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No: 1040 W. d/ 23" april 1894.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ ~~the following~~ again

Quote 1 SP G. O. No. 806 W dated 21" March 1894, para 3.

Read also

Quote 2 SP Office Note from the Examiner, P.W. Accounts No: 1381 D d/ 11" April 1894

Print Statements C and B.

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The temporary establishment required for the VI Circle during 1894-95, as detailed in the proposition statements marked C and B, annexed to these proceedings, is sanctioned.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No: 4 W of 1894-95 and classified as "Establishment Temporary."

To
The S. E. VI Circle
" Chief Engineer for Irrign.
" Exar. P.W. Accts.

(40—1,000—22-2-94.)

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Temporary Establishm
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Govt. of (1894) Madras.

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G.O. 23/4 1894 No. 1040W

Temporary Establishment

The — required for the VI circle during 1894-95, sanctioned.

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23rd April 1894, No. 1041 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 14th March 1894, Mis. No. 1367.

Read—the following letter from C. M. Mullaly, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 21st January 1894, Ref. on Current No. 89-Eng.:—

I have the honour to forward for early sanction detail estimate, &c., as shown in the margin, for constructing a road from the trunk road between Nandyal and Cuddapah to the village of Allagada where the construction of the Sirvel taluk cutcherry was sanctioned in G.O., No. 3405 W., dated 12th December 1892.

- 1 Detail estimate.
- 1 Abstract.
- 1 Report.
- 1 Tracing.
- 1 Sketch-map.

2. The question of contribution from Local Funds will be decided at the next meeting and will be duly reported.

Reference thereon, dated 1st February 1894.

The Collector is requested to explain the necessity for constructing a road to the taluk cutcherry and to state the authority under which the estimate therefor has been submitted to the Board.

Read—letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 3rd March 1894, No. 406-Eng.

Resolution—dated 14th March 1894, Mis. No. 1367.

The supplemental estimate for Rs. 1,495 for constructing a road to connect the new taluk cutcherry at Allagada, sanctioned in G.O., dated 12th December 1892, No. 3405 W., with the Kurnool-Cuddapah trunk road, is submitted for the early sanction of Government. The necessity for the road has been fully explained by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

Mis. No. 1294, Revenue.

The estimate is approved and will be transferred to the Public Works Department.

Fort St. George,
30th March 1894.

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Ag. Under Secretary to Govt.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The width of foundation allowed under the walls of the vent is 2 feet. This, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, is insufficient. A width of 3 feet should be provided and nothing but concrete should be used. The foundations for the abutments which have not been shown in section should be treated on the same principle.

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

17th April 1894.

ORDER—dated 23rd April 1894, No. 1041 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,495, for constructing a road from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the taluk office at Allagada in the Kurnool district, is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 35,028 sanctioned in G.Os., Nos. 3405 W., dated 12th December 1892, and 827 W., dated 27th March 1893.

2. The expenditure on the work to the end of 1892–93 was Rs. 2,761 and the grant for 1893–94 was Rs. 14,000. The balance of the estimate, viz., Rs. 19,762, will be provided in the final issue of the budget.

3. Attention is drawn to the note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, recorded above.

4. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 8 W. of 1894–95 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circ
with five
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts e,
„ Revenue Department. enclosures.
„ Local and Municipal Department,
by E with copy of note
is Excellency the Governor.

~~Editors' Table.~~

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1894} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 23rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 23rd Apr. 1894, No. 1041 W.

APRIL.

Road

The supplemental estimate of Rs. 1,495 for constructing a — from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the taluk office at Allagada in the Kurnool district, sanctioned with remarks.

No. 2599.

Superintending Engineer's
office, 3rd Circle
Bellary 17th January 1894

From

Colonel A. J. Fraser R.E.

Superintending Engineer,

III rd Circle.

To

The Collector of

Kurnool.

Enclosures 5

1. Detail estimate
1. Abstract
1. Report
1. Tracing
1. Sketchmap

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward an estimate for Rupees 1495 with plan prepared by the Executive Engineer, Kurnool for improving the

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access by road to the New Lamb Butchery, Allagadda.

2. As the village as well as the Butchery will benefit, a portion of the cost will have to be contributed, and perhaps the road made by the Local Board.

