

Public Works (189) Department.

G.O., No. 2752 W

DATED 18 Oct '89

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection Report.

orders on the — of the accounts
of the Godavari Western D^y, submitted
by the Exr P.W. Accts.

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READ—the following paper :—

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 27th September 1899, No. 1156 A./A.

I submit an extract from a report by Mr. J. E. Lacey, Deputy Examiner, of an inspection by him of the office of the Executive Engineer, Gódvári Western division, and I solicit the orders of Government in column 5 of the enclosed statement.

2. The office is in fairly good order.

ORDER—No. 2752 W., dated 18th October 1899.

With his office-note recorded above, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, submits those items in the report of inspection of the accounts of the Gódvári Western division which require the orders of Government. These orders have been entered in the statement printed as an appendix to these Proceedings. The Superintending Engineer, I Circle, will see that necessary action is taken and that the reports called for are duly submitted. Government considers that there is room for improvement in the management of this office.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
 „ other Superintending Engineers.
 „ the Consulting Architect to Government.
 „ the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division.
 „ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 „ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Appendix to G.O., No. 2752 W., dated 18th October 1899.

RESULT of the Inspection of the Accounts of the Gódvári Western Division by Mr. J. E. LACEY, Deputy Examiner, Public Works Accounts, 5th to 9th September 1899.

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2	<p><i>Measurement Books.</i></p> <p>(a) A register in Form E No. 74 is maintained; a number of books of 1894 and 1895 are still shown with Sub-divisional officer and section subordinates. One book No. 930 issued 29th April 1894 was stated to be lost by the Overseer. The following discrepancies, omissions, etc., were noticed in the books examined:—</p> <p>Entries transcribed from probably a note book and the original measurements not taken on the work book 1925, page 98.</p> <p>Corrections not initialled, book 5615, pages 13, 14 and 16.</p> <p>Differences between measurement book and actual payment, book 4260.</p> <p>Rs. 3,515-14-6, and cash book (March 1899) Rs. 3,607-1-6.</p> <p>Subordinates taking measurements signing in pencil, books 5618, 7240.</p> <p>In the case of piece-workers total measurements to date are, as a rule, not shown nor previous measurements deducted, although, as pointed out in paragraph 1, the works are not practically closed.</p>	<p>G O., No. 2668 W., dated 26th September 1892. Public Works Department Code, II, I, 187.</p> <p>Public Works Department Code, II, I, 31 to 38.</p>	<p>(b) The remarks of the Inspecting officer indicate that receipts in Form No. 15 are obtained for payments to piece-workers who have practically running accounts. The attention of the Executive Engineer might be invited to the rules quoted. If the regulation forms are adhered to, the limitation proposed by the Inspecting officer will be unnecessary.</p> <p>2. (a) Measurement books are records of primary importance and the Executive Engineer should therefore insist on the rules relating thereto being observed with the greatest care.</p>	<p>Item 1 (b).—The regulation forms should be adhered to. Form No. 15 should not be used in the case of payments to persons who have practically running accounts.</p> <p>Item 2 (a).—The Superintending Engineer will see that immediate steps are taken for the maintenance of these important records in the manner contemplated by the Code. He will also enquire into the difference reported by the Inspecting officer, between measurement book and actual payment of Rs. 3,607-1-6.</p>																				

