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Memo No. 2289 KS
13 - 12 - 92.

407/1 In reply to letter No. 5160 dated 7th instant from the Executive Engineer, Eastern Division, Kistna District, in the matter of increasing the number of men composing the Police Guard sanctioned in G. O. No. 1759 dated 19th September 1892, the undersigned has the honor to state that as Government refused to sanction a guard consisting of one Head Constable and five Constables although approved by the Inspector General of Police, it is not likely it would increase the size of the guard already sanctioned if an application to increase it be sent without some stronger reasons for increasing it than is given in the letter under reply. In these circumstances, the Superintending Engineer considers that with the information at present before him it would be useless to ask Government to increase the size of the guard.

2. Moreover he is [illegible] satisfied that it is impossible to keep the daily cash balance down to a comparatively small sum. He himself was Sub Divisional officer in charge of the Boats, Quarries, and headworks at Dowlaishweram in 1872 when there was a great deal of work going on in the Godavari Delta, and, so far as he now remembers, there was no Police guard, nor was there any great difficulty about keeping the cash balance down to a low limit although all the coolies were paid through his Office.

3. It is not understood why the Cashier at Bezwada, as a rule, cannot arrange to commence early in the day to make payments. If he makes it a rule to make payments early in the day, it is only very rarely he need return to office after sunset. As to the Cashier making payments at out stations, it is believed that the only outside place it is necessary for him to make payments at is the Quarries at Sitanagaram, but if there is any special reason for paying coolies at that place he should be able to pay them early in the day. At the same time if the coolies are paid periodically, √ there appears to be no reason why they should not come into Bezwada for payment even if it should be necessary to give them half a day's pay for coming in. The quarry coolies were always paid weekly at Dowlaishweram, those not present remaining unpaid until the following week. If this arrangement is not in force at Bezwada it is thought it can easily be introduced.

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4. Then about issuing cheques, the undersigned has not with him a copy of the Government of India Code and present standing orders, but he believes, there is now no objection to giving a drawing account to each Sub Divisional officer. If this is the case, the Executive Engineer can give a drawing account to the Sub D. Officer

at head quarters, and he can issue cheques according to almost daily requirements and in this way keep down the daily cash balance.

(Signed) J. W. Martin
Supdg Engineer
2nd Circle

(True Copy)

J W Martin
Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.
26.1.93

P.W. 5.2/8.8/93

From W. Jopp Esquire, Executive Engineer Eastern Division Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, dated; Bezwada, 23rd January 1893, No. 5787.

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Referring to your letter No. 2289 KS of 13.12.92 and in continuation of my letter No. 5,160 of 7.12.92, I have the honor to point out to you that the necessity of the police guard was first brought to notice by the Examiner, P.W. Accts and approved of by Government in their Proceedings No. 2744 W dated 3.10.92. If as it seems, you are of opinion that such guard is not necessary please to address Government with a view to having it withdrawn.

2. I have already stated that in my opinion the guard is necessary both night and day, and I have no reason to alter it.

3. The present arrangement of affording a guard only at night time is not a good one as it divides responsibility. If any deficit were found in the cash chest

it would be impossible to say that it occurred during the night time while the Police guard was on duty or during the day when the Cashier or the Office lascar are supposed to be in charge.

4. Moreover, almost greater risk of loss of the Government treasure is incurred while it is being conveyed about from one place to another, frequently after dark, than is incurred when it is lying locked up in the Government chest in my office.

Large sums have unavoidably to be carried about, therefore, the risk always exists whatever the balance actually kept in the chest in my office at night time may be.

5. The above are the Chief reasons (for more detail reasons please see the memorandum attached) that I have to afford in support of my application to increase the strength of the police guard.

6. In reference to the remarks made in paras 2 to 4 of your letter, I have the honor to state that

the consideration of the minimum limit of the Cash balance that is likely to be in the hands of the Cashier at one time has been already carefully gone into by the Examiner of P.W. Accounts, and it was after such consideration that he recommended the guard.

7. If you do not consider the guards necessary then as already remarked, it would be right to address Government with a view to its abolition, but if it is considered necessary then it should be constituted of such a strength as to carry out its duties efficiently.

8. A comparison between the system of work at Dowlaishweram while you were there in charge of the Headworks Sub Division, & the system of work here, based as it is on memory, is scarcely likely to prove anything conclusively.

As far as my memory serves me there was at Dowlaishweram no police guard, and no cashier but there was almost always a very large cash balance in the Sub Divisional Cash chest amounting to several thousands of rupees. Moreover the Chest has within my memory once, if not twice been stolen at that place.

9. There undoubtedly should have been not only a cashier but also a police guard. The greatest inconvenience was suffered and risks run for want of them. It cannot, I think, be argued that because an error was there committed in not obtaining a guard that we should refrain from asking for one here.

