

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1028-9 Ry.

DATED 18th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Accounts of the East Coast Railway Survey.—

Explanation of the Examiner, Public Works
accounts, in asking the Engineer-in-Chief to
compile the —, ordered to be forwarded to the
Government of India.

Forwarded

BACK PAPERS.

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9TH JUNE 1890, No. 802 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 24th January 1890, No. 130 R., Public Works.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd January 1890,
No. 55.

From the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, dated 23rd December 1889, No. 196.

Submitted to Government for transmission to the Government of India.

2. The Engineer-in-Chief requests that application may be made for the services of Accountant Shangsor Chunder Banerjee for employment on the East Coast Railway Survey.

3. The construction work of bungalows and collection of material for Kistna bridge having been sanctioned, it is necessary to procure the services of an accountant. The application of the Engineer-in-Chief is recommended.

Order—dated 24th January 1890, No. 130 R., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India in view to the services of Accountant Shangsor Chunder Banerjee being placed at the disposal of the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway Survey.

(Here enter No. 131 R., dated 24th January 1890.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

Endorsement—dated 24th January 1890, No. 131 R., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

G.O., dated 13th February 1890, No. 235 R., Public Works.

From the Officiating Accountant-General, Public Works Department (Establishment),
to the Examiner of Accounts, Eastern Bengal State Railway, dated Calcutta,
3rd February 1890, No. 92 E.

In continuation of my letter No. 84 E, dated the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that Baboo Shangsor Chunder Banerjee, Accountant, 4th Grade, is transferred to the East Coast Railway Survey. He should be instructed to report himself for orders to the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway Survey, Madras.

No. 93 E.

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Railway Branch, for information, with reference to his endorsement No. 131 R., dated the 24th ultimo, to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. G. BEGBIE, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Officiating Accountant-General.

Order—dated-13th February 1890, No. 235 R., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to his endorsement No. 55, dated 22nd January 1890.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

G.O., dated 10th March 1890, No. 336 R., Public Works.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd March 1890, No. 149.

From the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Waltair, 10th February 1890, No. 328/17.

As it is proposed to start work on this line at an early date involving very considerable expenditure, I beg you will be good enough to arrange with the Government for a Deputy Examiner with his office being located at Waltair.

2. I need hardly express the necessity for such an arrangement which was fully explained by Mr. Cregeen when submitting his report on the surveys of the Vizagapatnam-Raipur Railway, but I may here recapitulate the remarks for easy reference and would strongly advocate that no time be lost in arranging this matter which is of the utmost importance.

3. Mr. Cregeen remarks :—

"It might be thought perhaps a more economical arrangement if the accounts of the line were audited by Examiner in Madras; but I am very much opposed to this arrangement, and have no hesitation in expressing a decided opinion that it would be contrary to the best interest of the Railway, and would be highly inconvenient to the officers concerned. When the distance which separates Madras from Waltair and the necessary slow postal arrangements in force in this part of the Presidency are taken into account, I can only assert that in the manipulation of a large business such as a Railway, with complicated transactions, the delays which would occur by cross references extending over a long period of time, could not be otherwise than detrimental to the interest of the State."

4. In conclusion I may add that very great inconvenience is being felt at present, owing to the Examiner's action as well as to the distance at which his office is from my head-quarters, but as I propose to deal with this in a separate letter, I will not at present go into details.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway Survey, states that, as it is proposed to start work on that line at an early date, he submits an application for a Deputy Examiner, with his office, to be located at Waltair, the head-quarter's station.

3. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to whom the letter was submitted for remarks, writes as follows :—

"I quite agree with the Engineer-in-Chief as to the desirability of special arrangements, and I think the office should be a separate office, as in the case of the Bellary-Kistna Railway. I also think that it is very important that the separate office should be started at once before the work becomes heavy, as otherwise it will start in confusion and will probably never get out of it."

Order—dated 10th March 1890, No. 336 R., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 337 R., dated 10th March 1890.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

Endorsement—dated 10th March 1890, No. 337 R., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

G.O., dated 1st April 1890, No. 454 R., Public Works.

Read again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 10th March 1890, No. 336-37 R., Public Works.

