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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th September 1867.

No. 380. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Approving the recommendations of the Controller of Public Works Accounts relative to the submission of Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements direct to his Office, instead of through Superintending Engineers, and the discontinuance of making advances to Junior Officers of the Civil Department. } (Here enter 19th September 1867, No. 2,915.)

No. 381. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1867, No. 2,228.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,915.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th September 1867.

No. 480. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 12th September 1867, No. 2,300 :—

2 Copies of Correspondence.

1. With reference to G. O. 3rd September 1867, No. 1,414, on the Inspector General's No. 1,495, dated 27th August 1867, I have the honor to observe that the remarks made by me in my letter commented on by G. O. No. 2,363, dated 5th August 1867, had reference to the Monthly* Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, which should be submitted by Civil Officers for audit, and incorporated in the monthly accounts of the Presidency. The irregularity with which these accounts are sent in is the only cause of such large sums remaining unadjusted ; for clearances are granted on *them*, and the expenditure shown by them is credited each month at once (when they are received) to the Civil Officers concerned.

* Approved of by G. O. No. 3,023, dated 21st October 1864.

2. The bills referred to by the Inspector General of Police are submitted when the works are completed, and they alone require "Completion Certificates" from the Officers of the Public Works Department, and not the Monthly Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, on which credit is afforded on the current expenditure, on the same principle that monthly clearances are granted to every disbursing officer for his expenditure.

G. O. 19th August 1868, No. 2,413.

3. I would here submit copies of communications, for the information of Government, illustrative of the cause of delay in granting certificates.

No 1,515, dated 20th August 1867, from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and No. 103, dated 4th August 1866, from Captain Hunter to Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

4. While on this point I would recommend that the prescribed Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements for each month be submitted direct to this Office, instead of coming through Superintending Engineers, just as Range Officers send their monthly accounts direct. This would remove the unnecessarily circuitous manner in which the correspondence between Civil Officers and this Office is now kept up, and facilitate the despatch of official work, while the prescribed check by the Executive Officers will be maintained in all its integrity by the requisite completion certificates to bills after completion.

5. I would further recommend that the present system of making advances to junior Officers of the Civil Department be discontinued, and that advances be made only to recognized heads, such as Collectors and Deputy Collectors, Superintendents of Police, &c., and not to Tahsildars, Moonsiffs, Inspectors of Police, &c. The superior officers may distribute the advances received by them, but *they* alone should be in account with this Office.

Copy of docket No. 242, dated 5th August 1867, from the Supervisor in charge of Kudlighi Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Your docket, No. 1,283, dated 31st July 1867.

Informs that the Superintendent of Police was requested in docket No. 221, dated 13th July 1867, to forward a true copy of the estimate for the Police huts at Hurpunhully, in order that the

work may be checked with the estimate, besides this, two out of fourteen huts remain incomplete. Owing to these circumstances, the submission of the completion certificate has been delayed.

No. 1,515, dated 20th August 1867.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for information, with reference to his Memorandum No. 1,162, dated 23rd ultimo.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

From the Executive Engineer, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 4th August 1866, No. 103.

In accordance with instructions contained in your Memorandum No. 1,287, dated 31st March 1866, I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the Police huts at Nedoomolo, Caza, and Coloor, and certify that in each case work has been done probably to the amount expended. Those at Codoor* are the only ones that are finished* and as a bill is furnished for them, I can state that work to the full amount seems to have been executed. In both the other cases the works are done on contract, and are stated to be incomplete. I can only certify them in these cases that there has been work performed, but the huts, especially those at Nedoomolo, are far from complete; one of them has no roof.

* Completion Certificate attached.

No. 481. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1867, No. 2,915.

ACCOUNT, No. 48.

No. 2,363, dated 5th August 1867, Public Works.
,, 1,414, ,, 3rd Sept. ,, Judicial.

1. Communicated to the Judicial and Revenue Departments, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. The suggestions contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Controller's letter are approved.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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