3. I would request you may obtain a decision on this point from Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Sd/- A. J. Fraser Col. R.E.
Supdg. Engineer IIIrd Circle

(True copy)

Kurnool 6-?

From

C. M. Mullaly Esqr
Ag. Collector of
Kurnool

Enclosure No. I to
Letter No. 406/Eng of 94.

Subject.

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True copy of the
Letter No. 2599/17.1-94 from
the Supdg. Engineer
II Circle Bellary.

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Sd 8/9/94

Proceedings of the District Board,
Kurnool.

Dated 28th February 1894.

Grant I

4. Read Letter No. 2599 dated 17th January 1894, from the Superintending Engineer II Circle, to the Collector of Kurnool, forwarding an estimate for Rupees 1495, with plan for improving the access by road to the new Taluq Cutcherry at Allagadda from the Kurnool-Cuddapah Trunk Road.

Resolution. The Board is

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Current No. 2112

of opinion that this should have been included in the original estimate for the cutcherry and should be met from Provincial Funds.

It is required merely for the cutcherry and nothing else.

(True Extract)

No. 2074.

Communicated to the Collector of Kurnool for information

Kurnool D. Boards Office
1.3.94. } Sd. M.D. Woothamkaia
Vice President

(True Copy)

Ag. Collector

Kurnool
3.3.94. }

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From

C. M. Mullaly Esqr
ag. Collector of
Kurnool.

Enclosure No II to Letter
No 406/Eng

Subject

True copy of the
Dc. Bd. resolution
of 28. 2. 94.

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No. 406/Eng
Enclosures 7

Kurnool Collector's Office.
Kurnool, Dated 3rd March 1894.

From

C. M. Mullaly Esqr
ag. COLLECTOR OF KURNOOL.

To

THE SECRETARY TO the Commissioners
of Land Revenue,
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to your reference on subte No 283 dated 1st February 1894, I have the honor to state that in the estimate for the construction of the new Taluq Cutcherry at Allagadda, no provision was made for connecting it with the Kurnool-Cuddapah trunk road. There is at present no road existing but merely a village path which becomes impassable in the rainy season. Hence the necessity for the work.

2. To rectify this omission the Superintending Engineer with his Letter No 2599 dated 14th January 1894 (copy enclosed) forwarded the plan and estimate which were submitted to the Board for sanction with my letter No 89/Eng dated 29th 21st & not 29th January 1894.

3. As he suggested in para

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2 that portion of the cost should be borne by Local Funds, the matter was placed before the District Board at its meeting held on the 28th February when it resolved that the cost should be met from provincial funds as the road is required merely for the cutchery and nothing else and provision for it should have been made in the original estimate for the cutchery. Copy of the resolution is enclosed.

I am quite of the same opinion and request, therefore, that sanction of Government may be obtained for the estimate.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Collector.

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Enclosure No. 8
Current No. 2112

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)
Dated 14 March 1894.
No. 1367 Misc.

READ the following letter from C. M. Mullaly Esquire, Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 21st January 1894, Ref. on current No. 89/Eng. to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

- 1 Detail estimate
- 1 Abstract.
- 1 Report.
- 1 Tracing.
- 1 Sketch Map.

× G. O. 48/11-1-93

I have the honor to forward for early sanction detail estimate &c as shown in the margin for constructing a road from the Trunk Road between Nandyal and Cuddapah to the village of Allagadda, where the construction of the Sirvel Taluk cutcherry was sanctioned in Government Order No. 3405 W, dated 12 December 1892.

2. The question of contribution from Local Funds will be decided at the next meeting and will be duly reported.

And the following Reference thereon dated 1st February 1894.

The Collector is requested to

explain

explain the necessity for constructing a road to the Taluk cutcherry and to state the authority under which the estimate therefor has been submitted to the Board.

Read also letter from C. M. Mullaly Esquire, Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 3 March 1894. No. $\frac{406}{Eng}$ to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Resolution dated 14 Mar 1894, Mis No 1867

The supplemental estimate for Rs. 1495 for constructing a road to connect the new Taluk cutcherry at Allagada sanctioned in Government Order dated 12 December 1892 No. 3405 W× with the Kurnool Cuddapah Trunk Road is submitted for the early sanction of Government. The necessity for the road has been fully explained by the Collector.