10. In these circumstances, I should be obliged by your now disposing of the matter in such way as you see fit.

I send with this a separate memorandum for your information shewing the impossibility of reducing the cash balance to a lower limit than is now maintained.

(Enclosure)

Memo.

Remarks to accompany letter No. $\frac{5787}{23.1.92}$ in reply to Superintending Engineer's letter No. 2289 KS d/ 13.12.92 in particular reference to the Superintending Engineer's statement that the Executive Engineer's Cash balance is not maintained at a minimum limit.

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1. The cashier is never supplied with any more money than he absolutely requires.

2. The amount of the cheque issued to the Cashier is based on the aggregate of the nominal muster rolls or other bills in his possession for payment. It is possible that at the close of the day of issue of the cheque, a large portion of it may remain with the Cashier as many of the musters or bills may remain unpaid the payees not having come for payment, or from other unavoidable cause.

3. Besides this a further considerable balance must always lie in the hands of the Cashier to make emergent payments such as wages of punts crews which cannot be detained, Railway freight

of Coal, stones or other articles which will not be delivered without payment and for which demurrage will be charged if delivery is not taken — for payment during the closure of treasury for salaries of establishment on the 1st & 2nd of the month, & for many other sundry and urgent payments which may from time to time arise.

4. Moreover, throughout the month considerable sums are received in the Executive Engineer's Office which cannot be paid into treasury the same day. These have to be secured in the Cash chest.

These transactions are at times by no means small.

5. It is, therefore, unavoidable that balances in the Executive Engineer's Cash chest are considerable, and require a police guard. Regarding remarks made in para 3 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, it is quite impossible for the Cashier to begin to make payment before 4 or 5 P.M., or to return to the Division Office before dark for the following reasons:—

(a) The work people cannot afford to waste a day doing nothing while they are being paid, neither can the work concerned afford to pay them a day or half a day's wages

403/6 while they sit idle receiving their pay. Such a system would seem impossible even in small works, but when the number of labourers that would have to be paid without any return as suggested by the Superintending Engineer is very considerable, & the loss to Government would be very heavy indeed, & could many times exceed the salaries of the police guard which is now under reference.

(b) The treasury is open only at 11 A.M. It is not always that the Cashier can count upon being the 1st applicant for moneys that will be attended to. He has to receive, and count very large sums disbursed in small copper and silver coins which takes considerable time. He has to take his meals, and before doing this he will probably have to proceed to the division Office and secure the Cash. On return he will proceed to the place of payment, and then he has again to count out all of the small coins & arrange them in convenient order for payment. If the payment begins at 4 or 5 P.M. it would not be late considering what has to be done. On completion of the payment the cash remaining has again to be counted, the actual payment made totalled up, & the balance of cash checked with the vouchers &c &c. It will thus be readily admitted that it will be seldom that the Cashier can reach the division Office before dark.

In a place like Bezwada with many strange and bad characters about, it is not safe to allow considerable sums of money to be carried after dark

dark by one irresponsible man.

6. The suggestion made by the Superintending Engineer in para 4 of his letter is not practicable, or if practicable, useful for the following reasons.

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(a) As the Cashier has to go through the same process as that described in para 4 above whether the Assistant Engineer or Executive Engineer draws the Cheque which the Cashier cashes, is immaterial.

(b) Under para 2, chapter 10, Vol 1, and para 72, Chapter 12, Vol 1, of Government of India Code, the Cashier should make payments from the Divisional Cash chest and keep the Divisional Cash Book. If, however, he makes payments by means of Cheques drawn by a sub Divisional Officer, those payments must be recorded in the Sub Dl. Office's Cash book. This would not only throw additional work

n the Cashier as he would have
to keep two Cash books and two
Cash balances, but it would
entail great confusion in
vouchers and add to the work
of the Sub Divl. Officers.

/True Copy/

J.W. Martin

Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.

26.1.93

JW S.I. 8/8/93

Superintending Engineer's Office,

No. 2593 K

II CIRCLE, Bezwada
Dated 27th January 1893.

From,
J.W. Martin Esquire,
Superintending Engineer,
II Circle.

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To,
The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Intro.
Copy G.O. No. 2287 W 19.10.92
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23.1.93

× No. 2744 W
3.10.92

Sir,

Adverting to G.O. No. 1759× 19.9.92 in the matter of a Police Guard for the Eastern Division Office, Kistna District, I have the honor to state that some time ago, the Executive Engineer reported to me that he considered the strength of the guard, namely, two Constables, not sufficient and requested me to address Government in view to increasing the strength.

2. It appears from a letter from the Superintendent of Police that the duties of the guard consisting of two men are arranged as follows.

