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## Government of Madras.

Revenue (Forest) DEPARTMENT.

Com. 24-3-37

| G.O. No. 530 | Press Mis. |
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| Dated 23—3— | 1837 |

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No. 72. Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 27th February 1857, No. 10505.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1685, of the 18th September 1856, I have the honor to forward to Government the accompanying original letter dated 20th October last No. 1124, giving cover to a statement "duly countersigned by the Collector," shewing the Establishment required for the general Maramut duties of the Nellore District ; and adverting to para. 2 of the order above quoted and to the Chief Engineers letter of the 3rd Instant, No. 10005, to state, that the arrangements necessary for the transfer of the District to the Executive have been definitely considered, and settled in the distribution List submitted, with the letter above alluded to.

From the District Engineer Nellore to be obligingly returned.

2. It will be observed, that Lieutenant Mullin's, modified application is for an Establishment of 4 Officers, 19 Upper, and 23 Lower Subordinates which he considers sufficient for the efficient supervision of the District Maramut proposed to be divided into 4 ranges. The apportionment made in the Chief Engineer's List, provides for a Staff somewhat stronger, (numerically) than that applied for by the District Engineer, and which under all the circumstances (due regard being had to the wants of the other Districts) is deemed amply sufficient.

4 Officers.
12 Upper Subordinates.
33 Lower. Do.

3. In soliciting the favorable consideration, and sanction of Government to the allotment of Officers, and Subordinates, as recommended for Nellore and to the transfer of the District from the Revenue to the Executive Agency from the 1st March 1857. I beg to point out, that the submission of Lieutenant Mullin's, letter in answer to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1685, was delayed, pending the preparation of the Chief Engineers distribution List to provide for the wants of the Department generally.

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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 530; dated 23rd March 1857.

With the above letter, the Officer in charge of the Central office submits a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore, proposing an executive establishment for his District, and he recommends that sanction should be given to the arrangements and that the charge of the Public Works should be made over to the Engineer from the 1st Instant. The Acting Superintending Engineer's letter is dated the 27th of February and the map shewing the divisions into which it is proposed to divide the District was received in the Government office on the 14th Instant, a transfer from the 1st has therefore been impracticable.

2. In his letter dated the 1st of September 1856, the Chief Engineer proposed for Nellore four Officers, including the District Engineer, four of the upper, and eight of the lower subordinate grade, and in the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 18th of September, the Government expressed their opinion that the number was too small.

3. From a marginal note to Captain Johnston's present letter, it appears that the Chief Engineer has decided to raise the number of the subordinates he formerly proposed for Nellore to twelve of the upper grade, and thirty-three of the lower, the total being forty-five, to compare with his previous recommendation of twelve.

4. Before finally sanctioning the arrangements now proposed, and the transfer of the executive from the Collector to the Engineer, the Government desire that the Chief Engineer will, in communication with the Collector and Lieutenant Mullins, consider if a more convenient division than is now proposed cannot be made of the District.

5. From the map obtained from the Central office, it appears that the proposed Northern and Central ranges run in two long narrow strips, parellel to each other, and it occurs to the Government that more compact divisions would be made if the Northern part of the Central range were transferred to the Northern range, and the Southern part of the latter to the Central range.

6. It further appears that there is too great a disproportion between the size of the Nellore and the Southern range, and that that part of the latter which lies north of the road from the Raupoor Ghaut to Goodoor, and of a line drawn from the latter place to Droorajapatam, might be conveniently attached to the former.

7. On receiving the Chief Engineer's reply to these proceedings, the Government will pass orders for the transfer of the executive which will take place from the 1st of May.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

No. 530 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 23rd March 1857

Read the following letter from the Actg Superg Engineer Northern Circle in charge Central Office dated Fort St. George the 27th Feby 1857 No 10505

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorandum of the Executive Engineers in charge of the Districts of Nellore, Cuddapah, Bellary, Kurnool, Salem, Coimbatore, Madura, Tinnevelly, Malabar, South Canara and North Canara, with a Statement of the Establishments employed in each District, and a Memorandum of the Establishments which I propose should be employed in each District, in the event of the Government sanctioning the Establishments proposed by me.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) [illegible]
Actg Superg Engineer
Northern Circle in charge
Central Office P.W.D.

but the charge of
the Public works should
be made over to the
Engineer from the
1st inst - He af
terwards addressed
a letter dated the 2nd
Idem which was read the
Clerk directed the
Division Clerk
to proceed to
Deal for the District
Engineer and to
ascertain if the
Surveyor's Office on the
Mainland, a
Quarter from the
1st Jan. Could be
appropriated -
2. In his letter dated
the 1st September
1856

5.

he C. Engineer
instructed further
from Office - includ-
-ing the District
Engineer's Office &
the Jetty, and
right of the Lower
subordinate
Grade, Residence
he Engineer
10th September
he Govt. approved
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too small -
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Johnston, Pulteney
letter it appears
that

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decided to raise the
number of the subor-
dinates, he proposes
to take off the usher
grade, and put three
watchmen, the total
being forty five, to
conform with the
recommend-
ation of Kirkwood.
Before finally
sanctioning the arrange-
ments now proposed,
and the transfer of the
Executive from the
Collector

to the Engineer, the
Supt. deems that
the Chief Clerk
in communication
with the Collector &
Ch. Auditor, should
decide whether
connection with the
Bar in any proposed
Canal should be made
by the Dublick.
or Finn the work
be carried from
the Central Office
at Athlone. Both
the proposed North-
-ern and Central
Ranges run in
two

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East mine com-
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would be made
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ii) the central range
iii) the Southern range
and the Southern
part of the ladder
to the Southern range.
b. If further observa
to South that there is
too great a discrepa-
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between the size
of the pellets &
the Southern range,
and that part of
the ladder which lies
north of the road
from the Pandoor
Ghaut to Goodoor,
and of a line drawn
from the ladder Hill
to Droogajapalam,
might be imme-
-diately attached
to the former.
7. On receiving
the C.-Engr. reply
to these proceedings
the first office hop
orders

Jan. 6

Jim Richardson &
Rebecca Like Sick
will take place
Friday the 7th of
May.

Copies to the Chief Engr
with 2 Dist. Engrs Circ No 24

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Fr. to Cons 24th March.
No. 530.

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Cons: 7 April

Before finally sanctioning the arrangements proposed by the officer in charge of the central offices of Public Works, and the transfer of the Executive in Nellore from the Collector to the Engineer, Government desire that the Chief Engineer will, in communication with the Collector and Lieutenant Mullins, consider if a more convenient division than is now proposed, cannot be made of the District.

No 72 of 73.

16th Rec'd 20th