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***Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
24th February 1870.***

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

Read the following letter from S. BROCK, Esq., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th January 1870, No. 1945.

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, No. 3484, dated 29th October 1869, in which I am requested, in communication with Superintending Engineers,

* Accompaniment to G. O., No. 2590,
23rd August 1867.

† In letter, No. 3052, 20th Nov. 1869.

‡ In do. No. 994, 26th do

§ In do. No. 85, 8th do.

|| In do. No. 505, 11th Dec. 1869.

¶ In do. No. 69, 19th Nov. do.

** In do. No. 4190, 18th do.

†† In do. No. 181, 1st Dec. 1869.

to submit such modified forms of the Statistical Committee's Returns* as may be easily prepared in time for transmission with the Annual Administration Report, I have the honour to state that the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, † 6th, ‡ and 7th § Divisions, and the Special Executive Engineer, || Wynaad, are of opinion that no modifications of existing forms are necessary. The Superintending Engineers of the 2nd, ¶ 4th, ** and 5th †† Divisions concur in this view, but Colonels Moberly and Foord call attention to the delays which occur in obtaining from the Civil authorities the information required for Statement B2, in regard to the returns derived from productive works, and Colonel Bean suggests that the cost of "establishments" be either struck out of Statement B1, or that the column be so modified as to comprise the cost in a lump sum.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd †† Division submits a modified form of Statement B2, which, if adopted, will give the required information more in detail than at present.

3. The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division §§ considers that Form 2
§§ In letter, No. 1922, 15th Nov. 1869. "would be of more value as regards repairs to tanks and channels, if the gross income for the district were shown instead of capital expended, and the percentage of expenditure on that gross income."

4. After a careful consideration of the views of the Superintending Engineers, I am of opinion that Form B1 requires no modification, but would suggest that the cost of establishment be given in a lump sum in the last column, as any attempt to distribute the charges for establishments amongst the several classes of works cannot be otherwise than unsatisfactory.

5. With respect to the question raised by the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division as to the cost of establishments for public bungalows, I think that, as this is merely a local charge, it need not be taken into account in the Return ||||

|||| B1.

required by the Government of India. As regards paragraph 4 of Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly's letter, I beg to explain that the head "Minor Civil Works" is distinct from the main head Military, and no modification in the form is necessary to provide for minor works under Military, as all outlay on such works may be entered against one or other of the heads provided in the printed form for this branch of Public

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24th February 1870.*

Works expenditure. There appear to be no objections to the addition of "Sanitaria" and "Water-supply" to the classes of works which now appear in the printed form.

6. Turning now to Return B2, I do not think that the form can be advantageously modified. There may be no objections to the information required in that statement being furnished more in detail, as proposed by Colonel Moberly in paragraph 7 of his letter; but, as a limit was necessary, my predecessor fixed it, in the case of each work, at Rupees 10,000, not however, so far as I can gather, under any authority from Government.

7. The modified form referred to in paragraph 8 of Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly's letter may be maintained in the Superintending Engineer's offices, and from it the Return required by Government may be easily filled up and submitted.

8. The assumption in paragraph 3 of Colonel Bean's letter is correct, but the columns intended are evidently 5, 6, and 7.

9. Adverting to the letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, I would observe that the column for Capital was specially provided to admit of the calculation of interest. This could not be done if Captain Prendergast's suggestion (see paragraph 3 above) is adopted.

10. There has never been any delay on the part of Public Works Officers in supplying such of the particulars required to be entered in the forms under notice as are available from Public Works records; but, from various causes, it has been found, in the past two years, that the information which the Revenue authorities are intended to furnish, has not been forthcoming at the appointed time, and the result has been that, while the Returns required for the Administration Report of 1867-68 were not submitted to Government until April last, those for the Administration Report of the past official year have not yet been despatched from my office. The last of the statements due from the local officers was received here only on the 8th instant, and it is hoped that the General Returns for Government will be ready on or before the 24th idem. Owing to the great delays which occur in the submission of these statements, it is not possible to attach them to the Administration Report of the Presidency, and hence their value, if not altogether lost, is very greatly diminished.

Order, 25th January 1870, No. 309.

Communicated to the Public Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 1431, of the 16th October 1869, and with an intimation that the Government in this Department concur in the views expressed by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 121.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1870, No. 237.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to the letter from this Department of the 8th November 1869, No. 1530, paragraph 3.

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24th February 1870.*

2. Ordered, also, that a copy of paragraph 10 of the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts be furnished to the Revenue Department, for communication to the officers concerned, through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd August 1867.**

No. 563. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Referring to the Public Works Department the
requisition for certain statements connected
with the Public Works, required by the
Government of India. (Here enter 20th August 1867, No. 1,938.)

No. 564. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1867, No. 2,590.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 64.

1. Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts and the Consulting Engineer for Railways for report.
2. Captain Fischer will communicate, if necessary, with the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts,
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways,
„ Superintending Engineers,
To Captain Kennedy,

} With two Enclosures.

Rzd. S. T. Augustin.

Colt. of 18703 Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

cc. cc.

Dated February, 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 24th February 1870, No. 237.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 120—122.

Directing that a copy of the Report from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, on the subject of re-casting the Forms B1 and 2, prescribed by the Statistical Committee, relating to Public Works, be forwarded to the Government of India.

Nov. 563-564

Proceedings of Govt.
23rd August 1867

N^o 2590

Public Works 1867 (D)

Public Works Department.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Read the following:
Office of the Controller of Public
Works Accounts, Madras, 17th January 1868.
N^o 1946.
The Controller of P.W. Accounts,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Enclosures 9
In original

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² In letter no 2867 dated 5th January 1870.

In letter no 3052 dated 20th November 1869.

In letter no 992, dated 28th do.

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In letter no 508 dated 18th December 1869.

In letter no 69, dated 19th November 1869.

In letter no 4190 of 13th do.

In letter no 181, dated 1st December 1869.

A letter no 1920, dated 15th November 1869.

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furnish, has not been forthcoming at the
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if not altogether lost, is very greatly
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I have &c

Signed J. T. Brock

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

Order No. 25 January 1870 No. 309.

Communicated to the Public
Department with reference to the orders
in

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in that Department No. 1431 of the 16th October
1869, and with an intimation that the Govt in
this Department concurs in the views ex-
pressed by the Controller of Public Works
Accounts.

/ True Extract /

Wm. H. M. Coll. P.W.

Secretary to Government P.W. Dept

To The Public Department with two copies

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following *Proc. of the*
Public Works Department
H.E. 25th January 1870 No. 1309.

Order thereon 24 February 1870, No. 237.

Ordered that a
copy of the foregoing
proceedings be forwarded
to the Government of
India, with reference
to the letter from this
Department of the
8th Nov 1869 to 1870,
paragraph 3.

2 Ordered also, that
a copy of paragraph 10
of the letter from the
Controller of Public
Works Accounts be
furnished to the

Revenue

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Controller of Public Works
Accounts to the Public
Works Department
18 Nov 1869*

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Revenue Department
for communication
to the officers concerned,
through the Board of
Revenue.

Control P. M. Dept. }
to the Res: Dept. } Sept 73

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Alto

To

The Public Works Dept.

Dated *July 24* } 18*90*, No.
Recd. *23*

Nos. *121*, *122*

*Receiving the copy of the
Report from the Controller
of P. W. Accounts on the
subject of recasting the
Form 13 1890, forwarded
by the Statistical Committee
relating to Public Works, be
forwarded to the Board of
works*