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	<i>Measurement Books—cont.</i>			
	(b) Measurement book No. 7230, called for by Examiner in No. 2426 B./A., dated 20th July 1899, was not produced at the inspection. It was stated to have been lost in the Lock tappal and special enquiries are being made by the Executive Engineer. For want of this book the particulars of the large payments made to S. K. Venkatratnam, piece-worker for excavating short cut of Yamamadurnu drain, estimate Rs. 1,05,500, could not be checked.		(b) The loss of the measurement books (No. 7230 and 930 referred to above, appears to be a serious matter. The Executive Engineer will perhaps have reported the matter to the Superintending Engineer with full particulars of the steps he took to repair the loss.	<i>Item 2 (b).—A report with necessary explanation from the parties concerned should be submitted. The greatest possible care should be taken of measurement books, which are the primary records of work done by the department.</i>
3	<i>Control over Revenue.</i> (a) Registers are maintained for the sale of fruit trees and of grass; in the case of the latter the register is not complete, being posted in some instances only to end of 1897-98; and no explanation is given for the differences in sums realized between one month and another. No separate account or register is maintained for the revenue realized by the two delta superintendents under Executive Engineer. (b) The sale produce of lankas sold for temporary cultivation is also not recorded in any register. It seems necessary that the register in the form prescribed in G.O., No. 1316 W., dated 23rd May 1898, should be utilized to record all such receipts and be written up in accordance with the instructions pointed on the form. (c) The sums realized by Lock Superintendents on account of licence fees realized on cargo and passenger boats, etc., etc., are accounted for in Public Works Department Form No. 3 or in a register of miscellaneous collections and paid direct into the treasury; these sums are not included in the Executive Engineer's cash book, but are shown in detail in the cash abstract book. It seems necessary, as is done in all other divisions, that such transactions should be included in a permanent record like the cash book. (d) The receipts paid into treasury by these Lock Superintendents during the past 12 months, September 1898 to August 1899, amounted to Rs. 36,088 and the men, who are on pay ranging from Rs. 8 to Rs. 12 per mensem furnish no security.	 G.O., No. 1316 W., dated 23rd May 1898. Public Works Department Code, II, I, 40. Public Works Department Code, II, I, 87-A.	3. (a) The register cannot serve its purpose unless it is brought up to date. The Executive Engineer might perhaps be asked to report when his registers are completely posted. (b) This matter will no doubt also receive the Executive Engineer's attention. 3. (c) The Executive Engineer might perhaps be allowed a discretion, but there is much in favour of the regular cash-book form (No. 4) being adopted, if the existing system is preferred. 3. (d) Government have already passed orders in G.O., No. 2416 W., dated 20th September 1898, that no security need be demanded from employees of this class.	<i>Item 3 (a).—The register should be brought up to date and completed; and the matter reported to Government.</i> <i>Item 3 (b).—The Superintending Engineer will explain why these items of Revenue receipts do not find place in the register prescribed for the purpose.</i> <i>Item 3 (c).—The Superintending Engineer will, after necessary enquiry, prescribe the form which should be used.</i>
4	<i>Banking Arrangements.</i> Cheques are sometimes written out by a clerk, but not always in the presence of the Executive Engineer. The current cheque books are in the custody of the Executive Engineer, but not the stock of blank cheque books. Public Works Department Form No. 20 E is with the cashier and not in the personal custody of Executive Engineer. The certificate in the fly leaf is not signed.	Public Works Department Code, II, I, 52, and notes 3 and 5 on Public Works Department Form 20 E.	4. It is important that cheque books (whether in use or unused) should remain in the personal custody of the disbursing officer, and this point has also been recently emphasised by India in Circular No. 11 printed with G.O. No. 2335 W., dated 6th September 1899. The certificate on the fly leaf should invariably be signed before the book is brought into use. Form No. 20 E (receipt for payment to Government) should also remain in the personal custody of the responsible officer.	<i>Item 4.—The Examiner's remarks should receive careful attention.</i>
5	<i>Cash Arrangements.</i> The Cashier's appointment was abolished and his designation changed to that of clerk in G.O., No. 2824 W., dated 8th October 1897. The cash chest is, however, in charge of the Head clerk who furnishes no security. The receipts paid into the division cash-chest is during the past 12 months amounted to about Rs. 9,500, and it is a question whether the Head clerk of Godáviri Western division should not be required to give an adequate security.		5. The Superintending Engineer might be asked to report on this point with reference to G.O., No. 619 W., dated 14th March 1899.	<i>Item 5.—The Superintending Engineer will furnish the required report.</i>
6	<i>Sub-Divisional Accounts.</i> The extracts from cash-books and accounts from sub-divisions were often received after the 5th—the accounts sometimes as late as the 12th.	Public Works Department Code, II, I, 191.	6. The Executive Engineer should insist upon the punctual submission, by the Sub-divisional officers, of their accounts and vouchers, so as to avoid unnecessary delay in the compilation of the divisional accounts.	<i>Item 6.—Immediate steps should be taken for the punctual submission of the accounts.</i>
7	<i>Imprest Accounts.</i> Imprest accounts are not always recouped in the same month. <i>Bank Sub-division.</i> —Imprest of P. Jagannatha Row, Overseer, closed 31st March 1899; recouped 2nd April 1899. <i>Western Sub-division.</i> —Imprest of P. Ranganayakulu Naidu, Overseer, closed 26th April 1899; recouped 3rd May 1899; closed 30th June 1899; recouped 3rd July 1899. The intention of the rules is that imprest accounts should be closed about the 27th of the month and recouped before the end of the month, so as to ensure as many as possible of the month's transactions being included in the Divisional accounts.	Public Works Department Code, II, I, 69.	7. The delay will no doubt be avoided, now that the intention of the rule has been pointed out. The expenditure from an imprest remains practically unaccounted for until it is recouped. Until then the expenditure is ignored so far as the accounts of the division are concerned, so that where there are large imprests in many divisions, any delay in recoupment should be carefully avoided.	<i>Items 7 and 8.—The Examiner's remarks should receive careful attention.</i>
8	<i>Cash Book.</i> (a) The Executive Engineer does not initial the entries in the cash book and there is therefore no evidence that the rule in Public Works Department Code, II, I, 58, is followed; but he signs the cash book at the end of the month under paragraph 61 of the same chapter. (b) Petty vouchers retained in Divisional office were not cancelled.	Code, II, I, 58 and 61. Public Works Department Code, II, III, 66, which applies to vouchers audited and retained in Executive Engineer's office.	8. (a) The Code rules should be adhered to, including Code, II, I, 61. (b) The object of cancelling these vouchers is to prevent the possibility of their being used again, and with this view, their cancellation is imperative.	
9	<i>Stock Arrangements of Division.</i> Two cast iron standards, value Rs. 85-0-2, have been borne on the stock returns for some time and are surplus; orders regarding their disposal seem necessary.	Code, II, II, 132.	9. The Superintending Engineer might be asked to arrange for their speedy disposal.	<i>Item 9.—The Superintending Engineer will take the necessary action.</i>
10	<i>Accounts of Works.</i> <i>Work abstracts and registers of works.</i> (a) In the work abstracts for major works (works accounted for by sub-heads) the net amount paid on each voucher, and arrears due, if any, is not filled in. This is liable to lead to errors. (b) In the fly leaf of the register of works the signature of the Executive Engineer is recorded monthly, but no certificate as required by G.O., No. 154 W., dated 21st January 1895, is given.	Public Works Department Form No. 7 E. G.O., No. 154 W., dated 21st January 1895.	10. (a) This point will no doubt receive Executive Engineer's attention. (b) The Executive Engineer might be asked to comply with the orders quoted.	<i>Item 10 (a) and (b).—The Examiner's remarks should receive careful attention.</i>

