India Public Works Department Code, volume II, chapter XIII, paras. 78 to 86 B. and 99, is this:

(i) Tanjore writes a letter to Negapatam requesting that the payment may be made.

(ii) Negapatam makes the payment and sends Tanjore an advice of transfer on half a sheet of foolscap paper, supported by the voucher.

(iii) In exchange for this, Tanjore sends Negapatam an acceptance of transfer also on half a sheet of paper.

(iv) Each of the divisions passes the amount through its accounts, one as a debit and the other as a credit, to "Transfers divisional."

(v) Tanjore then debits the work or service head concerned in the accounts of the month in which the payment was made by Negapatam.

(vi) Negapatam furnishes the Examiner with a monthly schedule of transfers debited.

(vii) Tanjore furnishes the Examiner with a monthly schedule of transfers credited.

(viii) The Examiner has to watch and secure the adjustment of all these transactions.

18. All this is troublesome enough, but, in the payment of leave allowances to an officer or subordinate of another division, the procedure is more elaborate and the disbursing officer has to undertake the responsibility of identifying the payee, while the payment of each month's leave allowance has to be adjusted in the manner detailed in para. 17.

19. A system of payment by money order would dispense with the whole of the procedure described in paras. 17 and 18, and, as the Director-General of the Post Office in India is willing to introduce a special form of acknowledgment for the Public Works Department, any objection that may have existed to the use of money orders on the ground of the insufficiency or invalidity of the acknowledgment as a voucher disappears.

20. The only cases in which transfer adjustments appear desirable are those in which no cash disbursement takes place, as, for instance, (a) when one division purchases stores or materials from the stock of another division or (b) where cash has already and unavoidably been disbursed by one division on account of another division, or (c) when percentages, &c., have to be adjusted. These are *bona fide* book transactions and the transfer account is the legitimate channel for their adjustment; but, where cash has to be disbursed, the money order suggests itself as the most convenient mode of remittance. The commission should of course be deducted from the leave allowances admissible.

21. In the case of transfer transactions between different provinces, the procedure is even more elaborate, for, in addition to the operations described in para. 17, the following processes take place:

(i) In cases in which it is not known to what particular division the charge should be debited, the advice of transfer is sent through the Examiner (Government of India Code, volume II, chapter XIII, para. 83).

(ii) The Examiner of the province in which the payment is made sends the Examiner of the debtor province—

- (a) a monthly list of transfers debited.
- (b) an annual list

(iii) The Examiner of the debtor province sends the Examiner of the province in which the payment was made—

- (a) a monthly list of transfers credited.
- (b) an annual list

All this would be saved by an extended use of the money order system, by which the order for payment would be sent direct to the payee, without the intervention of any other officer of the department.

ENCLOSURE A.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONEY ORDER.

M.O. Name. Stamp.

No. Date 189

To the Head Office at
Sub-Office

Rs. As.

For (in words)

Signature of M.O. Clerk or Sub-Postmaster.

Signature of Issuing Postmaster.

(All the entries below this line to be filled up by the Remitter in English or Vernacular.)

Amount of Order (in words). Rupees One hundred and Eighteen, Annas Twelve, and Pies Nine.

Name and Address of the Payee (in full). Chockalinga Pillay.
 Kullandai.

Signature of Remitter

[Signature]

Executive Engineer,
Pariyar No. II Division.

TO BE SENT TO THE PAYEE BY THE PAYING POST OFFICE
AS AUTHORITY FOR APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT.

Official designation of the Remitter.

Executive Engineer,
Pariyar No. II Division,
Madras Province.

Name Stamp to be impressed by Post Office of Issue.

[To be filled up by Post Office]

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8TH NOVEMBER 1892, No. 3051 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONEY ORDER.

All the entries on the upper portion of this side to be filled up by the Post Office.

Paid Month

Stamp.

Pay to the Payee named the sum specified on the reverse.

Cash-paid
Stamp.

Signature of Paying Postmaster.

Received payment of the sum specified on the reverse.

Date

189 .

Signature of Payee (in ink).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Received from the Executive Engineer, *Periyar No. II* Division, the sum of Rupees
One hundred and Eighteen, Annas Twelve and Pies Nine
on the following account.

