

Public Works (189 6) Department.

G.O., No. 5584

DATED 14/2/96.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclosures. — office note from the Chief
Engineer for Dringahin returning C. A. —
Sent with C. A. No 16965 d/16. 1-26. regarding the
inspection report of the accounts of the
Coimbatore Dm, Recorded

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

Madras, 27 January 1896.

OFFICE NOTE No. 227 $\frac{2}{A}$

To

E. I.

The enclosures received with G.O. No. 169 W. dated 16th. January 1896 are herewith forwarded for information and return to the Secretary to Government, P.W. Department.

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Memorandum.

In forwarding herewith an extract from the Statement showing the amounts remaining to be recovered from Padugay Lessees up to end of March 1895, lessee is informed that if the amount due by him is not paid into the Karur Treasury and the Treasury Receipt forwarded to this Office within a month from date of this order of demand, legal proceedings will be taken to recover the same.

(Sd) W. B. de Sinton
Executive Engineer.

To

Sivagnanam Pillay

" Ramaswamy gounder

" Maniam Karappa gounder.

" T. P. Kuppaswamy Iyer.

(True Copy)

Executive Engineer.

No. _____

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

COIMBATORE DIVISION,

COIMBATORE, _____ 189 .

FROM

W. B. de Hinton Esq.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

COIMBATORE DIVISION.

TO

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FOURTH CIRCLE, COIMBATORE.

SIR,

Enclosures. /

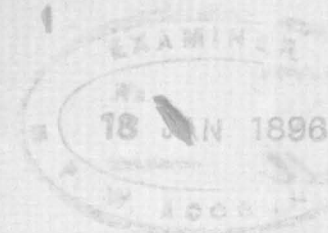
*With reference to your no. 483
dated 24. October/95, I have the honor
to report as follows:-*

*(1) Expenditure on thatched buildings
Para 21 of Inspection Report.*

*The buildings in the list for
Coimbatore District were built
between 1867 and 1878; those in the
Nilgiri District all belong to the
Cutchona Department and the
date of their erection is not known.*

*Thatched buildings are not constructed
now, except for temporary purposes,
(2) Brickmaking at Kalligal (Para 30.)*

*The advance of Rs 200 was made by
Mr. Gilbert, temporary upper Subordinate,*



*On 5.2.3
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without authority, and in submitting bills for payment he omitted to record this advance in them: the fact that it had been made was also overlooked in the sub division office, and the bills paid in full without deduction. The transaction occurred and Mr. Gilbert was allowed to resign his post in the department before I took charge of the division, but the fact that the overpayment had been made was discovered almost immediately afterwards, and I withheld some pay and travelling allowance due to Mr. Gilbert until the sub D.C. Officer Erode assured me that the advance could be recovered from the Contractor. This has since been done to the extent of Rs 106, leaving a balance still to be recovered of Rs 94 and for this I propose to take second class bricks and utilize them in the interior of walls of main building and out-houses.

(3) Irregular grant of Privilege leave Para 44(a)

The Executive Engineer in charge of the division and its late accountant now on furlough, are responsible for the oversight in granting this. The leave has since been ~~converted~~ converted into Leave without allowance, and the necessary recoveries were made in May 1895.

(4) Lease of Padugayp.
Para 53 (a) and (b).

The leases were entered into in September 1891 by the then Executive Engineer of the Coimbatore Division, Mr. J. B. Larmine, and were to run for a term of 5 years, i.e., until Sept. 1896, the lessees paying during that period a yearly rent by half yearly instalments in advance.

2. The areas leased were 4 Padugayp in the Cauvery river and one in the Auravati river.

3. The leases provide that if payment of rent is at any time 7 days in arrears, the lease can be annulled, and they

also provide for payment of interest at 12 per Cent per annum on all such arrears.

(4) The leases give the approximate area of each Padugay, the rent being fixed at so much an acre, being the amount bid for them at auction.

(5) The Padugays were, I believe, measured before they were put up to auction, but no plans of them are extant.