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10	<p><i>Accounts of Works—cont.</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Works abstracts and register of works—</i> <i>cases:—</i></p> <p>(1) Constructing cross drainage works on Ellore canal 2 6 0 (2) Short-cut of Yenamaduru drain 838 9 4 (3) Constructing Deputy Collector's office at Ellore 102 7 1 (4) Improvements to Taluk office buildings with out-houses at Narasapur 154 10 7 and others. (d) Rates are not always struck in the register of works, nor the quantities entered.</p> <p>(e) Workslips seem necessary in the following cases in which excesses in sub-heads occur:— (a) Constructing cross drainage works on Ellore canal. (b) Deputy Collector's office at Ellore. (c) Surplus weir to Gokavaram-Peida tank. (f) No statement of materials at site in Public Works Department Form No. 7 F in support of the debit of Rs. 148-2-9 to that sub-head in the register of works (constructing surplus weir to Gokavaram Peida tank) has been received from the Tank sub-division, and in the following cases the acceptance of the Sub-divisional officer for the additional entries made in Form 7 F has not been obtained:— Total value of materials as per materials at site Form 7 F signed as per register by Sub-divisional officer. Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P. (1) Constructing Deputy Collector's office at Ellore (the difference Rs. 1,115-12-10 represents the cost of materials adjusted in Executive Engineer's office, against which, however, no quantities are shown) 4,004 4 0 2,888 7 2 (2) Improvements to Taluk office building with out-houses at Narasapur 693 5 11 584 5 9 (3) Constructing Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office at Vanuku 1,392 9 3 1,560 5 3 In this case a number of items are entered without value, e.g.— 20 door shutters. 653 ceiling planks, etc. 386 lb. white lead.</p>	<p>Public Works Department Code, I, VII, Circular No. 38 of 1889.</p> <p>Public Works Department Form 30-A, Note I.</p> <p>Public Works Department Code, II, II, 170.</p> <p>Public Works Department Code, II, I, 103.</p>	<p>10. (c) Items debitable to "contingencies" should be recorded separately in the register of works and Superintending Engineer's sanction should also be obtained to the deviation whenever necessary.</p> <p>(d) The principal object of the register of works would be nullified if the quantities of work done and rates are omitted. This is evidently a matter which should receive the Executive Engineer's personal attention.</p> <p>(e) It is important that the Superintending Engineer should be kept informed of all excesses over the sanctioned limits for works and the form of workslip is for this purpose.</p> <p>(f) Executive Engineer might be asked to account for the differences in (2) and (3). Sub-divisional officers should be informed of all adjustments made in the Divisional office and with this view the corrected accounts should be sent to them for information.</p>	<p>Item 10 (c) and (d).—The Examiner's remarks should receive careful attention.</p> <p>Item 10 (e).—It should be explained why workslips were not used in the cases brought to notice.</p> <p>Item 10 (f).—The Superintending Engineer will take the necessary action in view to the differences noticed being accounted for. The Examiner's remarks should receive attention in future.</p>

Contract Accounts.