× G. O. $\frac{48}{11-1-93}$

(True copies and Extract)

Secretary

To

The Secretary to Govt. R. D. with Collector's letter No. $\frac{406}{Eng.}$ & 7 Enclos. in original

W.R.H.

P. W. CURRENT No. 2673

$\frac{O}{18}$ ~~5,000—7-9-93.~~

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~~REVENUE~~ DEPARTMENT.

~~Current Number.~~ 2112.

From

The Board of Revenue

Land Revenue

Recd: 4.4.94

Dated 14th

Received 16th } March 1894.

Enclosures 8 (2 plans)

No. 1367 Mis

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the Sanction of Government Supplemental estimate for constructing a road to the new Taluk cutcherry at Allagada, Kurnool District

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Endorsement

ABSTRACT.

Endorsement No. 1294 Mis.

The estimate is ~~approved~~ and will be transferred to the Public Works Department.

Ag: Under Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George }
30th March 1894 }.

No. 3023 W of 11. 11. 91.
" 340 S W of 12. 12. 92
" 1133 C of [illegible] 3. 93

To

The Public Works Dept.
with 8 enclosures

" Commissioners of Land Revenue

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For examination

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Note by the Chief Engineer P. W. D.

The width of foundation allowed under the walls of the vent is 2 feet. This, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, is insufficient. A width of 3 feet should be provided, and nothing but concrete should be used.

The foundations for the abutments, which have not ~~should~~ been shewn in section, should be treated on the same principle.

E. W.

CMB 17-4-94

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W

The following addition has been made to the "Communications" on the draft, in order to give effect to the instructions of H.E.

"To The Local and Municipal Dept. with copy of Note by H.E. the Governor".

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Public Works Department.

Current No. 2673
Letter No. 1294
Dated 30th March 1894
From the Revenue Dept.

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NOTE BY TECHNICAL SECTION.

Name of work Constructing a road from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the Taluq office at Allagadda in the Kurnool District.

Amount of Estimate Rs 1495

This estimate provides for improving & widening the existing cart track from the new Taluq office at Allagadda to join the Cuddapah-Kurnool trunk road at 500 feet from the 3rd furlong stone of the 251st mile stone.

The road is to be 18 feet wide at top of which 15 feet are to be gravelled to a depth of 6 inches. The road is to be raised with earth obtained from side drains & from pits from the adjacent lands for which compensation to the extent of Rs 45 at 4 annas per 37 Cents has been provided in the estimat

Provision has been made f

intending

extending the two existing culverts over irrigation channels to the full width of the proposed road, as per sketch submitted.

The rates are fair

The plan & estimate have been countersigned by the Collector & approved in the Rev. Dept.

The estimate may be sanctioned as 2nd supplemental estimate to the original sanction amounting to Rs 34,528 sanctioned in G.O. No. 3405 W dated 12th Decr. 1892

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To W.

There is not sufficient width of foundations under the walls of the [illegible]. I would make it 3 feet instead of 2 feet wide & put [illegible] nothing but concrete.

Proposed foundations for abutments not shown in section

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No: 1041 W. d/ 23 April 1894.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS

THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 1367 Mis: d/ 14th March
Endorsement thereon in the Rev. Dept. - 1294 Mis - 30th
Note by the Chief Engineer P. W. Department d/ 17 April 18

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The estimate amounting to Rs. 1,495, for constructing a road from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the taluk office at Allagad in the Kurnool District, is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 35,028 sanctioned in G. Os. Nos: 3405 W d/ 12th December 1892 and 827 W d/ 27th March 189

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19 Apr.

I think the Local Board should undertake the upkeep of this road. I don't know the circs - but I do not understand why the new cutcherry was not put on the main road - & so obviated the necessity of making this branch road up to it. W

The expenditure on the work to the end of 1892-93 was Rs 2,761 and the grant for 1893- was Rs 14,000. The balance of the estimate, viz Rs 19,762 will be provided in the final issue of the budget.

× A sum of Rs 22,267 was provid for this work in the preliminary budget. This allotment will be reduced by Rs. 2,505. The gra will then be the present balance of the estim

(40—1,000—28-2-94.)

3 Attention

Attention is drawn to the note by the Chief Engineer P. W. Department recorded above

4. The sanction accorded in para 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 8 W of 1894-9 and classified as Civil Buildings Original Works.

