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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following paper:—

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3. It will be observed that in paragraph 2 of that circular I explained that the importance of close approximations to actuals in making forecasts of expenditure from month to month was due to the fact that those forecasts were the basis of returns submitted by the Government of India to the Secretary of State; in my office-note No. 226 C., dated 31st January 1893, communicated to the department with G.O., No. 290 W., dated 6th February 1893, I submitted (on a further remonstrance from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department) for approval of Government a form in which differences between estimates and actuals should be explained by Executive officers from month to month; and a reference to my inspection reports will show that the matter has always been prominently noticed at inspections.

4. The enclosed statement of the number of supplementary applications for letters of credit that were received between 1st April 1893 and 30th November 1893 however affords conclusive proof that the importance of the subject is not appreciated by disbursing officers.

5. *Original* applications for letters of credit are based on the estimated requirements for the ensuing month, and if those requirements were carefully estimated there would seldom be any necessity for a *supplementary* application. Cases will of course occur in which the most carefully prepared forecast will be thrown out by totally unforeseen requirements; but I submit that if sub-divisional and divisional requirements are carefully scrutinized by responsible officers, such cases will be the exception and not the rule, whereas the enclosed statement discloses an almost systematic resort to supplementary applications for funds, while in three cases applications were not received by me until the last day of the month in which the funds were required. Surely those requirements ought to have been known earlier.

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"Paragraph 14.—When an Executive Engineer applies for a letter of credit by telegram, he should invariably follow up the telegram with a written formal application and an explanation of the reasons for the urgency of the application."

ENCLOSURE

STATEMENT showing the number of supplementary applications for letter of credit received since 1st April 1893.

	For April.	For May.	For June.	For July.	For August.	For September.	For October.	For November.
Architect ..	..	..	..	..	12-8-93	..	..	20-11-93
Buckingham canal ..	27-3-93 15-4-93	..	..	..	..	..	..	20-11-93
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5-11-93
Coimbatore ..	13-4-93	12-5-93 18-5-93	..	15-7-93	..	..	6-10-93	..
Cuddapah ..	..	..	7-6-93	20-7-93	16-8-93	16-9-93	20-10-93	..
Godavari Eastern ..	..	..	..	..	15-8-93	18-9-93	13-10-93	..
Godavari Western ..	..	..	..	27-6-93 5-7-93	21-7-93	5-9-93	..	..
Kistna Eastern ..	20-4-93	..	..	..	..	..	17-10-93	..
Kistna Western ..	..	..	..	..	14-8-93	..	14-10-93	..
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	7-8-93	23-9-93	14-10-93	..
Nagapattinam ..	..	..	..	..	15-8-93	..	..	..
Nellore ..	..	..	15-6-93	7-7-93 17-7-93	..	..	..	..
North Arcot ..	6-4-93	..	..	..	23-8-93	..	..	..
Periyar No. I ..	15-4-93	12-5-93	..	..	9-8-93	12-9-93	..	6-11-93
Periyar No. II ..	..	..	..	..	23-8-93	..	..	15-11-93
Rustikulya ..	13-4-93	..	..	..	8-8-93 14-8-93	..	..	..
Salem ..	..	5-6-93	..	19-7-93	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	21-8-93	..	..	..
Tinnevely ..	..	..	15-6-93	12-7-93	..	25-9-93	20-10-93	..
Trichinopoly ..	..	..	9-6-93	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	..	31-7-93	29-8-93	..	..
West Coast ..	..	..	..	6-7-93 17-7-93	..	9-9-93	..	..
Stores, Presidency ..	..	..	..	..	15-8-93	..	..	23-11-93
Workshops, Presidency ..	..	15-5-93	22-6-93	24-7-93	..	..	24-10-93	..

ORDER—dated 10th January 1894, No. 61 W., Public Works.

Communicated, in continuation of G.O., No. 290 W., dated 6th February 1893, to officers of the Public Works Department. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that Executive Engineers will exercise the greatest possible care in framing their forecasts of expenditure and will carefully attend to the instructions contained in paragraphs 13 and 14, chapter X, volume I of the Public Works Code.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. C. A. Manisawmy,
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1894) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 10th.

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G.O., 10th Jan. 1894, No. 61 W.

JANUARY.

Forecasts of Expenditure

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, regarding the desirability of framing careful —, communicated to officers of the department with instructions.

CIRCULAR No. 7 of 1892.

From

I. S. SHERLOCK-HUBBARD, Esq.,

EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS, MADRAS,

To

ALL EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS.

Madras, 13th August 1892.

Necessity for careful forecasts of expenditure.

SIR,

I have the honour to invite your attention to the necessity for careful forecasts of expenditure when submitting applications for letters of credit, as the annexed statement shows that actuals have, in many cases, differed largely from the estimated expenditure.

2. In some instances the amount of difference is small, but the proportion that it bears to the estimated expenditure is very great; and it is obvious that, if similar differences occurred in every other Division in this Presidency and in every other Province in the Department, no reliance could be placed on the estimates of probable expenditure furnished to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, and to the Secretary of State,—estimates which, I may add, are based on the forecasts furnished by Executive Engineers in form No. M 78-A, as collated by the Examiner of each Province and submitted to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

3. The importance of the point under notice increases, month by month, as the financial year advances; and unless it receives vigilant and constant attention, it will be impossible to prevent divergences from forecasts of outlay, resulting either in a lapse of grant, or in the grant of a Division being exceeded.