- 11 (a) There are no regular contractors, all are treated as piece-workers and agreements approved of by Executive Engineer, taken in Form K-2. In the following cases, however, it seems that regular contracts should have been obtained, or the spirit of the rule in paragraph 11 in Public Works Department Code, I, Chapter VIII, followed and necessary reports made to Superintending Engineer:—
(1) *Piece-worker K. Venkataratnam.*—Repairs to Yenamaduru drain—payments over Rs. 6,000.
(2) *Piece-worker Varadagi Dharmabathi.*—Constructing Deputy Collector's cutocherry at Ellore—payments over Rs. 3,000.
(3) *Piece-worker K. Venkataratnam.*—Excavating short cut of Yenamaduru drain, estimate Rs. 1,05,500, payments over Rs. 17,000.
(4) *Piece-worker T. Suryanarayana Rao.*—Maintenance and repairs—Buckley's drain—payments over Rs. 4,000.
(5) *Piece-worker A. Ananthayya.*—Repairs to Tokalapalli drain—estimate Rs. 6,500—first payment by Western Sub-division Rs. 2,253-6-6 in June 1899.
(6) *Piece-worker D. Pullaya.*—River training works at Mallaswarum—estimate Rs. 6,100—total work done over Rs. 6,000.
(b) In the case of Nagada Appana no agreement was taken for work done by him for the Rudraoeturga drain—estimate Rs. 3,100.

Establishment Works.

- 12 The following points were noticed in the inspection of some of the service books:—
(a) Finger prints are not taken, but in some cases the thumb impressions were only made, this is not sufficient.
(b) The land statements appear to be incomplete and require to be brought up to date with reference to the rules in paragraphs 12 and 15 of the "Rules for the conduct of Government servants."
(c) In the opening page, the Executive Engineer's signature was not always dated (service books of Chelania and D. Venkateshollan, Delta Superintendents) and others.
(d) Events of a man's services are not recorded always at the time of their occurrence (C. R. Krishna Rao, Accountant, temporary promotion to 6th grade, temporary rank).
(e) In two cases when books were completed loose manuscript sheets were added and filled in instead of new service books being opened out—
P. V. Raghavath Naidu, Draftsman.
D. Venkateshollan, Delta Superintendent.
(f) In Mr. C. W. Traish's service book, the following privilege leave was recorded:—
22nd November to 5th December 1884, and
12th December 1884 to 17th January 1885.
It was not stated whether he was recalled to duty and granted leave when he could be spared again.

Miscellaneous.

- 13 The outward and inward transfers were not promptly advised or acknowledged. Several cases of delay were noticed.

DOWLAISHWERAM,
14th September 1899.
(Signed) J. E. LACEY,
Dy. Exr., P.W. Accounts.

Public Works Department Code, I, VIII 11.

11. (a) Apparently these men should have been treated as regular contractors and sanction of competent authority obtained to the giving out of the contract.

Public Works Department Code, I, VIII, 8.

- (b) The Executive Engineer might be asked to explain why an agreement was not drawn up in this case.

G.O., No. 199 W., dated 25th Jan. 1898, and G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897.
Rules for the conduct of public servants, paragraphs 12 & 15.
Civil Service Regulations, 878 (a).
G.O., No. 272 W., dated 4th February 1898.
Civil Service Regulations, 876.
Civil Service Regulations, 223.

12. The Executive Engineer, will no doubt see that service books are completed in every respect, with reference to the orders quoted. The fact of Mr. Traish having been recalled to duty should have been entered. This should be done now.
- Item 12.—The irregularities should be rectified immediately.

Public Works Department Code, II, 171.

13. The Executive Engineer's attention will no doubt be given to the avoidance of such delays noticed.
(Signed) H. RAINIER,
Offg. Exr., P.W. Accts.,
Madras and Coorg.
- Item 13.—This matter should receive the Executive Engineer's attention.
(Trus Extract.)
(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

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Extract from Godavari Western Division South
Extract from Register showing progress in check and payment of bills

