

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 1914 W

DATED 25 July 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Letters & Telegrams from the Ex: Engineer
Financial Division:

Letter from the Genl: Suptd
P.W. Workshops, Madras, explaining the
delay in replying to the ——— recorded
with the remark that the explanation is
unsatisfactory and the S. & V. circle requests
to submit proposals for altering the present
system in the shops in the matter of estimating for
work.

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R. W. S.
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Copy of letter from H. A. Moss Esquire, General Super-
intendent P. W. Workshops, Madras, to the Suptg:
Engineer 3rd Circle, No 35 dated 28 June 1898:—

With reference to your no 92 P.W.S. ^{30.3.29} I have the honour to inform you that it is impossible to say exactly why the letters and telegrams were not answered immediately and it is useless investigating the matter further. If the information asked for had been immediately available no doubt it would have been supplied at once as it is as a rule. It is a mistake to infer that, because an answer is not sent at once, the matter is receiving no attention. Every endeavour is made to give estimates in answer to inquiries about probable expenditure, as carefully as possible, but it is often very difficult to do so especially in iron work on which expenditure is very variable. Towards the end of the official

*This is a system year it becomes exceptionally difficult with every
that requires attention. Re shops should ^{care} and trouble taken to give a fairly approxi-
mate estimate owing to the rule which requires
to take the profit & loss that emerges to bill for every bit of work done. We cannot
ensure thereby. This is the ^{only} way to hold a bill and make the expenditure
satisfactory arrangement. agree with our estimate-

No. 390W
14.7.99 To the Chief Engineer, P.W. Department
with reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 864W. dated 21st
March 1899. I have already informed in
the Supd. the necessity for appropriate
answers to letters & telegrams. As the enclosed R.O.
has otherwise Shy Campbell Engineer 5 Cech
The things done in the past 12-7-99