4. In connection with the subject it is very desirable that the requirements at sub-divisions, as well as at head-quarters, should be personally scrutinized by the Executive Engineer, as the Divisional accountant's knowledge of them is necessarily limited; but it is essential that the accountant should preserve a methodical record, by funds and works, of the amounts applied for in form No. M 78.

5. It is moreover desirable that immediately after despatch of accounts for August in each year, the accountant should prepare a simple compilation, showing—

- i. the actual outlay to end of August,
- ii. the liabilities as shown in form No. M 78 up to end of September,
- iii. the amount of proposed outlay for October, as shown in form No. M 78.

The total of these should be compared with the budget allotment for the year, as recorded in your Register of appropriations, and the statement placed before you at the

same time as form No. M 78. You will then be able to see exactly what balance you have available for the remaining 6 months of the year, and how far your programme of work is likely to approximate to your grant.

6. It may be added that in the preparation of applications for letters of credit, two factors demand careful attention, viz:—

- i. treasury balances, and
- ii. cash balances.

In one division, conspicuously, treasury balances which were inordinately heavy were completely overlooked from month to month, with the result that requirements were very largely over-estimated. Treasury balances should, as a rule, be kept down to *within one week's average expenditure*; while risk of loss or defalcation will be minimized by keeping *cash* balances down to the lowest possible limits.

7. Considering that under Code rules payments exceeding Rs. 10 should be made by cheque, there is no necessity whatever—except at offices located at a different station from the treasury—for keeping a larger cash balance than may be required to meet unforeseen petty payments; and I beg that this principle may be strictly observed.

8. Strict attention to the points noticed in this Circular, while avoiding lapses in some Divisions, will, it is trusted, reduce the number of supplementary applications for letters of credit that are now received from other Divisions. The rules on this subject, as given in P. W. D. Code, Vol. I, Chap. X, paras. 13 and 14, are very clear and I commend them to your best attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. S. SHERLOCK HUBBARD,

Examiner of P. W. Accounts, Madras.

ANNEXURE TO EXAMINER'S CIRCULAR No. 7 of 1892.

Statement showing differences by funds for the first five months of the year 1892-93, between forecasts and actuals.

Funds and Divisions	JANUARY 1892.			FEBRUARY 1892.			MARCH 1892.			APRIL 1892.			MAY 1892.		
	Forecast.	Actuals.	Difference.	Forecast.	Actuals.	Difference.	Forecast.	Actuals.	Difference.	Forecast.	Actuals.	Difference.	Forecast.	Actuals.	Difference.
49. Irrigation—															
Kanna Western ..	65,221	77,133	11,415												
Puriyar No. 1 ..		292	292												
49. Major Works Working in—															
Jenny ..	8,083		8,083												
Godavari Eastern ..															
Kurnool ..															
49. Minor relief and irrigation—															
Kannula ..	53,620	60,114	6,494												
49. Provincial Minor works and—															
Navigation ..															
Godavari Western ..															
Kurnool ..															
Anantapur ..															
Salem ..															
49. Minor Works and Navigation—															
Local ..															
Salem ..															
44. Imperial Military Works—															
Salem ..		4,809	4,809												
45. Imperial Civil Works—															
Godavari Eastern ..															
Vizagapatnam ..															
North Arcot ..															
49. Provincial Civil Works—															
Godavari ..	2,951	463	2,488												
Kannula ..	11,556	4,169	7,106												
Kurnool ..	5,612	6,616	2,904												
Kanna Eastern ..															
Kurnool ..	1,165	2,542	1,067												
North Arcot ..		8,675	8,675												
Puducherry No. 1 ..	14,839	1,771	13,068												
Presidency elms ..	6,728	4,994	1,824												
Do. ..	10,061	7,862	2,199												
South Arcot ..	5,435	7,547	1,914												
Vizagapatnam ..															
West Coast ..															

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Madras, 20 December 1895.

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Nagapatnam					15-8-93			
Vellore			15-6-93	7-7-93 17-7-93				
North Arcot	6-4-93				23-8-93			
Periyar N ^o I	15-4-93	12-5-93			9-8-93	12-9-93		6-11-93
Periyar N ^o II					23-8-93			15-11-93
Rushikulga	13-4-93				8-8-93 14-8-93			
Salem		5-5-93		19-7-93				
South Arcot					21-8-93			
Tinnevely			15-6-93	12-7-93		26-9-93	20-10-93	
Triplicopoly			9-6-93					
Vizagapatnam					31-7-93	29-8-93		
West Coast				5-7-93 17-7-93		9-9-93		
Stores (Residency)					15-8-93			23-11-93
Workshops (Residency)	15-5-93	22-6-93	24-7-93				24-10-93	

Madras

December 1893

J. S. Herbert-Schubert
Examiner of P.W. Accounts,
Madras

No 61 Wd/10 January 1894

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Suptg. Engineers
 Consq. Architects
 Supts. of W. P. Project
 Chief Engr. for Irrigation
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Office note from
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