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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 79. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, the 4th September 1857, No. 4242.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 28th August 1857, No. 3618.

Read the following papers relative to the Establishments proposed for the Public Works Department in the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Public Works Department, No. 5335, dated 18th November 1856, and its enclosures.

Financial Resolution No. 5500, dated 12th December 1856.

Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department No. 3363, dated 10th July 1857, and its enclosures.

RESOLUTION—In October last the Government of Fort Saint George submitted for sanction a statement of the Establishments proposed for the Public Works Department in that Presidency, prepared according to the nomenclature and rates of salary authorized for Bengal, &c., with reference to which it was observed by this Government that supposing it to be taken for granted that the strength of the Establishments was proportionate to the work to be performed, the only amendment necessary in respect to the Engineers and their Subordinates (Upper and Lower) was the amendment noted in the margin as regards the number in each grade, by which a saving of Rupees 93,000 a year would be effected.

	Total per Mensem.
Sub Engineers 1st Class, 3 instead of 10	750
Do. 2nd Class, 5 instead of 30	1,000
Do. 3rd Class, 8 instead of 40	1,200
Supervisors 12 instead of 30	1,440
Asst. do. 20 instead of 30	2,000
Overseers 40 instead of 32	3,400
Asst. do. 116 instead of 32	8,280
	18,070
Proposed by the Madras Government 204	25,820
Total saving per Mensem	7,750
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Saving per Annum	93,000

This Government also observed that it was doubtful whether the Establishments could be considered to be in proportion to the work to be performed, and whether the Office Establishment of the Chief Engineer was a proper Establishment for an estimated outlay of 56 lacs only.

The Office Establishment of the Garrison Engineer and the pay of the Store Keepers appeared also to this Government to be excessive.

Under these circumstances the Government of Fort Saint George were called upon to submit a revised Statement of the proposed Establishments which has now been done.

His Lordship in Council observes that this revised Statement agrees in every particular with the Statement before submitted, except in regard to the Upper Subordinate Department which has been reduced to the strength indicated in the orders above referred to with a saving of from Rupees 94,920 to Rupees 1,87,680 per annum as shewn in the margin.

	Total including Military Officers. Rs.	A.	Total not including Military Officers. Rs.	A.
Net increase per annum as per former Statement	5,51,780	3	9,39,380	3
Do. do. as per present Statement	4,56,860	3	7,51,700	3
Saving	94,920	0	1,87,680	0

The local Government however express their regret on account of the reduction which they remark will almost wholly annihilate the grade of Sub Engineers which that Government regard as so valuable, adding that the Establishment was framed exclusively and closely with reference to the actual local demands of the Presidency.

With reference to the remarks of this Government respecting the Chief Engineer's Establishment, the Government of Fort Saint George state that "except the auditing the Bills for the unexpended amount (a considerable part of which labor would not have been performed during the year) the office was worked as hard as if the whole of the 76 lacs had been expended."

They further explain that the sum of Rupees 1,491 per mensem, which was sanctioned by the Government on the 1st August 1856 for the Superintending Engineer's office at Madras has

been divided into two equal portions of Rupees 745-8 which have been assigned to the Garrison Engineer and Civil Architect for their respective Establishment; and that the District Store Keepers have charge of costly instruments and that for such duties men of respectability and integrity are required and that such men cannot be obtained on smaller salaries than those proposed.

On a full consideration of the remarks offered by the Government of Fort Saint George, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, in the Financial Department, concurs with the Public Works Department in considering that the scale of the Upper Subordinate establishment before laid down cannot be allowed to be disturbed; that the establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer at Madras are not fairly comparable with the similar establishments of the other Officers of the Department, and that the confusion which has resulted from including persons performing the duties of Maistrees and Sub Overseers who are elsewhere included in the regular establishments sanctioned for the Superintendence of works should be remedied, in order that the whole of the Office establishments may be put on a similar footing.

His Lordship in Council also concurs with the Public Works Department in thinking that the pay of the Storekeepers may be fixed as proposed by the Government of Fort St. George.

