Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1891 W

DATED 14 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Watchmen: Emphatically impressing upon Executive Officers of all grades in the department the necessity of their making it a point of duty to inspect vacant buildings anywhere near their line of march when they are on tour and check the work of the — employed thereon.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers :—

Memorandum No. 3298 C., dated 10th September 1896.
„ No. 1413 C., dated 11th March 1897.
From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 20th May 1897, No. 137 G.L.
„ „ „ II „ „ 22nd May 1897, No. 114 „
„ „ „ III „ „ 27th May 1897, No. 1256 W.
„ „ „ IV „ „ 29th March 1897, No. 172 W.
„ „ „ V „ „ 1st June 1897, No. 160 W.
„ „ „ VI „ „ 13th May 1897, No. 857 T.C.
„ „ Consulting Architect, dated 25th March 1897, No. 5513.

Order—No. 1891 W., dated 14th July 1897.

In memorandum No. 3298 C., dated 10th September 1896, Superintending Engineers were requested to submit a return for the information of Government giving the number and rates of pay of all watchmen employed in the Public Works Department to guard public buildings.

2. The statements received showed that all the watchmen employed are paid as whole-time men, and Superintending Engineers were thereupon requested to report on the following points :—

(1) What security has the department that the watchmen give their whole time to their work?

(2) What steps are taken to prevent the watchmen from doing other work, and making a sinecure of their watchman's duty?

3. The substance of the replies received to this reference is that the department has no security, that the watchmen give their whole time to their work, but that the state of the buildings, when inspected, is a proof of whether or not the men do their duty.

4. These answers are not satisfactory. The watchmen are paid on the basis of giving their whole time to their work, and it is admitted that there is no assurance that they do this. His Excellency the Governor in Council would emphatically impress upon Executive officers of all grades in the department the necessity of their making it a point of duty to inspect vacant buildings anywhere near their line of march when they are on tour and check the work of the watchmen employed thereon. These inspections should as often as possible be sudden and unexpected, and should be mentioned in the journals submitted to Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(1) what security has the dept. that the watchmen give their whole time to their work?

(2) what steps are taken to prevent the watchmen from doing other work, and making a sinecure of their watchman's duty?

3. The substance of the replies received to this reference is that the Dept. has no security that the watchmen give their whole time to their work, but that the state of the buildings when inspected is a proof of whether or not the men do their duty.

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To
All Suptg. Engrs. ✓
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P.W. DEPARTMENT.

Watchmen employed in PWD

READ the following :—

From the Suptg: Engineer, I Circle, No. 137 Gl., dated 20th May 1897.
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——— Do ———, V ——, No. 160 W, dated 1st June 1897
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FOR ORDERS.

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In the Secretary's note+ of 23rd February 1897, submitting, for the information of His Excellency, a statement of watchmen employed in the P.W. Department, His Excellency asked the following questions

(1) What security has the Dept. that the watchmen give their whole time to their work?

(2) What is there to prevent the watchmen from doing other work and making a sinecure of their watchman's duty?

Suptg: Engineers having been called upon in memo. No. 1413C, dated 11th March 1897, to answer these questions, their replies are now submitted.

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The substance of the replies is that the Department has no security that the watchmen give their whole time to their work, but that the state of the buildings when inspected is a proof of whether or not the men do their duty.

The large majority of the buildings for which watchmen are employed are resthouses and inspection bungalows, and these are frequently resorted to, not only by the P. W. Officers, but also by District officials of other departments. Most of these buildings have some sort of garden or trees around them, and if the plants are thriving and the buildings and compounds are kept clean and tidy, there is prima facie evidence that the watchman does his duty. Neglects in these particulars would soon be met by complaints from visitors and by punishment.

The case of vacant buildings is probably different, as ~~these~~ they are not so frequently seen by officers, but here too the state of a building on inspection would be evidence of the watchman's trustworthiness. Executive officers of all grades in the Dept. might be told that they should ~~it~~ make it a point of duty to inspect vacant buildings anywhere near their line of march when they are on tour, but they probably do this already.

This should be emphasized.

A.S.H.

The Consg: Architect has also reported on the points referred to but the questions are not applicable to the Presidency town, where there are special arrangements for the supervision of watchmen.

C.W.H.
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These answers are not satisfactory. The watchmen are paid on the basis of giving their whole time to their work, and it is admitted that we have no assurance that they do this. I have not much faith either in the test of results or of visits by officers too. A sufficient result can probably be obtained by one day's work out of six, and the visits of officers are not often surprise, as they send their servants and chattels in advance.

I cannot suggest any good remedy. But, as the Note suggests officers should do all they can to inspect vacant buildings, and check the work of watchers.

