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G.O., No. 161-2 W

DATED 14 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sub Overseers' Work and Accounts:

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed on the subject of the rules affecting a —.

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Sub Overseers' work & accounts

DEPARTMENT.

No. 161 of 19th January 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the S.E. I circle, No 724 E.K. of 16.12.96.
" " II " " 379 E.K. of 2.11.96.
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" C.A. to Govt " 3488 of 5-10.96.
" Secy P.W. Order. 631A of 4.9.96.

The Govt. of India will be addressed —

A.J. No 162 W of 19th Jany 97

To the Secy to Govt. of India P.W.D.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 80 A.J. dated 21 July 1896, I am directed to state that as Sub. overseers form a very small body in the Madras P.W.D. and are rarely intrusted with any important charge the difficulties mention

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are seldom, if ever, experienced in this Presidency.

2. It is considered however that, subject to the following remarks, the remedies proposed are well calculated to meet the difficulties, & may with advantage be adopted.

Item I. There is no rule restricting the number of mates (or maistries as they are termed in this Presidency). A number sufficient for the proper supervision of work is required; ~~and~~ this number should be left to the discretion of the Subdivisional Officer, and their pay should be charged to the works concerned. If the maistry understands and efficiently performs his duty, there can be no objection to his being a relative of the Sub Overseer.

Item II. Purchases of stores are seldom made by Sub Overseers, and when made, are chiefly confined to petty bazaar articles, which are readily charged off to the works for which they are procured.

Item III. Retrenchment from imprest accounts should not be permitted at all. A retrenchment does not increase the balance of cash actually in the imprest holder's possession, and it keeps out of the accounts, unnecessarily, disbursements. The last sentence of para 68, Chapter I, vol II P.W. Code might be expunged, and the principle of para 69, Chapter III adopted instead.

Item IV. The limit of Rs. 1000 allowed for imprests is considered ample. The imprests granted to Sub Overseers are usually small and the amount can be regulated by Executive Engrs according to requirement. No difficulty experienced in the

timely recoupment.

Item V - The rules with regard to imperfect or missing Vouchers apply equally to the accounts of all impress-holders, & no special rule with regard to Sub Overseers is seems needed - If an Ex. Engr considers that the discretion allowed by the rules is not judiciously exercised, it is his duty to bring the matter to the Examiner's notice.

Item VI - Para 34, Chapter VIII, Vol I of the Code permits the grant of advances up to Rs 50 by subordinates, but it is considered that a Sub overseer should make no advances without the permission of his subdivisional officer -

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From J.C. Lamine Esqr.
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

To The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 724 GL

Dated 16.12.96

Received 4.1.97

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SUBJECT.

Sub-Overseer's Work and accounts—
Submits copy of the Godavari Central Divisional Officer's letter with remarks on the ——

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No. 1665.

From

W. J. Howley Esquire
Executive Engineer
Godavari Central Division

To,

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

Dated 24th September 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 412 GC, dated 2nd Instant calling for remarks on a letter from the Government of India regarding certain difficulties that are said to arise in connection with a Sub-overseer's work and accounts, I have the honor to report that in this Division no such difficulties are experienced.

I. Thus there is no hard and fast rule here restricting the number of mates (Gumastas and maistries) that may be employed: a number sufficient for the proper supervision of the work are engaged and their pay is charged to the work or works concerned and shown in the usual works Establishment and quittance rolls.

There is one rule, however, that might well be altered, namely the rule under which a Sub-overseer is not allowed any peon to assist him with his Surveying and Levelling instruments

to help in carrying papers, measuring work done, and in other miscellaneous ways. I am strongly of opinion that this rule should be done away with and that the appointment of a Sub overseer should carry with it sanction for a peon also, as in the case of upper subordinates.

II No difficulty is found in charging offat once to a final Sub head the petty purchases usually made by Sub overseers.

III Retrenchments from Sub overseers imprest accounts are never necessary, since almost all bills for work done and materials supplied are submitted to the Sub Divisional officers for pass before payment. In some few cases petty bazaar articles such as pots, baskets &c. may be paid for before the bill is audited; but there are regular fixed prices for most of these articles and even they are usually paid for only after the bill is passed.