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17.4.94

It is proposed to place this G.O. on the Editors' Table

M. 20/11

Estimate for constructing a road from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the taluk office at Allagadda, Kurnool Dt.

4/3/94

To
The Supdg. Engr. III Circle with 5 enclos.
" Examiner P. W. Accounts
" Revenue Department
" ~~Editors' Table~~
" Local & Municipal Dept with copy of note by the Governor

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Govt. of 1894 Madras.

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G.O. 23/4 1894 No. 1041 W

Road

The supplemental estimate of Rs 1495 for constructing a — from Cuddapah-Kurnool road to the taluk office at Allagada in the Kurnool Dt., sanctioned with remarks.

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Superintending Engineer's Office,

No. 12 K.S.

II CIRCLE, Bezwada

Dated 3rd April 1894.

From,

J. W. Martin Esquire,

Superintending Engineer,

II Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,

P.W. Department,

Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to G.O. dated 20th March 1894, No. 778 W in the matter of redistribution of Divisions in the Kistna District, I have the honor to state that I think steps should be taken at once to build a residence for the Executive Engineer. The present Executive Engineer for the new division is a native gentleman, and probably, therefore, he will be able to find a house in the town of Bezwada, but any day he may be transferred, and a European officer posted to take his place. In this Case, there will be great trouble experienced in finding a house for him, for, there is really

no

no suitable house for a European available at Bezwada. I think, therefore, that steps should be taken at once to build a house specially as it will take nearly a year to build it.

2. Regarding office accommodation for the new division, there is no suitable building available. However, some temporary arrangement can be made. But in the event of it being decided to provide a special building for an office, I think the best plan is to put the office into the building now used for the Supdg Engineer's office, remove his office into his house, & provide a new house for the Supdg Engineer, as his present house is entirely unsuited for a residence, particularly as the basement is only nine inches above ground level.

3. I know that the matters I am referring to had better be considered by my successor before finally disposing of them, and in fact, my chief reason for writing at all about them is, to remind you that it is very desirable to dispose of the

the Superintending Engineer's house if a favorable opportunity should occur.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

E. W. Martin

Supdg Engineer,
½. II Cir
3/4/94.

No. 2688

From
The Supt̤g Engineer
Second Circle

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Recd 5-4-94
Dated 3rd April 1894

No. 12 K.S.

New Division sanctioned in the Kistna District — Requesting to take steps for providing buildings for office and quarters for — & making certain suggestions in connection with —

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

Dated
Received } 18

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SUBJECT.

No. 1038 W. d/ 23rd April 1894

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Suptg Engnr. II Circle No. 12 K.S. dated 3rd April '94.

Plans and estimates for constructing a residence for the Executive Engineer Kistna Northern Division should be prepared and submitted. The cost should be regulated in accordance with the rules in para 17 Chapter XI P.W. Code.

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2. Major Baddeley R.E. will on assumption of charge of the II Circle, submit his views on the proposals made in para 2 of Mr. Martin's letter.

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7.4.94

S. E. II Circle
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(40—1,000—22-2-94.)

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Residence & Office
for the Ex. Engr.
new [illegible] [illegible]
Division —

No: 1038 W. d/ 23rd april 1894.

Reminder issued No. 1038/1 W d/ 15/9/94

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No. 92 B.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

Buildings.

Calcutta, the 22nd February 1888.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, Upper/Lower, 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 following is fowarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers marginally noted, for information and guidance.

By Order,

R. B. BUCKLEY,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract, paras. 3 and 4, of letter from Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 91 B., dated 22nd February 1888, to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department.

3. The sanction given in Public Works Department No. 1479 G., dated 3rd November 1882, remained in force till the issue of the fifth edition of the first Volume of the Code, when it was abrogated by the ruling in Chapter I, para. 3. This alteration does not appear to have been specially brought to the notice of the Government of Bengal, but nevertheless the powers of Superintending Engineers in Bengal are now those defined by the Code in Chapter III, paras. 57 and 67, which limit their powers of sanction to new works or additions to Rs. 2,500.

