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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
16th June 1875.*

No. 363. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E.,  
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieut.-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E.,  
Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort  
St. George, 31st May 1875, No. 1,052 :—

I HAVE the honor to address you on the subject of the submission, by Public  
Works Officers, of completion reports for works executed by officers of the Civil  
Department.

2. In the first instance completion reports were required from Public Works  
Officers for *all* works executed by officers  
G. O., No. 1,907, of 11th August 1870. of the Civil Department. These orders  
" " 185, of 25th June 1873. were, however, successively relaxed by  
" " 1,740, of 5th July " the subsequent orders of Government as detailed in the margin, until the orders with  
regard to these completion reports would appear to stand as follows :—

Completion reports are required from Public Works Officers for all works and  
repairs executed by Civil Officers which cost over Rupees 50, with the two following  
exceptions :—

(a.) In the case of land-revenue and customs works the money limit is raised  
to Rupees 500.

(b.) And in the case of works requiring no technical professional supervision,  
such as clearing village sites, planting trees, &c., &c., no completion reports at all are  
required, no matter what the cost may be.

3. Lately this office appears to have understood from G. O., No. 643, dated 11th  
March 1874, which sanctioned the discontinuance of final bills for works, that Govern-  
ment intended to altogether do away with the necessity for the professional supervision  
over works executed by Civil Officers, which is contemplated by the submission by  
Range Officers of completion certificates, and since that date this office would appear  
to have sanctioned expenditure on works executed by Civil Officers without insisting on  
the submission of a completion certificate from the Range Officer in any case, no  
matter what the cost of the work might be.

4. I have to inquire whether it is the intention of Government to dispense  
altogether with professional supervision over works executed by officers of the Civil  
Department, and if not, if I should be correct in calling for completion certificates for  
all works excepting those enumerated in paragraph 2.

No. 364.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1875, No. 1,700.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

THE Controller of Public Works  
Accounts will be informed that it is not  
the intention of Government to dispense  
altogether with professional supervision over works executed by officers of the Civil  
Department, and that completion certificates will be furnished by officers of the Public  
Works Department for all works executed by Civil Officers, with the following  
exceptions :—

(1.) Works connected with land-revenue and customs estimated to cost less than  
Rupees 500.

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(2.) Works requiring no professional supervision, such as clearing village sites, planting avenues, &c.

2. Completion certificates in these cases will be furnished by Civil Officers in the form approved in G. O., No. 643, dated 11th March 1874.

(True Extract.)

*J. H. Stuart*

Major, R.E.,

*Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.*

To all Superintending and District Engineers.  
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
„ Revenue Department. ✓

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

ALL SUPERINTENDING AND DISTRICT

ENGINEERS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 18th.

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Encl.

G. O., 16th June 1875, No. 1,700.

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Public Works Officers for works executed by  
the Civil Department.—Passing orders on the  
letter of the Controller relative to the  
subject of the—

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Board of Revenue.

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