

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 688 W
DATED 7th March 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

P. W. Cheque Books

Receiving Circular from the Revenue
to all Executive Engineers, on the subject
of the issue of fresh ———

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SUBJECT.

Requesting all Ex. Engrs. to instruct all disbursing officers in their divisions to bring the cheque books into use from and after the 1st day April 1899.

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ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

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THE EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS, MADRAS AND COORG, BOMBAY, BENGAL
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH, PUNJAB, CENTRAL PROVINCES, BURMA,
ASSAM, HYDERABAD AND RAJPUTANA AND CENTRAL INDIA.

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, BALUCHISTAN.

THE EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS, MILITARY WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE EXAMINERS OF ACCOUNTS, NORTH-WESTERN, OUDH AND ROHILKHAND, EASTERN
BENGAL, EAST COAST, AND BEZWADA-MADRAS STATE RAILWAYS.

THE EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS, STATE RAILWAY STORES.

[For information only.]

THE EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS, BHAVNAGAR-GONDAL-JUNAGADH-PORBANDAR RAILWAY.

THE EXAMINERS OF GUARANTEED RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, MADRAS AND BOMBAY.

THE GOVERNMENT EXAMINERS OF ACCOUNTS, EAST INDIAN, BENGAL-NAGPUR, SOUTHERN MAHRATTA, INDIAN MIDLAND, ROHILKHAND-KUMAON AND SOUTHERN PUNJAB, BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN, ASSAM-BENGAL, AND BURMA RAILWAY COMPANIES.

THE EXAMINER OF TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS.

THE ENGINEERS-IN-CHIEF, GOONA-BARA AND KOTAH RAILWAY.

Public Works Cheque books.

Calcutta, the 21st January 1899.

SIR,

As it is believed that fraudulent cheques of the Public Works Department are now in circulation in India, it has been decided to withdraw the issue of cheques now in use and to substitute a fresh issue for it ; you have therefore been directed by wire to submit the necessary indents at once.

2. I have the honour to request that on receipt of the new supply of cheque books you will withdraw all unused cheques in the hands of disbursers whether in entirely unused or partially used books (counterfoils of used cheques being retained by the disbursers), and forward them in sealed covers to the Superintendent, Government Printing, Calcutta.

3. You will observe that the cheques now issued bear the embossed stamp of the Government of India, Public Works Department, and I request that you will fix as early a date as possible, after which cheques not bearing this stamp shall not be encashed by Treasury Officers unless they bear date earlier than that so fixed. You should advise Treasury Officers of the date fixed, and specially invite them to

scrutinize carefully Public Works Department cheques presented for payment which are not embossed.

4. It may be noted that the fraudulent cheques differ in some respects from the genuine ones. The most noticeable difference is in the spacing of the letters P.W.D. printed on the ground-work, there being only three lines of the pattern between each letter in the fraudulent cheque against four in the genuine cheque.

5. Executive Engineers should carefully scrutinize their pass books at frequent intervals so as to guard against their accounts being debited incorrectly.

A copy of this Circular should be sent to each Treasury Officer with whom the disbursers under you have an account and to the disbursers themselves also.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. R. BECHER,

Accountant-General.

From

E. A. DENNYS, Esq.,

EXAMINER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS,

Madras and Coorg,

To

ALL EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS.

Madras, 3rd February 1899.

SIR,

In circulating for your information and guidance, copy of Accountant-General's (Public Works Department) Circular letter No. 028G., dated 21st January 1899, on the subject of the fresh issue of cheques in substitution of those now in use, I have the honor to request that you will, on receipt of the new supply of the cheque books, instruct all disbursing officers in your division, to bring them into use from and after the 1st day of April 1899 without fail.

2. All unused cheques in your hands or in the hands of the other disbursers in your Division, whether in entirely unused or partially used books (counterfoils of used cheques being retained by the disburser with reference to P. W. Code, I, VI, 41, Note 2) should be forwarded to me in *sealed covers* for transmission to the Superintendent, Government Printing, Calcutta, in accordance with para. 2 of the Accountant-General's (Public Works Department) Circular letter.

3. It will be observed from paras. 3 and 4 of that letter that the new cheques will be easily distinguishable from fraudulent ones, and Treasury officers are being instructed through the Accountant-General, Madras, not to cash cheques which do not bear the embossed stamps of the Government of India, Public Works Department, and unless they bear a date earlier than the 1st April 1899.

4. I take this opportunity to remind you of your duty as a disbursing officer to see that every possible precaution is taken to prevent perpetration of fraud. The rules on the subject will be found in P. W. Code, II, I, 87 *et seq.*—*vide* also G.O., No. 1159 W., dated 11th May 1898.

5. The instructions contained in para. 5 of Accountant-General's (Public Works Department) letter, should also receive special and careful attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. A. DENNYS,

Examiner, P. W. Accounts,

Madras and Coorg.

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