*Estimate No 11 of 1891. Excavation Main Channel, 6th reach.*Signature and designation
of the official
who made the payment.

Signature of Payee.

Dated, the _____ 189 .

ENCLOSURE B.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONEY ORDER.

No. _____ Date _____ 189 .

To the Head Office
Sub-Office at _____Amount
of Order
(in words).Name and
Address of the
Payee in full.Signature of the
Remitter.Executive Engineer,
Division,
Province.

M.O. Name

Stamp.

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8TH NOVEMBER 1892, No. 3051 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

TO BE SENT TO THE PAYEE BY THE PAYING POST OFFICE
AS AUTHORITY FOR APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT.Official designation
of the Remitter.Executive Engineer,
Division,
Province.Name Stamp to be
impressed by Post
Office of Issue.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONEY ORDER.

All the entries on the upper portion of this side to be filled up by the Post Office.

Paid Month

Stamp.

Pay to the Payee named the sum specified on the reverse.

Cash-paid
Stamp.

Signature of Paying Postmaster.

Received payment of the sum specified on the reverse.

Date

189 .

Signature of Payee (in ink).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Received from the Executive Engineer _____ Division.
the sum of Rupees _____

on the following account.

Signature and designation
of the official
who made the payment.

Signature of Payee.

Dated, the _____ 189 .

ENCLOSURE C.

REGISTER of money orders issued.

No.	Date.	Post office on which drawn.	In whose favour.	On what account (e.g., number of estimate or name of work).	Amount.	Date of payment.	Month in which brought to account.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					RS. A. P.			

ORDER—dated 8th November 1892, No. 3051 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has already * expressed himself in favour of the employment of money orders for payments on behalf of the State. The forms drawn up by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to give effect to the system seem suitable and the matter will now be referred for the orders of the Government of India, as suggested by the Director-General of the Post Office of India, as the system, if introduced, would probably be extended beyond the limits of the Madras Presidency.

2. With regard to the stamping of payee's acknowledgments, it is observed that such acknowledgments endorsed on postal orders are exempt from stamp duty. No reply is therefore required to para. 3 of G.O., No. 1112 W., dated 5th April 1892.

(Here enter No. 3052 W., Public Works, dated 8th November 1892.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Government Solicitor.

Ed. A. D. Xavier.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1892} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 8th Nov. 1892, Nos. 3051 W.

NOVEMBER.

Money Order Forms

Passing orders on the specimen — drawn
up for use in the Public Works Depart-
ment.

8TH NOVEMBER 1892, No. 5052 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

LETTER—from

G. T. WALCH, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward copies of the Proceedings of this Government as noted in the margin and to request the orders of the Government of India in regard to the introduction of the system of payment of money orders therein discussed. The forms drawn up by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for use in the case of Government transactions seem suitable, and, if approved by the Director-General of the Post Office of India, to whom a reference on this point is suggested, might be adopted should there be no objection on other grounds to the introduction of the proposed method of payment on behalf of the State.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

OOTACAMUND,
8th November 1892.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of {1892} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 8th Nov. 1892, No. 3052 W.

NOVEMBER.

Payments by Money Order

The Government of India requested to
issue orders regarding the introduction of
the system of -- on behalf of the State.

Public Works Department Money Order

No. Stamp

To the Head Office at 107

Sub. Office Rs. 100 (in words)

For

Signature of M. S. Clerk Sub. Postmaster

Signature of Issuing Postmaster

(All the entries below this line to be filled up by the Remitter in English or Vernacular)

Amount of Order (in words) { Rupees one hundred and eighty, annas twelve, and pice nine

Name and Address of the Payee { K. K. K. Pillay,
Kallandai

Signature of Remitter

[Signature] Executive Engineer
Periyar M. L. Division

TO BE SENT TO THE PAYEE BY THE PAYING POST OFFICE
AS AUTHORITY FOR APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Official designation
of the Remitter

Executive Engineer
Periyar M. L. Division
Madras Province

Name Stamp to be
impressed by Post
Office of issue