The men are to remain at the office from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M.; one keeping awake from 8 P.M. to midnight and the other from midnight to 4 A.M. Furthermore it seems that the Inspector General of Police recommended that the strength of the guard should consist of 1 Head Constable and 5 Constables but Government sanctioned a guard consisting of only two men.

3. In reply to the Executive Engineer's letter I pointed out to him, (Copy of my memo enclosed) that as Government did not accept the recommendation of the Inspector General it was not likely it would increase the strength of the guard without additional information explaining why it should be increased.

4. The Executive Engineer has now given, in his letter No. 5787 d/ 23rd instant copy enclosed, the additional information which he considers shows that a stronger guard than the present one should be employed. I am not, however, satisfied that his reasons are

sufficient

sufficient, and I am of opinion that better arrangements can be made both in regard to keeping the cash balance down generally to a comparatively small sum and to insuring that no payments need be made so late in the day as to prevent the Cashier, as a general rule, returning to office before sunset, and placing his money in the division office in the cash chest.

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5. In para 3 of the Memo attached to his letter, the Executive Engineer states that it is necessary for the Cashier to always keep money in hand to pay Railway freight for stores &c, but I consider that after notice is sent to the Executive Engineer of the arrival of coal, stores &c, he can easily issue a cheque for the freight leaving the Cashier to cash it and pay the Railway Authorities &c. As to large payments for coal &c, I am almost certain that if the Executive Engineer

communicates with Examiner and Railway Authorities, he will find that some simple means of paying can be arranged. In para 5 the Executive Engineer makes out that generally the Cashier cannot commence to make payments before 4 or 5 O'Clock in the day. This simply means that it must be seven or eight O'clock before he returns to the office to place in the cash chest any balance remaining to be paid. The Treasury is located in Bezwada town about a mile from the Executive Engineer's office, and of course there should not be much delay in cashing cheques if the Executive Engineer takes care to report to the Collector any undue delay. In these circumstances, I am unable to accept the Executive Engineer's statement that the Cashier cannot commence to make payments before 4 or 5 O'Clock.

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6. Under any circumstances, I think the Cashier should return to the division office before sunset, for, whether a guard accompanies him or not it is desirable that each days work should, as a rule, close not later than sunset. Indeed to expect the man to work longer would manifestly be unreasonable.

7. I am of opinion that the Cashier can and should commence to make payments not later than 2 O'clock, but this will involve coolies working only half a day on the day of payment. So the question arises whether the coolies should be paid for a whole or half a days for the day on which payments are made to them. I think they should be paid for the whole day, and if you approve of this, I shall instruct the Executive Engineer to pay them accordingly, and do his best to arrange for the Cashier to commence making payments not later than 2 O'clock.

8. With regard to the necessity for a guard at all, my own opinion is that it is not required: as past experience, so far as I know, shows that no irregularity occurred on account of there being no guard. Moreover the Cash Chest is a strong iron one sunk in the floor of the Office. So a guard at night as is the case at present is, I think, of very little real use.

9. In conclusion, I may observe that I would not trouble you with this correspondence except that as it relates to the custody of money it may be advisable to place the matter before you.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. servant,

J. W. Martin
Superintending Engineer,
[illegible] 2nd Circle.
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P. W. CURRENT No. 818

From 403/11

The Supdg. Engineer
2nd Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
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From,
The Superintending Engineer,
II Circle.

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Recd. 30-1-93
Dated 27th January/93
No. 2593 K/J

Enclosures.

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SUBJECT.

Police guard for the cash of X.E. &c. Submits for orders correspondence for the increase of

No. 105 W d/ 11-1-92 ✓
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" 1376 W " 2-5-92 ✓
" 3008 C " 14-6-92 ✓
" 1832 W " 20-6-92 ✓
" 2744 W " 3-10-92 ✓

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

From the Supdg. Engineer II Circle No. 2593 K.S. d/27 January 1893.

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FOR ORDERS. Whether the Superintending Engineer's proposals be given a trial, i.e. that Coolies be paid for the whole day on days of payment, and that the Police guard be withdrawn –

I am of opinion that the guard already allowed should be continued – Of course if coolies are made to go to certain places for their pay and in working hours, they should be paid for the time which they have to occupy in settling the pay

6/2/93

OM 8.2.93

I am disposed to agree with the S.E. that the guard is not required at all. However the existing guard may be continued but not increased.

7 Feb

No. 403 W d/ 14th Feby 1893

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

From the Suptg: Engr:
II Circle R. No. 2593. K.S. d/ 27th Jany/93

The Govt: agrees in the opinion expressed by the Suptg: Engineer in para 7 of his letter, & approves the proposal to pay coolies a full day's wage for days on which they are required to leave their work for settlement of wages during working hours, but considers that with good management the necessity should rarely occur.

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10 Feb

2. The existing police guard will be continued, but the Govt: sees no reason to increase it.

S. E. II. Circle S^d 14/2

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