A.S.H. 25.6.97

FOR ORDERS.

Public Works (1897) Department.

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From J. C. Larminie Esq.
Supg. Engineer, IIIrd Circle
to The Chief Engineer, P. W. D.

No. 137 G.L.

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Rest House watchers — Submitting report on the condition & state of

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FROM

J C Lamminie Esquire M.I.C.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE.

Enclosures. TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WALTAIR, 20 May 1897.

SIR,

With reference to your memorandum No: 1413 C dated 11 March 1897, I have the honour to report that the condition of the Rest house and the grounds surrounding it affords the best criterion as to whether the watchman devotes a proper amount of time and attention to his duty.

2. If the Rest house is frequently visited it is very soon known whether the watcher employs himself on the work or not.

3. A man who possesses land in the neighbourhood of the Rest houses and who is known to have some other profession to attend to, would never be employed as a watcher.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedt St.

J C Lamminie
Superintending Engr 1st Circle

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
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From Major W. L. C. Baddeley R.E. Supdg Engr 2nd Circle

No. 1146

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SECOND CIRCLE, Bezwada

No. 114 G.C.   Dated 22 May 1897

From,

Major W. L. C. Baddeley R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
II CIRCLE.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
Public works department.

Enclos:

Sir,

In reference to your No. 1413 C, of 11th March, 1897, I have the honor to report as follows:—

(1) The P. W. Department has no security that watchmen give their whole time to their work; but if officers find that buildings are kept clean & that the watchers are forthcoming when required, the inference is that they do their duty properly.

(2) The check on the watchmen is that exercised generally throughout

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throughout Government service,
viz inspection by Superior Officers
of the buildings and places
where watchmen are employed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.

Executive Engr.
for Supg Engineer.
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From the Superintg Engineer
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No. 1256 W

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Supdg. Engineer's Office, III Circle,
Bellary, 27th May 1897.

From
W. B. de Winton Esqre.
Supdg. Engineer, III Circle,
Bellary.

To
The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 1413 C dated 11th March 1897, I have the honour to report that.

(1) The only security the Department has that watchmen give their whole time to their work is the fact that the buildings in their charge are frequently inspected by upper subordinates and Officers of all grades, without ~~warning~~ warning, and if the watchmen are found to be absent, the buildings dirty and evidently uncared for, the trees, shrubs and flowers, if any, in the surrounding garden languishing for want of water, or any other signs that the watchman is negligent of his duty, he is punished or dismissed. The majority of them are employed in charge

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of inspection bungalows, which officers of the Department frequent, as well as our own staff, and the fact that complaints of the absence or neglect of watchmen are very rarely received goes to shew that they, as a body, do their duty.

(2) The only steps it seems possible to take to prevent the watchmen from doing other work are frequent and unexpected inspections. If on such occasions the watchman is found to be present and everything in good order, it may be accepted as the possible evidence that he is not making a sinecure of his watchman's duty, and is earning the small pay given to him, and I do not think that more should be required of him.

3. Personally I should have no objection to a man's supplementing the pittance he gets from Government by other work, provided he does not neglect his proper work. At any rate it would be impossible to prevent his doing so if so minded, and it would be equally impossible to get watchmen on pay less than that now given.

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

for Supdg. Engineer 4th Circle

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From
The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

No. 172/W

Dated 29th March 1897
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Supg Engineer's Office
4th Circle.
29th March 1897.

From,
J. Hannan. Esquire.,
Supg Engineer
4th Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer.
Public Works Department.

Sir

With reference to queries in para 2 of your memorandum No. 1413 C, dated 11th March 1897 I have the honour to reply as follows:—

(1) No security except the occasional inspection by officers and subordinates.

(2) If watchmen are found absent from their charges they are fined or dismissed.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
J. Hannan
Supg Engineer 4th Circle

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From The Supdg Engineer 5th Circle

No. 160 W

Dated 1st June 1897

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No. 92 Chingleput Division Office
9th April 1897

From
J. P. Davidson Esqre
Executive Engineer, Chingleput Dn.

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
V Circle.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your No: $\frac{40G}{c}$ d/24-3-97 and in reply have to state that the two questions are very difficult to answer. As soon as a Public Building in charge of the D.P.W. is reported vacant, it is the duty of the Executive Engineer to appoint a watchman; the man so appointed is of course as far as can be ascertained of good character, and as a rule has claims of some sort or other on the Department.

Once appointed and during tenure of his office, it is impossible to say whether the watchman spends his entire time at the building, but he is certainly invariably present whenever any Officer or subordinate of the Department arrives for inspection, but in as much as neither Executive Engineers

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Sub-division Officers or their subordinates can be expected to make surprise visits to vacant buildings, the presence of the watchman on these occasions is no guarantee that he was there the day before or will be the day after.