With advertence however to the recent orders to stop Public Works and reduce establishments to the lowest possible scale, His Lordship in Council defers sanctioning the establishments now proposed and requests that a fresh scale be prepared, the Government of Fort Saint George being at liberty, however, to appoint any part of the establishment at rates of salary not exceeding those laid down in the present scheme provided that they are urgently required.

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department and that the original papers received therefrom be returned, copies being kept for record in this Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government India.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in the Public Works Department, (Public) under date the 10th July 1857. No. 3363.

* Cons. 30th Novr. 1855, ... Nos. 2 to 5.
" 20th June 1856, ... Nos. 2 to 9.
" 22d Augt. 1856, ... Nos. 4 to 6.
" 19th Decr. 1856, ... Nos. 1 to 7.

Read again the Consultation noted in the margin* relative to the Establishments of the Public Works Department in the Madras Presidency.

Read letter from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras No. 609, dated 2nd April 1857 on the same subject.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council having fully considered the remarks of the Madras Government on the orders of the Supreme Government conveyed in the Financial Resolution No. 5500, dated 12th December 1856, and this Department's letter No. 5963, dated 19th Idem, can find no cause for deviating from the general opinions before come to, but makes the following additional observations.

His Lordship in Council cannot permit the scale of the Upper Subordinate Establishment before laid down, to be disturbed.

The Office Establishment of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer at Madras, are, there is reason to suppose, not fairly comparable with the similar Establishments of the other Officers of the Department, the relative expense of the former being increased by their being made to comprise persons performing the duties of Maistries and Sub Overseers, who elsewhere are included in the regular Establishments sanctioned for the superintendence of works. This sufficiently accounts for the heavy charge on account of these two Offices, but the confusion which has thus taken place should be remedied, so that the whole of the Office Establishments should be put on a similar footing.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1857.

The pay of the Storekeepers may in the opinion of the Government of India, be fixed as proposed by the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.

RESOLUTION—It has consequently been resolved that the Tabular Statement received from the Madras Government be transferred with all the original papers to the Financial Department with the foregoing remarks for re-consideration and further orders, original papers to be returned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information and guidance in reply to Mr. Acting Secretary Forbes' letter No. 609, dated 2nd April 1857.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, No. 2016; dated 27th October 1857.

In the Proceedings above recorded, the Government of India with reference to the revised Tabular Statement of the Department Public Works of this Presidency, submitted on the 2nd April last, communicate their resolution that the scale of the Upper Subordinate establishment before laid down cannot be disturbed; that the establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer should be placed on a similar footing with other office establishments, by excluding therefrom persons performing the duties of Maistries and Sub Overseers, who are elsewhere included in the regular establishments sanctioned for the Superintendence of works; and that the pay of the Storekeepers shall be fixed as proposed by this Government. With these observations, and with advertence to the recent orders to stop Public Works, and reduce establishments to the lowest possible scale, that Government require a fresh scale to be prepared and submitted, giving authority however to appoint any part of the establishment, at rates of salary not exceeding those laid down in the scheme under notice, provided they are urgently required.

2. Resolved that a copy of the above Proceedings be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information.

3. The office establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer were set down in the Tabular Statement alluded to, at Rupees 745-8 each, being a moiety of Rupees 1,491, the amount of the modified scale of establishment for the Superintending Engineer's office, sanctioned by the Government of India on the 1st August 1856. The sums have however subsequently undergone alteration in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th June 1857 No. 1144. The Civil Architect was allowed Rupees 759, and the Garrison Engineer Rupees 732. According to the orders of the Government of India, above recorded, the establishments, when divested of the Maistries and Conicopillays, will amount to Rupees 556½ to the Civil Architect, and Rupees 517 to the Garrison Engineer, as pointed out in the margin. The establishments need further reduction to place them on the same footing as the offices of the District Engineers, which appears to be the intention of the Supreme Government. Allowing them the first class District Engineer's establishment at a cost of Rupees 393, Colonel Atkinson's office will lose Rupees 163½, and Captain Rawlins' Rupees