Name of Contractor or Piece worker	Amount of Bill	Date of measurement	Date of bill	Date of receipt in Divisional Office	Date of completion of action in Divisional Office	Date of Payment	Remarks
Kandi gulla Perigadu	30 54	27-4-1898	20-4-1898	25-5-98	26-5-98	26-5-98	
M Ramamoorthy	57 60	10-4-1898	23-5-1898	30-5-98	31-5-98	31-5-98	
Maddury Chelamiah	42 11 6	18-3-1898	28-5-1898	31-5-98	1-6-98	2-6-98	
Choda Bhimadu	3 13 4	29-4-1898	30-5-1898	31-5-98			
D. Chinaseshiah	0 50	8-5-1898	7-6-1898	7-6-98	9-6-98	17-6-98	
Uppalapaty Bhimadu	18 40	8-2-1899	8-2-1899		20-2-99	1-6-99	
K Tirapadu	1 40	9-2-1899	9-2-1899		20-2-99	31-3-99	
D Chinaseshiah	0 90	20-8-1899	18-4-1899	21-4-99	25-5-99	18-7-99	
P Subbarayudu	0 42	22-5-1899	27-5-1899	30-5-99	31-5-99	23-6-99	
W Bhimadu	922 11 6	14-6-1899	6-6-1899	12-6-99	14-6-99	31-8-99	
D Chinaseshiah	18 99	27-5-1899	14-6-1899	16-6-99	28-6-99	1-8-99	
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Ch Subbiah	0 70	9-6-1899	9-6-1899	27-6-99	28-6-99	17-7-99	
B Suriarow	0 10 0	26-6-1899	26-6-1899	27-6-99	29-6-99	20-7-99	
R Venkataswamy	3 7 2	26-6-1899	26-6-1899	27-6-99	29-6-99	20-7-99	
K Braumadu	8 11 6	14-6-1899	26-6-1899	21-6-99	29-6-99	20-7-99	
W Bhimadu	122 11 6	27-7-1899	27-7-1899	29-7-99	31-7-99	31-8-99	

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" May "	1476 - 2 - "
" June "	961 - 3 - 6

and although no balances were retained, yet his account was not practically closed and should have been treated as a running account - the final bill when ready being sent to Executive Engineer for audit

(b) The present practice admits of all payments being made by Sub divisional officer without check. It seems also desirable that in the case of bonafide first and final bills a limit should be fixed up to which sub divisional officer may pay without audit all bills of sums above the fixed limit being sent to Executive Engineer for check. Say Rs 500/- It was noticed that in the Western sub division, one payment of Rs 2253-6-6 was paid in June 1899 to a piece worker without audit.

G.O. No 2873 W

dated 15th
October 1892

Head of P.W.D
Form No 15

1(a) The object of the register is to prevent delay in payment and unless it is frequently scrutinized by the Executive Engineer, it is of no use.

Item 1(a) The Register should be frequently inspected by the Ex. Engineer.

G.O. 2668 W
dated 26th
September 1892

1(b) The remarks of the inspecting officer, indicate that receipts in Form No 15 are obtained for payments to piece workers who have practically running accounts. The attention of the Executive Engineer might be invited to the rules quoted. If the regulation forms are adhered to, the limitation proposed by the inspecting officer will be unnecessary.

Item 1(b) The Regulation forms should be adhered to. Form No 15 should not be used in the case of payments to persons who have practically running accounts.

2(a) Measurement books

A register in Form 2 No 74 is maintained - a No of books of 1894 and 1895 are still shown with Sub divisional officer and section subordinates - One book No 930 issued 29th April 1894 was stated to be lost by the overseer.

The following discrepancies, omissions &c were noticed in the books examined.

Entries transcribed from probably a note book and the Original measurements not taken on the work. Book 1925 page 98
Corrections not initialled — — — — — Book 5515 — 13, 14, 16

Corrections initialled by clerk instead of sub divisional officer. Book 4260.

Difference between measurement book and actual payment — — — — — Book 6840 page 28
Rs 3515, 74 4/6 and

Cash book (March 1899)

Rs 3607 - 1 - 6

Subordinates, taking measurements signing in pencil Book 5518. 7240
In case of piece workers total measurements to date are as a rule not shown nor previous measurements deducted although as pointed out in para 1, the works are not practically closed.

- (b) Measurement Book No 7280 called for by examiner in No 2426 B/A dated 20th July 1899 was not produced at the inspection - it was stated to have been lost in the dock tappal and special enquiries are being made by the Executive Engineer. For want of this book the particulars of the large payments made to S.K. Venkataratnam Piece worker for Excavating short cut of Yamamadegga drain Estimate Rs 105,500, could not be checked.

Control over Revenue

- (a) Registers are maintained for the sale of fruit trees and of grass - in the case of the latter the register is not complete being posted in some instances only to end of 1897-1898 and no explanation is given for the differences in sums realized between one month and another. No separate account or register is maintained for the revenue realized by the 2 delta Superintendents under Executive Engineer.

