

Public (1899) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that before
a B.C. is issued in any dept every other
dept of the Secretariat concerned in, or
affected by, the order should be referred to
for counterinitials or remarks.

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Public (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

From

The Financial Dept

Order
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No. 1004

Dated 11 April 99

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SUBJECT.

Returning to the P.W.D the papers in connection with the transfer of the Thermometer held by the Madras Meteorological Office to the charge of the P.W.D. & forwarding copy of proceedings notes to other Depts for information & gene...

Note for 9. When indexing please bring the proceedings under the heading of 'Counter-measures' also.

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1. The...

P. W. Department

Note for His Excellency the Governor

As directed by His Excellency and Honble Members G.O. No. 3209 W, dated 15 December 1898, will be reprinted within para 3(12) of the Chief Engineer Note and para 4 of the order and issued in substitution of the G.O. originally issued.

2. It is submitted that the question of marking the draft order to the Revenue Department of the Secretariat did not occur to the office, as it was assumed that the Chief Engineer's reference in para 3(12) of his note to the "Revenue Department" applied to the subordinate officers of that Department and not to the Government

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Agreed.
see below.
M.A.

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itself. This interpretation is borne out by a similar reference in the same para to the "Forest Department." Now there is no such department of the Secretariat as the Forest Department, and the allusion in this case is obviously made to the subordinate officers of the Forest Department. If in one case the word is so used, the inference, so far as the office was able to draw one, was that it was similarly used in the other case.

The remarks were made by Mr. de Winton in his capacity of Chief Engineer and Head of the P. W. Dept. and were not formally adopted by Government. There was nothing, so far

Mr. de Winton's orders are issued as "Forest" in the Rev. Secretariat.

The explanation is ingenious and no doubt Mr. de Winton did not intend to criticize Govt. but unfortunately his remarks were liable to the interpretation put upon them.

M.A.

I must emphatically dissent from the doctrine here suggested in the note. It is not the duty of H.E. or of H. Mus. to mark papers for other depts. ^{Vide Rules for business of Council.} It is the duty of the ^{Hon.} Sec. of the Secretariat concerned. Any other presumption would be an absurdity. How for instance could H.E. on arrival in this country, or the Hon. Mr. Wintertotham who has not been in the ^{Govt.} Secretariat know anything about such a matter of business routine? As there seems to be a doubt, if not as to the rule, yet as to the application of it, I request that the file may be referred to the Chief Secy. with a view

as the office was concerned requiring that the order of Government drafted in the Secretariat required counter-initials in any other department. I also wish to point out that Mr. de Winton's report was circulated to His Excellency and the Hon. Members, and that no remark was made by them to the effect that the G.O. should be sent to Revenue Department before issue.

It is assumed in the Revenue Department. Note for orders that Mr. de Winton intended to reflect on the policy of Government itself. It is for Mr. de Winton to say whether this was his intention.

A more stringent interpretation of the rules with regard to counter initials

it is
is however advisable
for the future -



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hr.

As the issue of a
general order to all
Depts. of the Secretariat
that before a L.O. is issued
in any Dept., every other
Dept. concerned in or affected
by it, shall be referred to
for counterinitials or
remarks by the Secy. or
Under Secy. of the Dept.
issuing the order.

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No. 1907C of 5 April 99

Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary to Govt. and
directed by the Honble Mr.
Arundel.

It is requested that the
Revenue Dept. file may be
returned to that dept. when
done with.

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Col. R.
Ag. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

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NOTE FOR THE Under Secy

In his note in
the linked file, the Hon.
claims the issue of a general
order to all Depts. of the
Secretariat regarding the
inter-transmission of papers
for counterinitials.

With L.O. No. 1004
dated 11.4.99, a note by
the Hon. containing similar
instructions has been circulated
to all Depts.

As an amendment
to the note in
the linked file may now
be needed with the
L.O., or whether a formal
L.O. in Public should be
drafted.

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Col. The note in the Finance G.O.
having already called the
attention of Sect. Dept. to the
necessity for sending papers for
counterinitials.

Handwritten note: Same as general L.O. in Public.
M. V. K.

Public Dept

No. 494,
G. O. ^{series 83rd}
~~Record~~ May 1897

As the ~~rule~~ ^{rule} that observance
of the rule is necessary for the proper
working of Secretariat business and
as it has not ~~always~~ ^{been} observed
in several recent instances, H. C.
the Govt. in Council think it
necessary to direct
~~that the Secretary~~
~~that the Secretary~~

~~The undersigned~~
~~is directed to require~~
~~that the Secretary~~
~~understand~~
~~that before a G. O.~~
~~is issued in any dept,~~
~~every other dept,~~
~~of the Secretary~~
~~Con. such in, or affected~~
~~by, the order~~
~~be referred to for~~
~~Counterinitialed or remarks.~~

To the Secretary of Govt.