	Civil Architect		Garrison Engineer.	
	No.	amount	No.	amount.
Total establishment ...	26	759	29	732
Deduct.				
Bricklayer Maistries.....	4	81	4	81
Painter	1	17½	0	0
Carpenter.....	1	21	1	21
Smith.....	0	0	1	21
Conicopillays.....	6	83	6	92
Total.....	12	202½	12	215
Remainder...	14	556½	17	517

124. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to report fully if it will be practicable to diminish the cost of these offices so materially without impairing the efficiency of the establishments. They will however continue, till further orders, on their present footing, less the Maistries and Conicopillays, these latter servants should not be dismissed as the Departments to which they belong will thereby entirely lose the benefit of their local experience. Colonel Faber will, from 1st Proximo, decrease the number of lower Subordinates in such Districts, as will best admit of the diminution, and give the places so vacated to these servants at the Presidency.

4. The Government of India appear to require the submission of a Tabular Statement revised with reference to the present temporary restriction on expenditure. After the receipt of the Chief Engineer's report called for in the above para. in regard to the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer's offices, and when those establishments have been finally determined upon, a revised Tabular Statement will be submitted to the Supreme Government, including however the temporary reduction lately made in consequence of Financial difficulties, and it will be pointed out to them that the permanent scheme should be sanctioned at once, to avoid a repetition of correspondence on the subject, the reduction lately made continuing in force till the restriction on expenditure is removed. The revised Statement will also shew the alterations made in the Central office in consequence of the abolition of the Proceedings Department, and already reported for the confirmation of the Government of India.

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

No. 3618.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department under date the 28th August 1857.

Read the following papers relative to the establishments proposed for the Public Works Department in the Presidency of Fort Saint George.—

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Public Works Department No. 5335, dated 18th November 1856, and its enclosures

Financial Resolution No. 5500, dated 12th December 1856.—

Extract from the Proceedings of Govt. in the Public Works Department No. 3[illegible] dated 10th July 1857 and its enclosure

Resolution

In October last the Government of Fort Saint George submitted for sanction a statement of the establishments proposed for the Public Works Department in that Presidency, prepared according to the nomenclature

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nomenclature and rates of salary authorized for Bengal &c., with reference to which it was observed by this Government that supposing it to be taken for granted that the strength of the Establishments was proportionate to the work to be performed, the only amendment necessary in respect to the Engineers and their Subordinates (upper and lower) was the amendment noted in the Margin as regards the number in each grade, by which a saving of Rupees 93,000 a year would be effected.

		Total per Annum
Sub: Engrs 1st Class instead of 10		750-0-0
Do: 2d Class 5 instead of 30		1,000-0-0
Do: 3d Class 8 instead of 40		1,200-0-0
Supervisors 12 instead of 30		1,440-0-0
Apts Do: 20 instead of 30		2000-0-0
Overseers 40 instead of 32		3400-0-0
Apts Do: 116 instead of 32		8,280-0-0
		18,070-0-0
204		
Proposed by the Madras Govt:	204	25,820-0-0
Total saving per Annum		7750-0-0
		12-0-0
Saving per annum		93,000-0-0

This Government also observed that it was doubtful whether the Establishments could be considered to be in proportion to the work to be performed, and whether the Office Establishment of the Chief Engineer was a proper establishment for an estimated outlay of 56 lacs only.—

The Office Establishment of the Garrison Engineer and the pay of the Store Keepers appeared also to this Govt: to be excessive.

Under these circumstances the Government of Fort Saint George were called upon to submit a revised statement of the proposed Establishments which has now been done.

His Lordship in Council observes that this revised Statement agrees in every particular with the Statement before submitted except in regard to the upper Subordinate Department which has been reduced to the strength in decades by the orders above referred to with a saving of from Rupees 94,920 to Rupees 18,760 per annum as shewn in the Margin.