P.W. Code

II. 1. 3 to 38

2(a)

Measurement books are records of primary importance and the Executive Engineer should there fore insist on the rules relating thereto being observed with the greatest care.

Item 2(a)

The Supt. Engr. will see that immediate steps are taken for the maintenance of these important records in the manner contemplated by the Code. He will also enquire into the difference reported by the Supt. Officer between measurement book and actual payment of Rs. 3607-1-6.

2(b)

The loss of the measurement books (Nos 7280 and 930 referred to above) appears to be a serious matter. The Executive Engineer will perhaps have reported the matter to the Superintending Engineer with full particulars of the steps he took to repair the loss.

Item 2(b)

A report with necessary explanation from the parties concerned, should be submitted. The Executive Engineer will perhaps have reported the matter to the Superintending Engineer with full particulars of the steps he took to repair the loss. The loss of these books, which are the primary records of work done by the Dept.

3(a)

The register cannot serve its purpose unless it is brought up to date. The Executive Engineer might perhaps be asked to report when his registers are completely posted.

Item 3(a)

The Register should be brought up to date and completed. The Executive Engineer might perhaps be asked to report when his registers are completely posted.

(b) The sale produce of Kantas sold for temporary cultivation is also not recorded in any register. It seems necessary that the register in the form prescribed in G.O. No. 1316W dated 23rd May 1898, should be utilized to record all such receipts and be written up in accordance with the instructions printed on the form.

(c) The sums realized by Lok Superintendents on account of licence fees realized on cargo and passenger boats &c. &c. are accounted for in P.W. form No. 3 or in a register of miscellaneous collections and paid direct into the treasury. These sums are not included in the Executive Engineer's Cash book but are shown in detail in the Cash Abstract

Books - It seems necessary, as is done in all other divisions, that such transactions should be included in a permanent record like the Cash book.

(d) The receipts paid into Treasury by the Lok Superintendents during the past 12 months, September 1898 to August 1899, amounted to Rs 26088 and the men, who are on pay ranging from Rs 8/- to Rs 12/- per mensem, furnish no security

Banking Arrangements

4 Cheques are sometimes written out by a clerk but not always in the presence of the Executive Engineer. The current cheque Books are in the custody of the Executive Engineer, but not the stock of blank cheque books. P.W.D. form No. 202 is with the cashier and not in the personal custody of the Executive Engineer. The certificate on the fly leaf is not signed.

Cash arrangements

5 The cashier's appointment was abolished and his designation changed to that of clerk in G.O. No. 2834W dated 02 October 1897. The cash chest is however in charge of the Head Clerk who furnishes no security. The receipts paid into the division cash chest during the past 12 months amount to about 9500 and it is a question whether the Head clerk of Godavari Western Division should not be required to give an adequate security.

3(6) G.O. No. 1316W dated 23rd May 1898. This matter will no doubt also receive the Executive Engineer's attention.

3(c) P.W.D. Code II I 40. The Executive Engineer might perhaps be allowed a discretion, but there is much in favour of the regular cash book form (No. 4) being adopted, if the existing system is preferred.

3(d) Government have already passed orders in G.O. No. 2416W dated 20th September 1898 that no security need be demanded from employees of this class.

4 P.W.D. code II I 2 and notes in use or unused) should remain in the personal custody of the disbursing officer and this point has also been recently emphasized by India in Circular No. 11 printed with G.O. No. 2935W dated 05th September 1899. The certificate on the fly leaf should invariably be signed before the book is brought into use. Form No. 202 (Receipt for payment to Government) should also remain in the personal custody of the responsible officer.

6 The Superintending Engineer might be asked to report on this point with reference to G.O. No. 619W dated 14th March 1895

Item 3(b) No. 3.2 will explain why these items of Revenue Receipts do not find place in the Register prescribed for the purpose.

Item 3(c) No. 3.2. The Suppl. Engr. will, after necessary enquiry, prescribe the form which should be used.

Item 3(d) No. 3.2. The Suppl. Engr. will report whether in view of the large sums passing through the hands of these men some security should not be demanded.

Item 4 No. 4. The Engr. Remarks should receive careful attention.

Item 5 No. 5.2. The Suppl. Engr. will furnish the required report.

Sub divisional accounts

- 6 The extracts from cash books and accounts from sub divisions were often received after the 5th - the accounts sometimes as late as the 15th -

Imprest Accounts

- 7 Imprest accounts are not always recouped in the same month.
 Bank Sub division - Imprest of P. Jagannatha Row overer closed 3rd March 1899 recouped 2nd April 1899
 Madras Sub division - Imprest of P. Ranganaya Naidu overer closed 26th April 1899 recouped 3rd July 1899
 The intention of the rule is that imprest accounts should be closed about the 27th of the month and recouped before the end of the month so as to, insure as many as possible of the monthly transactions being included in the Divisional accounts.