Read also the following paper :—

From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Establishment), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Calcutta, 19th March 1890, No. 45 A.E.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras under your docket No. 337 R., dated the 10th instant, regarding the location of a Deputy Examiner of Accounts and his office at Waltair in connection with the audit of accounts of the East Coast Railway, and in reply to say that in the opinion of the Government of India there appears to be no immediate need for a separate office as construction is not likely to commence until after the rains.

Order—dated 1st April 1890, No. 454 R., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to his endorsement No. 149, dated 3rd March 1890.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) SIDNEY SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

G.O., dated 30th April 1890, No. 598 R., Public Works.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 25th April 1890, No. 291.

From the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Waltair, 10th March 1890, No. 475/32.

I have the honor to forward a copy of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts' letter No. 1106, dated 1st instant, on the subject of accounts, and to state that it would be impossible for me to compile the accounts of this Railway. I have to be frequently

away and for considerable periods, which would lead to great confusion, besides which my own duties give me quite enough to do without undertaking Examiner's and account work. As it is I am very much handicapped for want of a personal assistant, which I have repeatedly applied for.

2. As I before pointed out, it will be absolutely necessary to have an Examiner specially for this line at Waltair. I now suggest that one be sent at once. That officer could prepare the accounts of the line for the present until the construction divisions are formed, and we should get rid of the constant annoyance our Engineers now experience at the hands of our present Examiner.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, dated Madras, 1st March 1890, No. 1106.

With reference to G.O., No. 235 R., dated 13th February 1890, communicating the transfer of Accountant Baboo Shangsor Chunder Banerjee to the East Coast Railway Survey, I have the honor to request that you will arrange to have the accounts of the survey compiled in your own office and sent to me for audit. The accounts for January 1890 will be compiled by me, but those for February and succeeding months might I think be compiled in your office.

2. Please instruct the Executive Engineers under your orders to submit their cash-books and vouchers to you in future, commencing with those for February 1890.

3. A supply of forms as detailed below is herewith sent (in a separate packet) for use in your office. The cash abstract and adjustment books at present in use will follow:—

Public Works Department Forms number.	Description of forms.	Number sent.
No. M. 33	Cash Abstract Book	1
" 32	Adjustment Book	1
" 64	List of Accounts and Vouchers, outer sheets	12
" 64	Do. do. inner sheets	12
" 31	Cash Balance Return	12
" 35	Cash Account Current	12
" 44	Schedule of Subscription to Service Funds	12
" 45	Schedule of Credits and Debits to Transfer	12
" 46	Schedule of Expenditure against Budget Grant, outer sheets	12
" 50	Schedule of Establishment Charges	12
" 52	Schedule of Miscellaneous Advances	12
" 55	Schedule of Deposits	12
" 55-A	Schedule of Credits and Debits to Civil Engineers' Provident Fund	12
" 63	Divisional Objectionable Items Statement	12
" 61	Statements of Refunds	12
" 64-A	Certificates of Examination of Accounts	12

From the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Waltair, 16th April 1890, No. 713/17.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 689 of 5th instant, and in reply beg to state that, with the sanction of Government, I propose starting work for the collection of material and erection of staff quarters as soon as I can get a man available for that work.

2. Mr. Morse is now and has been for some time engaged in making surveys of the Kistna river, and taking borings above the anicut at Bezvada. That officer is in

a position to start the erection of staff quarters there, and with one or two smart subordinates could also undertake the erection of similar buildings as far as Ellore or beyond.

3. The moment construction commences, it is in my opinion absolutely necessary to have an Examiner for this Railway at Waltair, and it is far better that the Examiner be appointed beforehand, so as to keep the accounts correctly from the very commencement, than that he should be appointed later on and have to correct the unavoidable mistakes consequent on having the Examiner's office in Madras and mine here.

4. With the Examiner here questions which now remain unsettled for weeks and months could be disposed of in half an hour, and I need scarcely point out to any one who has had connection with railways how prejudicial to work such delays are.

5. I also beg that the revised form of accounts be applied to this railway at once, as well as the Government of India codes, the rules of which all the officers of this railway are acquainted with.

6. In conclusion, I beg to endorse all that the Examiner has said in a recent letter, and Mr. Cregeen in a former one, as to the desirability of appointing a separate accounts office at once at Waltair.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Letter No. 475/32, dated 10th March 1890, from the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, received on the 16th idem, was detained awaiting reply to the reference made in this office endorsement No. 149, dated 3rd March 1890. This was disposed of in G.O., No. 454 R., dated 1st instant, and copy forwarded to Mr. Walker.

