

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 2040 W

DATED 15 July 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Accounts of the Comdg Architect
Explanation of the Comdg Architect
on the points brought to notice in the Examining
Inspection Report of ~~the~~ accepted

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Public Works Department.

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To

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chennai, Madras.
16 June 1896

No. 1345

To

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras.

From

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

In

Enclosure.

With reference to G. O. No. 1175 W
dated the 25th April 1896, I have the honour to state
as follows—

Para 3 of Inspection notes— This question
was raised so far back as 1870 and disposed
of in Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 3732 C
dated 12th September 1870. The system was adopt-
ed apparently on the ground of convenience con-
venience and is found to work satisfactorily.

Para 4 of Inspection notes— Measurements
are usually recorded by the officials in charge
of the works except where this could not be
done without undue inconvenience. Every
entry in the measurement book is verified.
This would appear to satisfy the requirement
of the notes.

Para 6— The line manufacture accounts show surplus outcome of the value of Rs 1,173. Deducting this amount from the deficiency in the outcome of the Brick and Tile factory, of Rs 5223, there remains a net deficiency in the outcome of both the manufacture accounts of the value of Rs 4050. This will be adjusted in accordance with the usual practice by debit to works in progress.

Any change in the present procedure under which the contractor is debited with only the value of stock materials used up on works does not appear desirable. It is obligatory for contractors to use Government materials and as the works in this Division are all buildings, the collection of materials in advance, in most cases imperative. It is suggested by the Inspecting Officer the contractor is debited with the full value of materials supplied to him, there will be a large balance outstanding against him and it is not desirable that he will ask for higher rates. As the materials are issued to contractors under a flat rate, as per rates without any percentage and a small amount for materials appears necessary to prevent the contractors using them up for other than Govt works. Under present arrangements, the material is issued to the works the

the contractor is held responsible for its proper custody and use and full value of the same is recovered from his bills from time to time.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. J. M. S. S.

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Sub Col. M.

in charge. Comd. Dy. S. S.