Cash Book

- 8 (a) The Executive Engineer does not initial the entries in the Cash Book and there is therefore no evidence that the rule in P.W.D. Code II. 58 is followed - but he signs the cash book at the end of the month under para 61 of the same chapter.
 (b) Petty vouchers retained in Divisional office are not cancelled

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P.W.D. Code II. 58 The Executive Engineer should insist upon the punctual submission, by the sub-divisional officers, of their accounts and vouchers, so as to avoid unnecessary delay in the compilation of the divisional accounts.

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P.W.D. Code II. 69 The delay will no doubt be avoided, now that the intention of the rule has been pointed out. The expenditure on an imprest remains practically unaccounted for until it is recouped. Until then the expenditure is ignored so far as the accounts of the division are concerned, so that where there are large imprests in many divisions, any delay in recoupment should be carefully avoided.

code II. 58 (a) The code rules should be adhered to including Code II-1-61

(b) The object of cancelling these W.D. Code II vouchers is to prevent the possibility of their being used again, and with this view, their cancellation is imperative.

audited and retained in Executive Engineer's office.

Item 6 Immediate steps should be taken for the punctual submission of the accounts.

Item 7 The Examiner's remarks should be received carefully

Stock arrangements of Division

- 9 2. Cast iron standards value Rs 80.0.2 have been borne on the stock returns for some time and are surplus, orders regarding their disposal seem necessary.

Accounts of Works

10 Work abstracts and register of works

- (a) In the work abstracts for major works (works accounted for by sub heads) the out amount paid on each voucher, and arrears due if any, is not filled in. This is liable to lead to errors.
- (b) In the fly leaf of the register of works the signature of the Executive Engineer is recorded monthly, but no certificate as required by G.O. No. 154 W dated 21st January 1895 is given.
- (c) Direct debits to the sub head "Contingencies" are recorded in the following cases.
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| (1) Constructing ^{cross} drainage works on Ellore Canal. | Rs 2-6-0 |
| (2) Short cut of Zenamadamu Drain | Rs 838-9-4 |
| (3) Constructing Deputy Collector's office at Ellore | Rs 102-7-1 |
| (4) Improvements to Taluk Office Buildings with outhouses at Narasapur | Rs 154-10-7 |
- and others.
- (d) Rates are not always ^{stuck} in the Register of works nor the quantities entered.
- (e) Workslips seem necessary in the following cases in which ^{sub heads} excesses occur.
- (a) Constructing cross drainage works on Ellore Canal
- (b) Deputy Collector's office at Ellore
- (c) Surplus win to Gokavaram Padda Tank

Item 1. No. 154 W. The Superintendent Engineer might be asked to arrange for their speedy disposal.

32 The Superintendent Engineer might be asked to arrange for their speedy disposal.

10 (a) This point will no doubt receive Executive Engineers attention. The Engineer's remarks should receive careful

9.0.154 W. The Executive Engineer might be asked to comply with the orders quoted. 21st January 1895

(c) Items debit able to "Contingencies" should be recorded separately in the Register of works and Superintendent Engineer's sanction should also be obtained whenever necessary to the duration whenever necessary.

(d) The principal object of the Register of works would be nullified if the quantities of work done and rates are omitted. This is evidently a matter which should receive the Executive Engineer's personal attention.

(e) It is important that the Superintendent Engineer should be kept informed of all excesses over the sanctioned limits for works and the form of work slip is for this purpose.

10/6) No statement of materials at site in P.W.D form No 7F in support of the debit of Rs 148.2-9 to that subhead in the Register of works (Constructing surplus weir to Gokavaram Patta Tank) has been received from the Tank Sub Division and the following cases the acceptance of the Sub Divisional officer for the additional entries made in form 7F has not been obtained

Total value of material at site as per Register of works	Value of material as per form 7F signed by Sub Divisional officer
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(a) Constructing Deputy Collector's office at Ellore Rs 4004-4-0 - Rs 2883-7-2, the difference Rs 1115-12-10 represents the cost of materials adjusted in Executive Engineer's office against which however no quantities are shown.

