

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 1274 W

DATED 13 May 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Schedule of Dates, No. 1274 W
Com to the Acct General and all Local Boards
P. W. End to stating with remarks that the
preparation of a consolidated list of the
entries shown in the - for each District
is impracticable, Com to S.E.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th August 1897, No. L.F.D.—322.

With reference to the latter portion of G.O., No. 798 L., dated the 1st May 1897, I have the honour to state that an attempt has been made to prepare a consolidated list of the entries shown in the schedules of four districts. This has brought to light the fact that an enormous number of differences exist, not only in the classification of the several kinds of work or materials, but in their nature, description, measurements, etc. The preparation of a complete list of entries, embodying the differences existing in all districts, will therefore be extremely laborious, and I fear that without professional assistance, it will not be possible for me to undertake it.

2. When the suggestion contained in my letter, No. L.F.D.—718, dated the 26th March 1897, was made, it was not anticipated that any very large number of differences existed, but as this is now found to be the case, I would suggest that the question of the practicability of unification be referred to the Public Works Department. The only points on which, in my opinion, it appears necessary to insist upon uniformity are the adoption of the form approved in G.O., No. 798 L., dated the 1st May 1897, and the classification of the detailed entries under the several major and minor heads given in the revised Madras Public Works Department schedule of rates. These are shown in the margin for facility of reference. The detailed entries under the above heads may, I think, be left to each district to fill in according to local requirements, unless Government prefer to issue a consolidated list with the assistance of the Public Works Department.

Rates of labour.	Skilled workmen.
	Labourers.
	Bricks and tiles.
	Bricks and tiles manufactured.
Rates of materials.	Stones.
	Lime.
	Timber and roofing materials.
	Metals.
	Road materials.
	Clearing site and dismantling.
	Quarrying and blasting.
	Earth work.
	Road work.
	River and channel conservancy.
	Concrete.
	Brick work.
	Brick work, etc., with materials manufactured.
Rates of work.	Well-sinking.
	Stone masonry.
	Flooring.
	Plastering.
	Roofing.
	Ceiling.
	Painting.
	Wood work.
Rates for carriage of materials.	Rates for works of a special nature.

3. I attach by way of illustrating the difficulties attending unification statements showing the differences existing in the four districts I have taken up under the major heads "Flooring" and "Roofing," and I shall be happy to forward a complete file of the schedules of rates obtained from the several Local Fund Engineers, if Government desire.

No. 897.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of remarks.

23rd August 1897.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1423-C.

The unification referred to by the Accountant-General is impracticable. The schedules of rates for each district in the Presidency, and description of work ordinarily undertaken therein, is now under revision in this department and copies for each district will be supplied in due course, though it is probable the work will take a considerable time to complete.

(Signed) A. W. SMART, Col., R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

8th March 1899.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

ORDER—No. 858 L., dated 24th April 1899.

The endorsement of the Public Works Department read above will be communicated to the Accountant-General and all Local Boards in continuation of G.O., No. 798 L., dated 1st May 1897.

(True Extract.)

A. W. Smart
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
„ all Presidents of District Boards.
„ the Public Works Department.