IV There is no necessity to make any alteration in the limit of Rs 1000 laid down for the imprest.

V. The objection as to Sub overseers vouchers being sometimes imperfect applies equally well in the case of Sub division or Divisional accounts. The rules contained in the P.W. Code Vol: II Chapters I and III appear to be quite sufficient to meet such cases.

I have &c.,
W. J. Howley
Ex Engr. G.C.Dn.

(True Copy)

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Supdg Engr. 1st Circle 18/12

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No. 724 G.L.

FROM

J. le. Larminie Esquire M. I.C.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FIRST CIRCLE.

Enclosure [illegible] TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WALTAIR, Madras 189

SIR, Waltair 16th December 1896.

With reference to G.O No. 2370 W dated the 17th August 1896 in the matter of Sub-overseers' work and accounts, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a letter no. 1668 dated the 24th September 1896 received from the Executive Engineer Godavari Central Division and to express my general concurrence in the opinions therein expressed; they apply generally in this Circle.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

J. C. Larminie
Superintending Engineer
First Circle

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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From Major A. L. C. Baddeley
Superintending Engr. 1st Circle

No. 379 EC

Dated 2 November 1896

Received 5.11.96

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Sub overseers wages accounts — Forwarding certain suggestions re:

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No. 379 E/

II Circle,

Dated 2 Nov'r... 1896.

From,

Major W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.
~~Esquire~~,

Superintending Engineer,

II Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
Public works Department.

Sir,

In reference to G.O. No. 2370 W. of 17th August, 1896, I have the honor to report that there is a concurrence of opinion in this Circle that the proposals affecting Subordinates' accounts should be given effect to.

2. The question of the necessity for gangers or maistries should be left entirely to the discretion of the Sub Divisional officer.

3. The allocation of petty stores might conveniently be left to the

Sub overseer, subject
to check afterwards
in the Sub Dn offices.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servt,
G Mul. Allen
Asst. Engr.
for Supg. Engineer,
2nd Circle.

From,

The Superintending Engineer,

II Circle.

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From

The Superintg Engineer
2nd Circle
Bellary.

No. 1886 W

Dated 28th September 1896

Received 29.9.96

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Sub overseers work and accounts: ———

Communicates Superintg Engineer's remarks on ——— as called for in Govt. Memo of 17-8-96

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No. 1886 W

Superintending Engineer's Office,
3RD CIRCLE.
Bellary 28th September 1896.

From W. B. de Winton Esqre.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
IIIRD CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department
Madras

Sir,

Enclosures.

In reply to G. O. No. 2,370 W dated 17th August 1896, I have the honor to report that as Sub Overseers are not generally entrusted in this Circle, or, so far as I know, in this Presidency, with important charges necessitating the submission of accounts &c. to Sub-Divisional Officers, the difficulties enumerated by the Government of India are not likely to arise. The remedies proposed to meet them seem, however, suitable and I see no objection to their adoption in this Presidency.

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

W. de Winton
Supty: Engineer, III Circle.

No. 2317

Public Works (1896) Department.

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From The Supg: Engineer 4th Circle

No. 520 W

Dated 20th October 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Sub-Overseer's Works.

Reports that the difficulties regarding — are not experienced in this circle

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Supg. Engineer's office, 4th Circle,
Coimbatore 29th October 1896.

No. 520

From,

J. Hannan, Esq.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle,

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 2370W, dated 17th August 1896, I have the honor to point out that the difficulties referred to with regard to Sub Overseers are not experienced in this Circle as there are practically no such subordinates. No subordinates under the grade of Overseer should I consider except under exceptional circumstances be entrusted with cash disbursements.

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

J. Hannan
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

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CURRENT No. 10738

Order

From The Supty Engineer
5. Circle

No. 372 W.

Dated 24: November 1896.

Received 26.11.96

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SUBJECT.

Sub overseers.

Communicating the views of the Executive Engineers regarding certain points in connection with the work of

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