(2) Improvements to Taluk office Building with outhouses at Narasapur - Rs 698-5-11 - Rs 284-5-9

(3) Constructing Stationary Sub Magistrate's office at Tanakur - Rs 1322-9-3 - Rs 1360-5-3

In this case a number of items are entered without value

e.g. 20 Door shutters

386 lbs white lead

653 ceiling planks &c

Contract Accounts

11 (a) There are no regular contractors, all are treated as piece workers and agreements, approved of by Executive Engineer, taken in Form K2. In the following cases however it seems that regular contracts should have been obtained, in the spirit of the rule in para 11 in P.W.D code I Chapter VIII followed and necessary reports made to Superintending Engineer.

(a) Piece worker K Venkataratnam - Repairs to Yenamaduru Drain - payments over Rs 6000/-

(b) Piece worker Varamaji Dharmabholli - Constructing Deputy collector's catchment at Ellore - Payments over Rs 3000/-

10/6

The Executive Engineer might be asked to account for the differences in (2) and (3). Sub divisional officers should be informed of all adjustments made in Divisional office and with this view the corrected accounts should be sent to them for information.

Item 10/61

No. Subdy. Engineer will take the necessary action in view of the differences noticed being accounted for. The Executive Engineer should receive attention in future.

11/6

Apparently these men should have been treated as regular contractors and sanction of competent authority obtained to the giving out of the contract.

Item 11 (a) 11/6

It should be explained why the Courses suggested by the Code were not followed. The Code rules should be followed.

- 11 (a) Piece worker K. Venkataratnam - Excavating short cut of Yamam
 Drain. Estimate Rs 1,00,500 - Payments over Rs 7,000/-
- (b) Piece worker T. Suryanarayana Row - Maintenance and repairs
 - Buckley's drain - Payments over Rs 4,000/-
- (c) Piece worker A. Ananthayya - Repairs to Totakapalli Drain
 Estimate Rs 6,500/- first payment by Western Sub division
 Rs 2,253.6-6 in June 1899.
- (d) Piece worker B. Pullaya - River training works at Mallas-
 waram. Estimate Rs 6,100/- Total work done ^{over} Rs 5,000/-

(6) In the case of Nagada Appana no agreement was taken
 for work done by him for the Rudracodurga Drain Estimate
 Rs 3,100/-

Establishment works

- 12 The following points were noticed in the inspection of some of the
 service books
- (a) Finger prints are not taken but in some cases the thumb
 impressions were only made: This is not sufficient.
- (b) The land statements appear to be incomplete and require to
 be brought up to date with reference to the rules in paras 12 and
 15 of the "Rules for the conduct of government servants"
- (c) In the opening page, the Executive Engineer's signature was
 not always dated (service books of Chelam and B. Venkata-
 chellam Delta Superintendents) and others.
- (d) Events of a man's service ^{are} not recorded always at the right
 time of their occurrence (C.R. Kistna Row, accountant. Temporary
 promotion to 6th grade, Temporary rank)

catchment at More - ...

11 (b) The Executive Engineer might
 be asked to explain why an
 agreement was not drawn up
 in this case.

O.N. 199 W. dated
 1st January 1898
 P.O. Pen Department
 924 G.O. dated 4th December 1897.

Rules for conduct of
 Public Servants
 paras 12 and 15

C.S.R. 878 (4)

G.O. 272 W. dated
 4th February 1893

12 (e) In cases when books were completed loose manuscript sheets were added and filled in instead of new service books being opened out -

P.V. Raghaviah Naidu Draftsman

S. Venkatasubramanian Delta Superintendent

(f) In Mr C.W. Traish's service book, the following privilege leave was recorded

22nd November to 5th December 1884.

12th December 1884 to 1st January 1885.

It was not stated whether he was recalled to duty and granted leave when he could be spared again

Miscellaneous

13 The outward and inward transfers were not promptly advised or acknowledged. Several cases of delay were noticed

Dowlaiswaram }

14th September 1899 }

(sd) J. Lacey

Deputy Examiner P.W. Accounts

12 C.S.R. 878 The Executive Engineer will no doubt see that service books are completed in every respect with reference to the orders quoted. The fact of Mr Traish having been recalled to duty should have been entered. This should be done now.

13 P.W.D. code II II 171 The Executive Engineer's attention will no doubt be given to the avoidance of such delays noticed.

H. Raimier

Offg. Examiner

P.W. Accounts

Madras 1899

27/9/99

Item 12. The irregularities should be rectified immediately.

Item 13. The S. Traish should receive the E. Engineer's attention.

11.10.11

The Executive Engineer will no

doubt see that service books are

completed in every respect.

With reference to the other points

the fact of Mr. Traish having

been recalled to duty should have

been entered in the service book

and there should be no further

reference to the same.

12th December 1911

Yours faithfully

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The Executive Engineer's attention

will no doubt be given to the

avoidance of such delays.

noted.

14th December 1911

Yours faithfully

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16th December 1911

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