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100 Note submitted with GO
No 26, Rule, 26/2/99 Financial Department.
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Note.

India transferred from 1st April 1896 to the local P.W.D. certain Second and third class Meteorological Observatories, and enhanced the adjusting Provincial assignment by Rs. 600.

In letter No. 3095 W, dated 2-12-98 India was requested in the P.W.D. to sanction the transfer to the charge of the P.W.D. of the Thermometer shed of the Madras Meteorological Office and to increase the assignment of Rs. 600 made in 1896 by Rs. 31 for charges connected with the repair of the shed. India sanctions the transfer of the shed, and as regards the assignment draws attention to the fact that the special adjustment of Rs. 600 ceased with the revision of the Provincial Settlement from the 1st April 1897. It states that if the Madras Government desires it, a fresh assignment of Rs. 31 each year for the remaining period of the current contract will be made. The amount which India will have to give is about Rs. (4x31) = 124 and it is submitted that it is not worth while asking for an adjustment of this small account.

2. If the P.W.D. letter No. 3095 W, dated 2-12-98 had been sent to Financial Department for counter-initials the fact as regards

the lapse of the assignment of Rs. 600
the essence of the contract system
should have been pointed out. It seems
undesirable that other departments of
the Secretariat should, without consult-
ing Financial, address India on points
such as this. The head of Adjustments
under I LAND REVENUE is really one of the
few heads in the budget with which the
Financial Dept. is alone concerned.

(Id.) G.S.

14-3-99.

I fully agree. Every department affect-
ed by a G.O. should have the file or notes
referred to it for c.d. before issue of
order. Quite a number of cases have
occurred in which the observance of this
rule by the Department concerned would
have been desirable.

(Id.) A.T.A.
15-3-99.

(Id.) H.M.W.
20-3-99

(Id.) A.W.H.
27-3-99.

*For orders.
(Inld.) G.S.*

Copy of letter from the Government of India, Public
Works Department, No. 129 C.W.B., dated 9th February 1899:-

In reply to your letter No. 3095 W, dated the 2nd
December 1898, I am directed to say that the Government
of India sanction the transfer of the Thermometer Shed of
the Madras Meteorological Office to the charge of the
Madras Public Works Department.

2. As regards the increase in the Provincial As-
signment I am to say that the special adjustment of Rs. 600
has ceased with the revision of the Provincial Settlement
with effect from 1st April 1897, but if His Excellency
the Governor in Council desires a fresh adjustment now of
Rs. 31/- only for the remaining period of the current Settle-
ment, the Government of India in the Finance Department
will issue the necessary instructions in ordinary course.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, No.
1244 C, dated 25th February 1899:-

Referred u.o. to the Financial Department for
favour of opinion as to whether the Government of India
should be asked to arrange for the adjustment of the Rs. 31
per annum during the currency of the present Provincial
contract.

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Copy of letter from the Government of India,
Finance and Commerce Department No. 818-A, dated 20th Feb-
ruary 1899:-

In continuation of the letter from the Govern-
ment of India in the Public Works Department, No. 129-C.W.B.
dated the 9th February 1899 I am directed to convey sanction
to an assignment of Rupees 31 to the Provincial Revenues of
Madras on account of the transfer of the Thermometer shed
the Madras Meteorological Office to the charge of the local
Public Works Department.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department,
No. 1612 C, dated 16th March 1899:-

The Financial Department is requested to
return the letter from the Government of India, No. 129
C.W.B., dated 9th February 1899 referred for opinion with
endorsement No. 1244 C, dated 28th February 1899.

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Encl. No.
To
C. A.

CURRENT No.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Memorandum No. 1004

Read the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Public Works Department,
No. 1244 C, dated 28th February 1899.

Endorsement of the same Department, No. 161
dated 16th March 1899.

The foregoing papers are returned to the
Public Works Department with reference to its endorsement
No. 1618 C, dated 16th March 1899.

Fort, St. George,

11th April 1899.

A. Edgington
for Chief Secretary.

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Knows. No.

To

C.A. 1197

To

The Public Works Department (with papers in order)
Copy of papers and notes to all other departments
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READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____, DATED
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