4. The Government of India, however, having taken the matter again into consideration, is of opinion that the powers at present possessed by Superintending Engineers may, in the case of selected officers, be advantageously expanded, so as to enable them to sanction estimates to the extent to which they may now finally approve designs and details. I am accordingly directed to state that when, in the opinion of a Local Government, any Superintending Engineer can, with due regard to his qualifications and business-habits, be entrusted with the power, the Local Government may, in supersession of existing rules, confer upon him authority to sanction estimates for individual Civil Works or parts of Irrigation projects, up to a maximum of Rs. 10,000. It must, however, be distinctly understood that no work thus sanctioned can be commenced without a specific appropriation of funds sanctioned by the Local Government, or such other authority as may be necessary in each case.

Government of India Central Printing Office.—No. 900 P. W. D.—24-2-88.—250.

No. 810 W. of 12th March/88

Recorded

/Sd/ W L C B

DW

With order

20th March 1888, No. 916 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers :—

Note by Colonel J. Pennycuick, R.E., Superintending Engineer, dated 13th Sept. 1886.
Endorsement by the Chief Engr., Public Works Dept., dated 2nd Nov. 1886, No. 3841 C.
Note by Major D. Campbell, R.E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 1st November 1886.
From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 15th January 1887, No. 409 G.T.
„ „ „ II „ „ 10th „ „ „ 291 G.T.
„ „ „ III „ „ 12th „ „ „ 1986 I.
„ „ „ IV „ „ 8th „ „ „ 4 E.W.
„ „ „ V „ „ 24th March „ „ 6395.
„ „ „ VI „ „ 15th January „ „ 1556 T.J.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 5th May 1887, No. 85.
Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 13th May 1887.
From Colonel J. Pennycuick, R.E., Suptg. Engineer, VI Circle, dated 18th July 1887, No. 771 T.J.
From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 26th August 1887, No. 489.
„ „ „ „ „ „ 18th October „ „ 662.
Endorsement from the Chief Engineer on extract from letter from the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 6th April 1887, No. 142 G.D., dated 31st October 1887, No. 73 E.W.
From the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 29th November 1887, No. 219.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 23rd August 1887, No. 475.
Endorsement by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 30th August 1887, No. 498 D.
From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 1st September 1887, No. 501.
„ Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 4th Feb. 1888, No. 406 G.L.
„ „ „ II „ „ 27th Oct. 1887, „ 283 G.L.
„ „ „ III „ „ 3rd „ „ „ 1271.
„ „ „ IV „ „ 15th „ „ „ 411 E.W.
„ „ „ V „ „ 24th Sept. „ „ 2636.
„ „ „ VI „ „ 7th Nov. „ „ 1469 T.J.
„ Consulting Architect to Government, dated 16th „ „ „ 1074.

Order—dated 20th March 1888, No. 916 W., Public Works.

The papers above recorded relate to certain suggestions made by Colonel J. Pennycuick, R.E., Superintending Engineer, having for their object the simplification of the monthly divisional accounts and relief to Executive Engineers in their preparation.

2. Colonel Pennycuick's proposals may be divided under the following main heads :—

I. The withdrawal of accountants from divisional offices, and the compilation in Superintending Engineers' offices by a reduced staff of accountants of the accounts of the whole of the divisions in each circle.
II. The increase of Superintending Engineers' powers of disposing of objectionable items, *i.e.*, increase of powers of sanctioning and condoning minor irregularities.
III. The transmission of the monthly accounts direct to the Examiner by the circle accountant, and the stoppage of all direct correspondence between the Examiner and Executive Engineers.
IV. The discontinuance of the transmission of work vouchers to the Examiner.

V. The transfer of the duty of auditing travelling allowance bills from the Examiner to Superintending Engineers.

3. In connection with the abovementioned proposals a further suggestion was made by Major A. C. Smith, Officiating Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, and Mr. G. T. Walch, Superintending Engineer, I Circle, that the objectionable item statement should be made a quarterly instead of a monthly return. This proposal will be referred to below as head VI.

4. Colonel Pennycuick's suggestions have been circulated for remarks to the Chief and Superintending Engineers, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, and to a number of selected Executive Engineers, and, after a careful consideration of the replies received, the Government have arrived at the following conclusions.

Head I.—The withdrawal of accountants from divisional offices, and the compilation in Superintending Engineers' offices by a reduced staff of accountants, of the accounts of the whole of the divisions in each circle.

5. A large majority of the officers consulted consider proposal I to be impracticable; and as the balance of opinion is clearly in favor of maintaining the present practice of compiling the monthly accounts in divisional offices, the Government are of opinion that this suggestion need not be further considered.

