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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th October 1864.

No. 352. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Approving the forms of Accounts furnished by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, which are to be adopted from and after the 1st November next by all Civil Officers who may be entrusted with the execution of Public Works. } (Here enter 21st October 1864, No. 3,023.)

No. 353.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1864, No. 1,987.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and for communication to the Collectors, with reference to the Proceedings dated 27th September 1864, No. 1,776.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,023.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 379. Read the following letter from Captain T. BECKLEY, R. E., for Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th October 1864, No. 1,345 :—

SIR,

1. In forwarding a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, No. 3,054, dated 27th ultimo, enquiring whether the provisions of G. O. 20th September 1864, No. 2,740, regarding accounts of expenditure on Public Works by Civil Officers are to be made applicable to Superintendents of Police, I have the honor to submit copy of a Circular* from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, giving forms of accounts to be rendered by Civil Officers, and of those to be kept in this Office to record the transfer of funds to such Officers, and the expenditure by them.

1 Letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated 27th September 1864, No, 3,054.
1 Circular from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, dated 31st August 1864, No. 45.

* No. 45 of 1864, dated 31st Aug., received 12th Oct. 1864.

2. Should the Government determine upon adopting these forms and making them applicable to *all* Civil Officers, as would seem to be intended, it will be necessary to print at once a sufficient number of them for the guidance of all Superintending Engineers and Range Officers, in addition to the Civil Officers concerned, to be brought into operation as the rules promulgated by the Government of India require, from and after the 1st November next.

3. In this Presidency the expenditure on Public Works by Civil Officers is chiefly the outlay on Police buildings, directly by Officers of that Department, or on contracts entered into with them, as well as expenditure by the Collector's Department on emergent repairs, &c., undertaken by them under special circumstances, and for which no other periodical accounts, than annual Bills, are submitted. It is not known whether, as a rule, *all* such works are inspected by Range Officers and Superintending Engineers, but under the present instructions the Executive Officer is to furnish a Certificate that the work had been done in a satisfactory manner.

Paragraph 2 of Resolution of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, 28th July 1864, in G. O. 20th September 1864.

4. I would remark with respect to the work done by the Police Department, that though they relate chiefly to new works undertaken under the several orders of Government noted in the margin, there is no specific report made to this Office of the several sanctions accorded to the estimates for station houses and huts erected at each station or within every District. The Bills for the completed works, forwarded through Superintending Engineers, merely represent the estimated amount approved by the Inspector General of Police, or that for which contracts were entered into with the sanction of that Officer.

G. O. 29th January 1862, No. 80
" 23rd June " " 1,417
" 24th do. " " 1,464
" 18th May 1863, " 1,248, paragraph 6.

5. The allotments given in the Budgets of the past three years for Police works do not specify the estimated amounts as sanctioned for each particular building or line of huts. In reply to references which were made to Superintending Engineers on the examination of their Reports of Progress respecting the sanctioned estimates of the several works coming under the three heads they appear in the Budget, it appears that Superintending Engineers have no accurate information, and that they only expect to be informed by the Inspector General of any change which may be made in the appropriation of the grants, but that in the meanwhile the full amount of such grants have been placed at the disposal of the Police Department.

Police Hospital.
Do. Station houses.
Do. Huts.

6. It appears to be very desirable that periodical reports of all appropriations for Police buildings should be made to this Office more particularly, if the new Rules are to come into

operation, and these reports should specify the sanctioned estimate for each work, the authority by whom or under which sanctioned, and the grant in the Budget out of which the appropriation is made. This information is necessary for examination of the monthly accounts which will have to be submitted, as well as for the proper audit of the annual Bills.

7. It is desirable that other Civil Officers who may be entrusted with outlay on Public Works out of grants made in a lump sum as in the case of the Police works should furnish like reports to this Office.

No. 380. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1864, No. 3,023.

1. The Government approve of the forms of accounts furnished by the Controller, and direct that they be adopted from and after the 1st November next by all Civil Officers who may be entrusted with the execution of Public Works.

2. Adverting to the latter portion of paragraph 3 of Captain Beckley's letter, it will be distinctly understood that the Executive Officer in charge of the Range in which a work may be carried out by the Civil authorities, should not withhold the Certificate required under the Rules, unless he is aware of any unauthorized deviation from the plan and estimate, or discovers any material defect of construction.

3. Paragraphs 4 to 6 will be communicated to the Inspector General of the Madras Police, who will be requested to furnish the Controller with the particulars referred to therein, which are indispensably necessary for the examination of the monthly accounts and the audit of the annual Bills.

4. Similar particulars should also be invariably furnished by all other Civil Officers who may be entrusted with the expenditure on Public Works of grants made in a lump sum.

5. The Controller will arrange for the forms submitted by him being printed in the Gazette Press, and circulated to all concerned without delay.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public, &c., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Military do.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Superintendent of Government Gazette Press.
" Inspector General of the Madras Police.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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ted to the Board of Revenue
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27th September 1776

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From Fort St. George
26th Octr /64

To Copies to the Bd of Revenue with Pro P.W.D. No 3023 dated 21st Octr /64