I am unable to suggest any measure the adoption of which will ensure the presence of these men on the various works they are in charge of, but I think it may be taken for granted that any really serious dereliction of duty would be brought to the notice of one or other of the watchman's superiors by his many friends and neighbours who would not be unwilling to take the appointment on his being dismissed.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. P. Davidson
Ex: Engineer.

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(True Copy) A. E. Sandbach
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Lt. Col. R.E.
Supty: Engineer V Circle.

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No. 3295.E.

South Arcot Divisional Office
Cuddalore, 22d. April 1897

From,
A. H. Garrett Esqre.
Executive Engineer, South Arcot D.

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
V Circle.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 40 G/c d/ 24-3-97 on Chief Engineer's Memo: No. 1413 c, I have the honour to inform you that at present only one watchman is employed in this Division for the Aptt. Superintendent's Bungalow at Tirukkoyilur, which is vacant.

2. He lives on the premises and has sufficient work to do in looking after a lot of young trees that have been planted in the compound, which is a large one and in keeping the compound and bungalow clean.

3. Frequent inspections are made to see that he is in his place and doing his work.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. H. Garrett.
Ex: Engineer.

(True Copy) A. E. Sandbach
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Lt. Col. R.E.
Supty: Engineer V Circle.

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Executive Engineer's Office
Negapatam.
Camp, Mannargudi, 11/14 May 1896.

No. 208 S.E.

From, M.R.Ry. N. Ratnasabhapati Pillay, Avl. Rai Sahib B.A., B.C.E.
~~The~~ Executive Engineer,
Negapatam Dn.

To, The Superintending Engineer,
V Circle, Madras.

~~Enclosure~~
~~One Statement~~.

Sir,

With reference to your No: $\frac{40 G}{C}$ dated 24 March 1897, I have the honour to append herewith a statement of watchers employed in this Division and to inform you in reply to the Chief Engineer's queries as follows:—

(1) The watchmen are specially employed to look after the works. The watchmen employed have full-time work, as they have to keep the garden round the rest houses in a neat condition. (2) The Overseers in charge are responsible to see that proper works are turned out, and any neglect on the part of these men is generally judged from the state of the Bungalows.

I have &c.

(Sd) N. Ratnasabhapati Pillay
Ex: Engineer.

(True Copy)
1/6/97
Lt. Col. R.E.
Supt: Engineer V Circle.

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No. 160 W

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepâk, 1st June 1897

From
Lt. Col. C. C. Rawson R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To
THE Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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3 Copies of E.E.'s letters ~~and statement~~.

SIR,

Referring to your memo: No 1413 C dated 11 March 1897, requesting to report on certain points in regard to the duties of watchmen employed to guard public buildings in the V Circle, I have the honour to forward copies of the replies received from the several Divisional Officers in this Circle, from which it will be seen that the watchmen employed have enough of work to occupy their whole time in the discharge of their duties, and that they are sufficiently looked after to prevent their doing other work.

I have &a

C C Rawson
1/6/97
Lt. Col. R.E.
Supdg: Engineer V Circle.

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From

The Supg Engineer
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No. 837 T.C.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

Trichinopoly, 13 May 1897.
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From
Lt Col. A. V. Boddy R.E.
~~The~~ Sperintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W.D.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

With reference to your memorandum No: 1413 C dated 11 March 1897, calling for report on certain points, in regard to the duties of watchmen employed in the Public Works Department to guard public buildings, I have the honor to report as follows:—

(1) This department has no security that the watchmen give their whole time to their work. Their work can only be judged from the state in which they keep the buildings and surroundings together with the plants, nurseries &ca in the Compounds which require watering and attention.

(2) Whenever the officer & subordinates visit the buildings in their tour, it is seen that the watchmen do not do

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P. W. D. 6th CIRCLE,

other works.

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

TO
THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

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

A. V. Woodley
Lt Col. R.E.
Supdg Engineer, VI Circle

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From
The Consulting Architect
to the Government
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Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
25th March 1897

No. 5513

From
G. S. T. Harris, Esq.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Memoran
No. 1413 C dated the 11th Instant, I have the honour to reply as follows:-

(1) The watchmen employed in the P.W.
office buildings in Chepauk are placed in charge of a European Sergea
who satisfies himself that they do thei
work properly. The attendance of the
watchmen is checked by a tell tale clock.

(2) The watchmen employed in the Brickfields are supervised by a Sub overseer who lives at the Brickfields.

(3) The watchman's work in the Pumping station & Conneman

Library & connected building is checked respectively by the Engine driver & the maistry in charge of the work.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Geo Davies
Consulting Architect
to Government