Head II.—The increase of Superintending Engineers' powers of disposing of objectionable items, *i.e.*, increase of powers of sanctioning and condoning minor irregularities.

6. *Head II.*—Colonel Pennycuick suggests that Superintending Engineers should have the power of condonation in all cases coming under the following heads, such cases to be finally disposed of by the Superintending Engineer, and not to be included in the statement of objectionable items, unless at the special desire of the Superintending Engineer:—

(*a*) All cases of non-submission of completion certificates.
(*b*) All cases of non-submission of work vouchers.
(*c*) All cases of deviations or excesses on sub-heads of estimates.
(*d*) All cases of deviations from sanctioned estimates for component works forming part of a general sanction, whatever be the amount of the individual estimates, provided that the total sanction is not exceeded by more than Rs. 1,000, or 5 per cent., whichever may be the greater.
(*e*) All cases of excess over allotments not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in amount.

7. (*a*) The Government do not consider it desirable that Superintending Engineers should have the power to dispense with completion reports. If a Superintending Engineer has an opportunity of inspecting a completed work before the Executive Engineer, there is no objection to the report being signed by the former officer, but in no case of ordinary works can the completion report be dispensed with altogether. In some cases, however, objects of expenditure are technically classed as "works," though they are not "works" in the ordinary sense of the word, and in such cases completion certificates are probably unnecessary. The Secretary to the Code Committee will submit a draft standing order specifying the cases in which completion reports need not be submitted.

(*b*) The question as to the necessity for a work voucher, or as to the propriety of dispensing with it, is one for the Examiner's consideration. There is no objection to a Superintending Engineer suggesting to the Examiner the propriety of dispensing with the work voucher when there appear to be special circumstances to justify such a course, but it must be understood that the decision rests with the Examiner.

(*c*) Except in the case of productive or protective works, Superintending Engineers are already vested, under paragraph 267 (*a*) of the Public Works Code, with power to sanction deviations. With reference to productive or protective public works, the Government resolve to delegate to the Chief Engineers the powers vested in them under paragraph 1515 of the Public Works Code; and in individual cases, when it may appear advisable, the Chief Engineer may delegate similar powers to the Superintending Engineer concerned. As regards condonation of excesses on sub-heads of estimates, it is observed that such excesses are not usually reported to Government. To save correspondence, however, between Superintending Engineers and the Examiner, the former officers may, when possible, sanction some definite increase of the faulty item of an estimate by a corresponding reduction of contingencies or of some other item.

(*d*) This proposal is approved by the Government, but in order to secure a guarantee for the due fulfilment of the stipulated condition as to excess over total sanction, some part of the estimate provision for unforeseen requirements will be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer concerned as a reserve fund to be afterwards credited with all ascertained savings and debited with all additional or excess sanctions. Should the estimate in such cases contain no separate provision for unforeseen requirements, the reserve fund may be formed by diverting a portion of the provision for contingencies of each component item, reducing to a corresponding extent the estimates for the latter.

(*e*) Under paragraph 1966 of the Public Works Code, excesses not exceeding Rs. 500 over budget appropriations need not be reported as objectionable, because such small excesses will usually be counterbalanced by savings on other items, and will not appreciably disturb the equilibrium between the budget grant and expenditure. It is not likely that the Government of India will sanction the proposal to raise the limit to Rs. 1,000, and this Government are not disposed to recommend its adoption.

8. Colonel Pennycuick further advocates the following alterations in paragraph 352 of the Public Works Code:—

Before *C* insert—"also with the approval of the Superintending Engineer."
In *C* (1)—*For* Rs. 500 *substitute* Rs. 1,000.
In *C* (2)—*For* Rs. 500 *substitute* Rs. 1,000, and *for* Rs. 10,000 *substitute* Rs. 20,000.
In *C* (3)—*For* Rs. 10,000 *substitute* Rs. 20,000.
In *C* (1), (2) and (3)— omit the sentences excepting productive public works.

The Government see no objection to this proposal, and will submit it for the sanction of the Government of India.

Head III.—The transmission of the monthly accounts direct to the Examiner by the circle accountant, and the stoppage of all direct correspondence between the Examiner and Executive Engineers.