6. When I took charge of the Division in April, I found the rents due on these leases very much in arrears, and I proceeded to call on the lessees for payment of all arrears. This call having no result, I sent a demand in a registered letter, (Copy of which is attached) to each Lessee, calling upon him to pay his dues in full within one month, or legal proceedings would be taken to recover them. This also has had no effect to date, and I now request sanction to sue the Lessees for the recovery of these dues in the Court at

at Larus, although I am very doubtful whether it will be possible to obtain a decree in our favour, because the leases were apparently never registered and are, therefore, I fancy, so much waste paper in the eyes of the Law.

7. The Case is further complicated by the fact that the Lessees dispute our areas of the Padugays and our figures.

8. There is no doubt that these leases are a mistake, both as to the length of the period they were to run, and as to the terms on which they are held, and I think the best course will be to Cancel them all at once, and relet the Padugays in the manner laid down lately in the Chief Engineer's Memo No. 174 dated, 6th Aug/95.

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(5) The Examiner's remarks in para 56(b) would make it appear that the Assistant Accountant is not given systematic work, but this is by no means the Case, as will be seen from the following list of his

1. Posting of Cash and Irrigation Abstract books.
2. Checking 2 Lab Divl. Cash extracts and vouchers.
3. Keeping of Register of estimates.
4. Writing adjustment book and preparing transfer orders.
5. Preparation of Completion reports and Completion Certificates, and of noting them in the Register of works and in the Index.
6. Posting or noting the folios in the Register of Estimates.
7. Maintaining Transfer Advice Book.
8. Answering objectionable items to Examines & Supp. Engineer.
9. Writing audit notes to subordinates and of disposing of them finally.

(6) In paras 57 & 58 the Examiner refers to the "incomplete and tardy submission of accounts" by sub-divisions. There is much truth in this, and the reason is that sub-

divisions

Division clerks are overworked. Much greater responsibility has been thrown on sub division offices in the last few years, implying greatly increased work, and very little additional assistance has been given them. The following is a list of the duties of a sub division clerk, viz: -

- (1) Writing up the Cash book daily, and sending cash extracts twice a month.
 - (2) Posting the Receipt and despatch of letters.
 - (3) Copying estimates for Submission to oversers.
 - (4) Fair Copying Correspondence.
 - (5) Checking Calculations in measurement books.
 - (6) Preparing bills.
 - (7) Checking Imprest Accounts of subordinates.
 - (8) Preparing work abstracts for each work in progress.
 - (9) Maintaining Tools & Plant Returns.
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This has all to be done by one man, except in some few instances, where two are allowed, the second clerk being generally a young and inexperienced temporary hand, and it is manifestly impossible, that, in any but a very light worked Sub Division, his returns can be punctually submitted. There is only one remedy in my opinion for this, and it is one which would ensure the punctual submission of all accounts and reduce audit notes &c to a minimum. It is to appoint two clerks to each sub division of the same standing, one to have charge of the Correspondence branch, and the other of the Accounts branch, the latter clerk to have received a year's training previously, preferably in the Audit Office, otherwise in the Division Office.

This system might take a little time to introduce, and would of course increase the cost of establishment,

but I am certain that the results obtained would well repay the latter.

Each sub division office should be inspected twice a year, once by the Divisional Accountant and once by the Assistant Accountant, if there is one.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt. servant.

W. H. H. H.
Executive Engineer.

P. W. D.



From

The Executive Engineer,

Coimbatore Division.

To

The Supg. Engineer,

Fourth Circle,

Coimbatore.

Dated 7th

Despatched 9th

Received

1895.

No. 4877

ENCLOSURES 1

SUBJECT.

Inspection Report

Replying on the certain
points noted in Examiners
— of the D.

Copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer,
IV Circle, No. 505^W dated 17th December 1895.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
with reference to G.O. No. 2504 W dated 10-6-95.
1895.

2. The undersigned agrees with the opinion
expressed by the Executive Engineer in the con-
cluding para of the foregoing letter regarding
the strengthening of the sub-division offices.
But he considers that this should be done
by a corresponding reduction in the Division
offices.

3. The Executive Engineer has been requested to
submit in a separate report his application
for permission to sue padugai renters for
arrears of rent. He should explain fully the
grounds on which the lessees refuse to pay.
It is thought that the non-registration of the
leases would not be accepted even in a
law court as valid reason for non-payment.

2/11/96