

Public Works (189) Department.

G.O., No. 3156 W

DATED

th 8 Dec 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Poly metrical Tables:

Informing the Superintending Engineers that _____ need not be prepared either in the Divisional Offices or even in the Examiner's Office. Observing that all Supty. and Ex. Engineers are expected to carefully scrutinise the distances entered in the journals of their sub-divisions.

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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated

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of 1898, dated 1st Novr.

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the Supts. Lys. III birds

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ORDER

ORDER *N. 315 Subd 8.12.28.*

At the suggestion of the Examiner, orders were issued in G.O. No 3311 W, dated 26th Novr, 1897, to Supts. Engrs to submit poly-metrical tables of distances by road showing by divisions the distances between places usually inspected by Supts. Engineers, Executive Engineers, and other officers of the P.W.D. On the 8th Decr. 1897 Supts. Engineers were instructed by wire to defer action on the G.O. quoted.

2. The subject has now been discussed with the Examinee, and all Supts. Engineers will be informed that polymetrical tables need not be prepared either

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either in Divisional offices, or even
in the Examiner's office, but
all Superintending and Executive
Engineers are expected to
carefully scrutinize the dis-
tances entered in the journals
of their subordinates.

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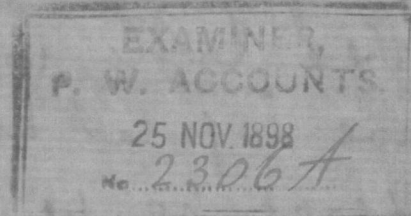
W. H. S.
5-12-98

To
All Supts. Engrs.
The Examiner, P. W. Accounts

9/11/98

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 9095



From
The Superintending Engineer,
3rd Circle
Bellary

No. 5269C. d/24 Nov 98

No. 2816W

For favour of remarks.
I have already expressed my
disapproval of the preparation
of these tables, and I think you
ought not to have taken further
action in the matter, without
previous reference to me.

Dated 1-11-98
Received
Registered } 2-11-98
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SUBJECT
Distances travelled by
subordinates &c

I have had a conversation this
morning with C on this
subject, & find that the action
taken in the matter by his P. W. A.
office was somewhat in
violation of his instructions, that
metrical tables of —
should be prepared as
desired by the Examiner

P. W. A.
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he had a fortnight ago
taken action in the matter -
he accepts the view taken
by the Council bench &
wishes that the inspection
of these matters is left to
give a great deal of trouble
& serve no very useful
purpose, while their

inspection in C.S. Office
has informed pleased him
time to time how journal
is certain to be inaccurate
& misleading - He is willing
therefore to waive further
action in the matter, & I
have assured him that I
accept full responsibility
in this course.

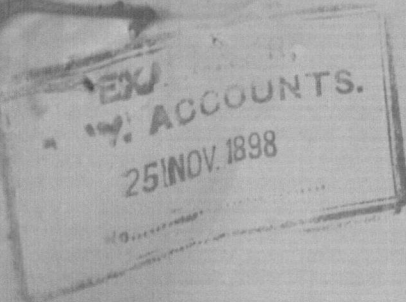
He should be informed with
reference to becoming aware that
polymetrical tables need not
be prepared unless in Divisional
or in the Surveyors Office
but that S.D.s & S.S.s are
expected to carefully & scrupulously
the distances entered in journals
by their subordinates.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Extract from the Travelling allowance list
of the Bellary Division for July 1898:-

17. Please instruct all officers and subordinates
to be very careful to furnish reliable information
in their journals as regards distances, as the dis-
tances shown therein are being tabulated for
the preparation of Polymetrical tables under C.S.R.
1290 (a). Executive Engineers as controlling officers
all subordinates is required to carefully
scrutinize the distances entered in Travelling
allowance journals.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H.E. Clerk
Executive Engineer
Bellary Division.

(True copy)

W. B. B. B.

Lieut Col R.E.

Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
1-11-98

Letter from H. E. Clark Esquire, Executive
Engineer, Bellary Division to the Superintending
Engineer, The Circle, Bellary No 7899 of 28.10.98.

Enclosure
1 Extract from
Dio. Dict.

I have the honor to forward an Extract
from the Dislist of Examiners on the travelling
Allowance bill of this Division for July and to
make the following remarks.
2 Polymetrical Tables of distances were ordered
to be prepared in G.O. No 3311 of dated 26th
November 1897. Communicated with your Endorse-
ment No 4928 dated 4th December 97. This
order was, however, directed to be held in
abeyance very soon afterwards, and I believe
I am not wrong in assuming that it is
the intention of Government that no further
action should be taken in the matter. I
find, however, that the Examiner has
undertaken to prepare the tables. The neces-
sity of which I pointed out in the office
No 9885B dated 8th December 1897.
3. I should be entirely excusing my province
in concerning myself with the way in which
the Examiner chooses to employ his Establishment,
did I not foresee that the Examiner's action
is

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is likely to lead to interminable correspondence
on petty travelling allowance questions in future.
4. When an officer marches between two
points it is the rule rather than the excep-
tion for him to inspect works on the way,
and the distances travelled entered by him
must inevitably vary. The Executive and the
Superintending Engineer can, guided by the
minutes of the works inspected, decide whether
the distances entered are correct. It is
impossible for the Examiner to compile any
tables which will enable him to do so.

5. Again, camping grounds vary with the
time of year, and the position of work to be
inspected. Tents may be pitched in a shady
spot on low ground in the hot weather, whereas
in the rains it may be necessary to select
a drier site at a considerable distance.
I have, I believe, said enough to show how
utterly useless these tables as prepared
by the Examiner would be. They will,
however, form a most formidable objection
to the passing of any travelling allowance
bills, however carefully prepared, directly
the Examiner begins to employ them.

6. The only two occasions on which the exact
distance is of any importance are (a) when
mileage is claimed in lieu of daily allowance
and (b) when daily allowance is claimed
for a journey of something near 5 miles from
head quarters. The occasions on which such
claims are unfairly preferred are very few
indeed, and I have no hesitation in saying
that sufficient check over them is as a rule
exercised by Executive and Superintending
Engineers, with whom this duty must rest.
I request that you will support me in
my suggestion that the Chief Engineer,
R. W. D. should point out to the Examiner the
trouble which is likely to arise from the
course he is now adopting.

No. 2816 W & S, November 1898

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public
Works Department with a very strong
recommendation that Polymetrical tables
of distances should not be prepared. They
will inevitably lead to much correspondence
regarding distances travelled, and will serve

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