9. *Head III.*—The proposal under head I having been negatived, this suggestion partially falls through. Paragraph 378 of the Public Works Code, however, contingently provides for direct correspondence between the Examiner and the divisional accountant on routine account matters, and the Government have had under consideration the question of giving effect to the rule generally. With certain reservations as to the responsibilities of Executive Engineers, the Examiner is of opinion that it would be a desirable arrangement to bring the rule into force, and the majority of the Executive officers consulted on the point are in favor of adopting the proposal. The replies received on the subject will be forwarded, in original, to the Examiner for further consideration and for submission of specific proposals as to the conditions under which direct correspondence between himself and divisional accountants may be allowed. In his office note, No. 501, dated 1st September 1887, above recorded, the Examiner draws attention to the necessity for some definite understanding as to the position, duties and responsibility of a divisional accountant, more especially if the provision of paragraph 378 of the Public Works Code be brought into force. This point also will be further considered by the Examiner in connection with the proposals above called for.

Head IV.—The discontinuance of the transmission of work vouchers to the Examiner.

10. *Head IV.*—In view of the remarks made by the Government of India in their letter recorded with G.O., No. 2681 W., dated 31st October 1884, this Government do not consider it desirable to re-open this question at present. Moreover, under existing rules, the number of cases in which work vouchers are necessary is small.

Head V.—The transfer of the duty of auditing travelling allowance bills from the Examiner to Superintending Engineers.

11. *Head V.*—The officers consulted on this point are divided in opinion as to the propriety of leaving the final audit of travelling allowance bills to Superintending Engineers. Several officers are of opinion that the present system involves a double audit, but the Examiner has

clearly explained that this is a misapprehension. The duties of the Superintending Engineer and the Examiner with respect to travelling allowance bills are distinct. The Superintending Engineer as *Controlling officer* allows or disallows a journey. The Examiner has nothing to do with the propriety of such journey, and the Superintending Engineer, on the other hand, has nothing to do with the amount of the claim to travelling allowance based on such journey. The latter comes within the province of the Examiner as *Audit officer*. There is no more double audit in such cases than when a Superintending Engineer sanctions a work and the Examiner audits the expenditure. On a full consideration of the question, the Government are not disposed to disturb the present practice.

12. *Head VI.*—In connection with this proposal, which has the approval of the Government, the question of making the disposal of objectionable item statements less of a routine matter has been under consideration. In a lengthy note, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, has submitted certain suggestions in view to rendering the statement more practically effective in removing irregularities than it now is, and those suggestions may be briefly stated as follows.

Head VI.—The objectionable item statement to be made a quarterly instead of a monthly return.

13. The irregularities at present included in the monthly objectionable statements are:—

(1) Irregularities in respect of estimates.
(2) Irregularities in respect of appropriations.
(3) Non-submission of completion reports.
(4) Miscellaneous irregularities.

According to present practice all irregularities of the abovementioned four classes falling under each service head are included in a single statement for each circle, separate statements being usually submitted for the different classes of funds. The Examiner suggests that only the first three classes of irregularities be included in the objectionable item statement; that each class of irregularity be dealt with separately in a specially adapted form; that one statement for each circle and for each class of irregularity be submitted for all funds dealt with in the General Branch, and one for all dealt with in the Irrigation Branch; that the statements be submitted quarterly instead of monthly as at present, except that the statement dealing with appropriations be submitted more frequently during the last quarter of the year; and that the due dates of the three quarterly statements be fixed so that the statement for some one class should be due every month.

14. In view to reduce the number of irregularities, the Examiner suggests that, in the case of works begun on emergency without estimate, the Superintending Engineer should be empowered to grant a provisional sanction, within his powers, and for a limited time, on a rough estimate of the expenditure, pending submission of detailed plans and estimates, and that when the expenditure is likely to exceed the Superintending Engineer's powers, a similar provisional sanction by Government should be applied for.

15. With respect to miscellaneous irregularities the Examiner proposes that they should no longer be included in the objectionable item statements, but that they should be separately and individually reported after due inquiry when necessary; that in cases of a plain breach of some distinct rule, whether by way of commission or omission, the matter should be reported to Government at once, a copy of the report being sent to the Executive Engineer, with a request that a full and clear explanation may be submitted to Government through the Superintending Engineer and the Examiner, such explanation being due within a specified time; and that failing the arrival of the explanation within the prescribed time, its non-receipt should at once be reported, and the further disposal of the matter left entirely to the Government. The Examiner further proposes to keep a register of miscellaneous regularities, and to submit to Government a half-yearly abstract or statistical statement showing their numbers and increase or decrease.

