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BOILER INSPECTOR

Recording Proceedings, Public Works Department, ordering that the sanction of the Secretary of State be applied for through the Government of India to the creation of the post of --- in the Madras Presidency on a salary of Rupees 500-40-700 per mensem chargeable in the first instance to Provincial funds.

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No. 2694 W., 29TH OCTOBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following paper :—

G.O. No. 1615 M., dated 9th October 1895.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O. No. 833 M., dated 15th May 1895.

„ „ 2134 W. „ 26th August 1895.

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Sanitary Engineer to Government, dated 5th June 1895, No. 1615.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore, dated 17th June 1895, No. 857.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddapah, dated 25th June 1895, No. 390.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, dated 4th July 1895, No. 38.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, dated 16th August 1895, No. 26.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 25th September 1895, No. 1058 D.

Order—No. 1615 M., dated 9th October 1895.

In the first of the orders read above, the Sanitary Engineer and the Chairmen of the Municipal Councils of Cuddapah, Madura, Tanjore and Trichinopoly, which are already in possession of water-works with steam-pumping machinery, were asked to submit to Government any suggestions which they might have to offer upon the subject of the recoveries to be made from municipal councils on account of the periodical examination and testing of their boilers and engines by the Boiler Inspector appointed under Act III of 1893.

2. The charge for his services was proposed to be fixed in proportion to the time likely to be occupied in inspecting the machinery in each case, and at the rate of Rs. 100 a week, but it was stated that this was undoubtedly a very moderate demand, and that it was probable that, at no very distant date, the pay of the Inspector would be raised, when a corresponding enhancement of the contributions from municipalities would have to be made.

3. The letters from the Sanitary Engineer and the Chairmen of the Councils already mentioned, read above, show that they approve generally of the principle upon which the recoveries were proposed to be made. The Sanitary Engineer, however, asks whether the Boiler Inspector should be required to examine the condition of the fountains, valves and fittings of Municipal water-works, and whether it will be open to him to send the Inspector to enquire into the working of engines and

the expenditure of fuel, &c., should such a course appear to be necessary; and the Chairman of the Cuddapah Municipal Council requests that the Inspector may be directed to visit municipalities in which the machinery has got out of order by accident or otherwise at any time and without extra charge.

4. With reference to the first of these points the Government considers that the Inspector should not be held responsible for the condition of the fountains, valves and fittings of water-works, and that the care of these should be entrusted to the fitters and others who will require to be employed in every municipality in which such works are opened. In regard to the second and third of the questions raised, the Sanitary Engineer may direct the Inspector, upon sufficient cause being shown, to visit any municipality at any time for the purposes referred to by him, or in case of accident to any machinery, but the municipal council concerned will be required to pay contributions for such extra visits at the same rate as that charged for the ordinary periodical inspections, and calculations of the period spent upon such visits will include the time spent by the Inspector in travelling to and from the municipality.

5. In the second of the orders read above it is stated that the Boiler Inspector who was appointed on a salary of Rs. 250—10—300 has resigned, and that the Chief Engineer reports that no other suitable candidate for the post can be obtained at that rate of pay. It is therefore proposed to raise the salary of the appointment to Rs. 500—10—700. The cost of the Inspector will thus be more than doubled.

6. This contingency was anticipated, as has already been observed above, at the time that G.O. No. 833 M., dated 15th May 1895, was issued, and the councils concerned were informed that the rate of contribution would probably require to be proportionately raised at an early date. The sanction of the Government of India to the proposed increase in the Inspector's pay has been solicited, and should this be accorded, the Municipal Councils of Cuddapah, Madura, Tanjore and Trichinopoly will be requested to set apart, as contributions for the services of the Inspector, the sums noted opposite each in the margin. Even after this enhancement of the rates the councils will, in the opinion of Government, be paying no more than a moderate sum for the benefits that they will derive from the Inspector's visits.

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Cuddapah	300
Madura	600
Tanjore	600
Trichinopoly	800

7. The Government has usually made a free grant to municipal councils undertaking water supply and drainage schemes of a sum equal to one-half of their cost, and in all such cases, therefore, it is practically the owner of one-half of the machinery and plant which are procured for the working of such schemes. His Excellency in Council considers it necessary, therefore, that steps should be taken to ensure that adequate measures for the safeguarding of this valuable property are adopted, and in future all grants from Provincial funds for such schemes will be subject to the clear understanding that the councils to which they are made will assent to all measures, which are in the opinion of Government necessary, for the periodical inspection and proper repair of all engines and boilers connected with them, and that they will maintain such establishments as Government may consider necessary for working them.

8. In paragraph 2 of the second of the orders read above, it is requested that information as to the contributions that may be expected from municipalities towards the Boiler Inspector's salary may be furnished by this department. From the instructions above laid down it will be observed that councils will be required to pay for the Inspector's services at the rate of Rs. 200 a week. There are, at present, however, only four municipalities in which there are boilers and engines requiring inspection, and the contributions from these will amount, as shown above, to only Rs. 2,500. As more schemes are completed more contributions will be paid, but it is difficult to forecast the exact amount of these until the exact nature of the engines that will be erected in each town is known. At present and for sometime to come, however, Provincial funds will necessarily lose heavily by the employment of the Boiler Inspector, and it appears probable that, even when all the municipalities which now seem likely to eventually possess water-supply and drainage schemes become

contributors towards the expenses involved in his appointment, the actual outgoings (excluding pensionary liability) will barely be covered by the contributions and fees that will be received.

9. For the present, then, as has been stated, the contributions from municipalities will only amount to Rs. 2,500 per annum. It is not proposed to demand any contribution from the Madras Municipal Commissioners, as this body already employs Engineers of its own who are competent to see that its machinery is maintained in good order. The Commissioners will, of course, be required to pay the ordinary fees for the testing of its boilers under the provisions of Act III of 1893.

10. In his note read above the Chief Engineer calculates that the "contribution" from Madras may be increased from Rs. 2,060 to Rs. 4,000. The original estimate of Rs. 2,060 to be derived from the City of Madras did not however refer to any contribution from the Municipal Commissioners for the examination of its machinery, but was a forecast of the amount of fees that would probably be leviable under the schedule to Act III of 1893. The Government is not at present prepared to raise the rate of these fees, which are now fixed at 20 per cent. less than the maxima allowed by the schedule, and the income derived from the City of Madras cannot therefore be enhanced.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
for Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 2694 W., dated 29th October 1895.

Ordered that the sanction of the Secretary of State be applied for, through the Government of India, to the creation of the post of Boiler Inspector in the Madras Presidency on a salary of Rs. 500—40—700 *per mensem* with the requisite establishment, the cost being chargeable to Provincial funds in the first instance. Recoveries as shown in the Proceedings of Government read above will be made from municipalities.

[Here enter No. 2695 W., dated 29th October 1895.]

(True Extract.)

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To the Sanitary Engineer.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Financial Department.

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