3. He was also asked to state whether, after the decision of the Government of India in letter embodied in the above Government Order, he still desired his letter first quoted to be submitted to Government, and his reply thereto is herewith submitted.

4. As the Examiner of Public Works Accounts considers that a separate office should be started at once before the work becomes heavy, the proposal is submitted for the reconsideration of the Government of India.

Order—dated 30th April 1890, No. 598 R., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded for the orders of the Government of India with reference to its letter No. 45 A.E., dated 19th March 1890.

(Here enter No. 599 R., dated 30th April 1890.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Endorsement—dated 30th April 1890, No. 599 R., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Read also the following paper :—

From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Establishment), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Simla, 26th May 1890, No. 78 A.E.

In reply to your docket No. 599 R., dated the 30th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Government of India is unable at present to alter the orders issued in Public Works Department letter No. 45 A.E., dated 19th March 1890, regarding the establishment of a separate Accounts office at Waltair in connection with the East Coast Railway Survey. As soon as construction is decided upon an experienced Accounts officer will be posted.

2. Regarding the compilation of the accounts of the survey, the Government of India is of opinion that it would be unreasonable to expect the Engineer-in-Chief to compile the accounts, and that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, was not in order in asking him to do so.

3. Each officer in charge of a survey, or other preliminary work, should send the Examiner at the end of each month a copy of his cash-book with vouchers. The Examiner should compile these, as if they were sub-divisional cash-books, into one set of accounts corresponding to those of a Public Works division, for the whole survey, and send a copy of the compiled accounts with an objectionable items statement to the Engineer-in-Chief for information and the necessary action with respect to objections.

4. The accountant should not be retained in the Engineer-in-Chief's office at Waltair, but should be posted to the Examiner's office at Madras.

ORDER—dated 9th June 1890, No. 802 R., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to his endorsement No. 291, dated 25th April 1890.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) SIDNEY SMITH, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

RAILWAY.

Govt. of {1890} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 9th June 1890, No. 802 R.

JUNE.

Accounts Office at Waltair

Letter from the Government of India stating that it is unable to alter the orders already issued that there appears to be no immediate necessity for the location of a separate — in connection with the East Coast Survey, and making certain suggestions regarding the compilation of the accounts of the survey, communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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OF MADRAS.

1890.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

KEEP-WITH

CURRENT No.

dated

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Madras, 5 July 1890.

OFFICE NOTE No. 3970.

To

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With reference to para 2 of Government of India letter No. 78 A.E. of 26th. May 1890, printed with G.O. No. 802 R of 9th. June 1890, in which it is stated that it would be unreasonable to expect the Engineer-in-Chief to compile the accounts of the East Coast Railway Survey and that I was not in order in asking him to do so, I beg leave to explain that my request was made under the impression that the services of the accountant were asked for and given for the express purpose of compiling the accounts, and that, as his services were placed at the disposal of the Engineer-in-Chief, and not at my disposal, I presumed that the Engineer-in-Chief wished to compile the accounts locally, and that the Government of India wished to give him the means of doing so. As soon as the Engineer-in-Chief expressed his inability to undertake the compilation, and explained that he wanted the accountant for other purposes, I dropped the proposal.

2. As it now appears that the accountant was sent for the purpose of compiling the accounts, I trust that Government will consider that, though my action may not have been strictly in order -- seeing that the ordinary rule is compilation in the Examiner's office -- yet it was not unreasonable, being intended to meet what I understood to be the intention of the Government of India.

3. That the accounts are at present being compiled at Waltair is solely due to the fact that very shortly after - wards the Engineer-in-Chief, entirely of his own accord, suggested this arrangement, and I fell in with it quite as much with a view to meeting his wishes as for my own convenience.

4. I am of opinion that, under present circumstances, the present arrangement is the most convenient for all concerned; and, from correspondence which has passed between us, I gather that the Engineer-in-Chief is of the same opinion; but in deference to the orders now passed I shall of course at once ask the Engineer-in-Chief to arrange for the early transfer of the accountant & the accounts to my office.

PW C No 6414 ✓

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warded for the information of the Govt. of India with reference to its letter No.

78 A E dated 26th May 1890.

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Mr. P. W. Accounts
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