

Public Works
Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 489 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection Report

Endorsement of the ^{Inspection & General} ~~Inspection~~ ^{forwards} ~~forwards~~
his — of the ^{Office} ~~Department~~ of the ^{Salmon} ~~Salmon~~ ^{Dr.}
Communicated to the S.S. W. Circle,
with thanks.

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Endorsement of the Examiner forwarding his — of the office of the Executive Engineer, Salem division, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

Report of an inspection of the office of the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, made by Mr. E. A. DENNYS, Examiner, Public Works Accounts, on 24th to 27th January 1899, inclusive.

Mr. A. R. Kälberer, Officiating Deputy Examiner, made a flying visit to this office in March 1898, and reported the office as in fairly good order. The last regular accounts inspection was, however, made by Mr. F. W. Eicke, Examiner of Accounts, exactly two years before that date.

2. With the exceptions noted in paragraphs 6 and 7 below, the remarks made in those officers' reports appear, as far as possible, to have received attention.

3. Mr. G. Lambert relieved Mr. H. O'Connell of the charge of the division on 5th November 1897, and has held charge since. There have been two changes in accountants. The present incumbent, M.R.Ry. P. Bashyam Nayudu, took charge of the accounts on 16th June 1896.

4. There are only two sub-divisions, viz., (1) Salem in charge of M.R.Ry. S. Raghava Aiyangar, and (2) Tiruppattūr, in charge of M.R.Ry. T. Ramanujam Pillai, both Sub-Engineers, 3rd grade. Each of these officers has a drawing account, and there are eight imprest-holders besides, other than Sub-divisional officers, with imprests varying in amount from Rs. 10 to Rs. 300.

5. The accounts for September 1898 were subjected to the usual test-audit and this, coupled with the inspection generally, which embraced the period from June 1898 to date, disclosed a considerable number of errors and omissions, all of which were duly pointed out and admitted. All those of minor importance are being taken up direct with the Executive Engineer, the only matters which need find a place in this report are dealt with in the succeeding paragraphs.

6. The requirements generally in connection with measurement books are found to be to no inconsiderable extent neglected: more especially is this the case in the Tiruppattūr sub-division the books of which indicate much slovenliness and want of care. There are far too many corrections: erasures and the writing over of figures are also noticeable: the orders contained in Chief Engineer's circular letter No. 3645 C., dated 19th August 1898, which require contractor's written acknowledgments in these books as to correctness of rates and measurements have not received attention: the "first entries" referred to in note 10 of the instructions on the fly leaf of these books as to name and situation of work, &c., should, it is thought, always be made *in ink*: so should those in the column "contents or area." The register of measurement books shows a number of books as issued three and four years ago which require to be called in on the presumption that they are either completed or, for some other reason, no longer in use. The balance as shown in this register amounted to one book (No. 7155) short of that actually counted. I think it is desirable that current measurement books should be occasionally called in for special scrutiny and inspection in the Divisional office, or better still, that the accountant should be required to make periodical visits to Sub-divisional offices in order that accounts matters in which irregularities are found may be brought prominently to the Executive Engineer's notice.

7. G.O., No. 1316, dated 23rd May 1898, ordered, at the Examiner's suggestion, that a register should be maintained in Divisional offices of miscellaneous revenue due to Government. This register, it was found, had not been opened out in this Division.

8. The records are much cramped for want of proper and suitable space. No papers, it is said, have been destroyed since this became an independent division.

9. Considering that there is no stock and no road metal, and that there are only two sub-divisions, the accounts of this division are not managed by the accountant, M.R.Ry. P. Bashyam Nayadu, as well as they ought to be. There is much room for improvement. He is apparently wanting in method and in common pride and interest in the condition of the office. He does but little himself, and leaves far too much to his assistants. But for the watch maintained by Mr. Lambert over the accounts work, it would undoubtedly drift into a bad state. That officer complains much of the way papers are delayed by the accountant, and strongly urges his transfer on this and other grounds. This matter will be held in view, as M.R.Ry. P. Bashyam Nayadu has been more than 2½ years in this division and is said not to pull well with the other office hands. It may be noted that there seems to be some confusion of idea in regard to the distinction to be maintained as to the accountant's legitimate duties as accountant and as manager of the office.

(Signed) E. A. DENNYS,
Examiner, P.W. Accounts,
Madras and Coorg.

4th February 1899.

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Forwarded to Government for information and favour of issue of such orders as may be thought necessary.

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2. The Superintending Engineer should obtain such explanations and remarks as the Executive Engineer may have to offer on the points noticed in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Inspection Notes, and submit them with a report for the orders of Government.

3. The Executive Engineer should take steps to improve the method of keeping measurement books.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" all other Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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