16. The Government have also had under consideration the question whether any other periodical statement may be submitted less frequently than at present, and the Examiner suggests that the monthly divisional return of grants, expenditure and balances, in so far as it extends beyond a bare application for credit, may be made a quarterly statement, if not done away with altogether, together with the budget register and connected procedure in divisional offices, leaving to the Examiner the responsibility of making the check which the present practice is intended to secure. The monthly application for credit would of course remain.

17. The Examiner is also of opinion that all practical purposes would be perfectly well secured, and the audit in some respects facilitated, if detailed accounts, *i.e.*, accounts supported by schedules in full detail, were submitted bi-monthly instead of monthly, the difficulties both in divisional offices and in the central office of accounts being considerably enhanced by the impossibility of disposing of one set of accounts before the next is due. The Examiner anticipates no difficulty in furnishing the Financial Department with monthly abstract statements in sufficient detail and sufficiently accurate, without insisting on the mass of detail now required.

18. The Examiner's several proposals under head VI are approved by the Government, and he may at once take into consideration the question of adapting the objectionable item statement form for the report of irregularities separately by classes instead of by funds. He may also at once proceed to put into force his suggestions with respect to reporting miscellaneous irregularities. The proposal with respect to making the objectionable item statement a quarterly return, as well as the Examiner's suggestions regarding the monthly return of grants and expenditure and the divisional monthly accounts, will be submitted for the consideration of the Government of India.

19. The Government are much indebted to the Examiner for the exhaustive manner in which he has dealt with these questions, and for his suggestions with respect to reducing clerical work in divisional offices.

(Here enter No. 917 W., dated 20th March 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with Current Nos. 7616,
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Monthly Divisional Accounts

Orders on certain suggestions for the simplification of the — and the reduction of clerical work in divisional offices.

8th February 1892, No. 389 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Establishment.

Read—the following paper :—

From W. B. deWINTON, Esq., Superintendent of Works, No. I Periyár division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Periyár, 2nd February 1892, No. 230 C.E.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 3322 W., dated 13th December 1890, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to let me know what my powers are in regard to "works" and "tools and plant" under 49. Capital Expenditure on Public Works not charged against Revenue.

Order—dated 8th February 1892, No. 389 W., Public Works.

In accordance with the authorization of the Government of India, communicated with endorsement No. 92 B., dated 22nd February 1888, Mr. W. B. deWinton, Superintendent of Works, is vested with the power of sanctioning estimates for works and tools and plant under 49. Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue up to a limit of Rs. 2,500 each.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Superintendent of Works, No. I Periyár division.
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Mr. W. B. deWinton,
Superintendent of Works, No. I
Periyar Division

Vesting — with the power of sanctioning estimates for works and tools and plant under 49. Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue up to a limit of Rs. 2,500 each.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

Trichinopoly. 10 April 1894
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FROM
Major A. V. Boddy R.E.
~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6th CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
P. W. D.

ENCLOSURES.

SIR,

Under para 61 Chapter III of the Public Works Code I can sanction estimates for original works to a limit of Rs 500 each, while my predecessors were allowed to sanction to the extent of Rs 2,500 each. If I am to follow the same course, I have the honor to request that the enhanced sanctioning power may be granted to me formally.

2. This being the beginning of the official year, several

estimates for minor works, received and expected from Divisions, have to be disposed of; early orders are solicited on this letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

W Boully
Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

6 Circle

P. W. CURRENT No. 2817

P. W. D. 6th CIRCLE

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
P W D

No. 46 TC

Dated 10 } April 1894
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Enclosures.

Requesting to grant enhanced power of sanction to the extent of Rs 2500, original & minor works.

6th Circle

G. O. 1036 W. d/ 23rd April 1894.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Supdg. Engr. VI Circle, No. 46 TC of 10.4.94.

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Under para 51 Chapter III of the P. W. Code, Major O. V. Boddy R.E., Supdg. Engineer III class, temporary rank, is vested with powers of sanction up to a limit of Rs 2500 under heads (b) (c) (d) (e) and (v) of para 61.

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The Supdg. Engr. VI Circle.
" Exr. P.W. Accts.

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