

Public Works (1897) Department

G.O., No. 2778 W

DATED 6 October 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sub Overseers: Encl. Encl. letter inviting at-
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rules affecting the work & accounts of — in the
P.W.D. and stating with remarks that the issue
of any further definite rules is uncalled for,
conceding to objections of the P.W.D.

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Sub-Overseers

Government of India letter inviting attention to their suggestions for removing certain difficulties found to arise in the practical working of the rules affecting the work and accounts of — in the Public Works Department, and stating with remarks that the issue of any further definite rules is uncalled for, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper:—

From A. R. BECHER, Esq., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account-General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 2nd September 1897, No. 190 A.G.

I am directed to invite attention to Government of India, Public Works Department letter, No. 80 A.G. of the 31st July 1896, in which local Governments and Administrations were called upon for an expression of opinion as to the best measures that could be adopted with a view to removing certain difficulties found to arise in the practical working of the rules affecting the work and accounts of sub-overseers in the Public Works Department.

2. The opinions received generally agree with the suggestions made in paragraph 3 of the letter referred to, but there is a diversity of opinion in connection with the question of the employment of relatives of sub-overseers as headmen or mates. This is not a matter of much importance, and the Government of India consider that the employment of relatives as headmen or mates may well be left to the discretion of the local authorities. With respect to retrenchments from Imprest accounts, the Government of India accept the suggestion made by a local Government that disallowances from imprests should not be treated as laid down in Public Works Department Code, Volume II, Chapter I, paragraph 68, but on the principle of paragraph 69, Chapter III. A standing order on this subject will issue in due course.

3. With regard to the other suggestions referred to, I am to say that the Government of India are of opinion that the issue of any further definite rules is uncalled for, and they accordingly leave it to the discretion of local Governments and Administrations to adopt in full or in part the suggestions which were placed before them in paragraph 3 of Government of India, Public Works Department letter, No. 80 A.G. of 31st July 1896.

ORDER—No. 2778 W., dated 6th October 1897.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., No. 2370 W., dated 17th August 1896.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
" the Superintending Engineer on Special duty,
" the Executive Engineer, Lighthouse division,

with copy of G.O., No. 2370 W.,
dated 17th Aug. 1896.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works (1897) Department.

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The Govt. of India

P.W.D.

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SUBJECT.

Rules affecting the work and
accounts of Sub-overseers P.W.D.

Drawing attention to the
Govt. of India (P.W.D.) letter No. 80

A.G. of 31-7-97 in regard to measures
to be adopted for the removal

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practical working of the — &

stating with remarks that in the
opinion of that Govt. the issue of any
further definite rules is uncalled for

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
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To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH, PUNJAB, AND BURMA.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, ASSAM, AND COORG.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA, RAJPUTANA, AND BALUCHISTAN.
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PORT BLAIR AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

Simla, the 2nd September 1897.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Offg. Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department