		Total including Military Officers	Total not including Mily Offrs
Net increase per annum as per former Statement		3,51,780-3-	9,39,380-3-
Do: Do: as per present Statement	45,886	3-	451,700-3-
Saving		94,920-0-	187,680-0-

The local Government however express their regret on account of the reduction which they remark will almost wholly annihilate the grade of Sub Engineers which that Government regards as so valuable, adding that the Establishments was framed exclusively and closely with reference

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reference to the actual local demands of the Presidency.

With reference to the remarks of this Government respecting the Chief Engineer's Establishment, the Government of Fort Saint George state that "except the auditing the Bills for the unexpended amount (a considerable part of which labor would not have been performed during the year) the Office was worked as hard as if the whole of the 25 Lacs had been expended."

They further explain that the sum of Rupees 1491 per mensem which was sanctioned by the Government on the 1st August 1856 for the Superintending Engineer's Office at Madras has been divided into two equal portions of Rupees 745-8 which have been assigned to the Garrison Engineer and Civil Architect for their respective Establishments, and that the District Store Keepers have charge of Ordnance instruments and that for such duties men of respectability and integrity are required and that such men cannot be obtained on smaller salaries than those proposed.

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On a full consideration of the remarks offered by the Government of Fort Saint George, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, in the Financial Department, concurs with the Public Works Department in considering that the scale of the upper subordinate Establishment before laid down cannot be allowed to be disturbed, that the Establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer at Madras are not fairly comparable with the similar Establishments of the other Officers of the Department, and that the confusion which has resulted from including persons performing the duties of Maistrees and Overseers who are elsewhere included in the regular establishments sanctioned for the Superintendence of works should be remedied in order that the whole of the Office Establishments may be put on a similar footing.

His Lordship in Council also concurs with the Public Works Department in thinking that the pay of the Store

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Store Keepers may be fixed as proposed by the Government of Fort Saint George

With advertence however to the recent orders to stop Public Works and reduce Establishments to the lowest possible scale,- His Lordship in Council defers sanctioning the Establishments now proposed and requests that a fresh scale be prepared, the Government of Fort Saint George being at liberty, however, to appoint any part of the Establishment at rates of salary not exceeding those laid down in the present scheme provided that they are urgently required.-

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department and that the original papers received therefrom be returned, Copies being kept for record in this Department.- Order

A True Extract/
(sd) C Hugh Lushington
Secretary to the Government
of India

No. 3363

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council in the Public Works Department Public under date the 10th July 1857.-

Read again the Consultations noted in the margin relative to the Establishments of the Public Works Department in the Madras Presidency-

× Cons 30th Nov 1855 No 215
" 20th June 1856 No 249
" 22d Augt 1856 No 266
" 19th Dec 1856 No 17

Read letter from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras No 609 dated 2d April 1857 on the same subject.-

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The Right Honble the Governor General in Council having fully considered the remarks of the Madras Government on the orders of the Supreme Government conveyed in the Financial Resolution No 5500, dated 12th December 1856 and this Department's letter No 5963, dated 19th Idem, can find no cause for deviating from the general opinions before come to, but makes the following additional observations.-

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His Lordship in Council cannot permit the scale of the upper Subordinate Establishment before laid down to be disturbed.

The Office Establishment of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer at Madras, are, there is reason to suppose, not fairly comparable with the similar establishments of the other Offices of the Department, the relative expenses of the former being increased by their being made to comprise persons performing the duties of Mistrees and Sub Overseers, who elsewhere are included in the regular Establishments sanctioned for the superintendence of Works. This sufficiently accounts for the heavy charge on account of these two Offices, but the confusion which has thus taken place should be remedied, so that the whole of the Office Establishments should be put on a similar footing.

The pay of the Store Keepers may in the opinion of the Government of India be fixed as proposed by the Right

Resolution

Right Honble the Governor of Madras.

It has consequently been resolved that the Tabular Statement received from the Madras Government be transferred with all the original papers to the Financial Department with the foregoing remarks for re-consideration and further orders.

Original Papers to be returned.

(True Extract)
(Sd) W. E. Baker, Colr
Secy. to the Govt of India

No 4242

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information and guidance in reply to Mr Acting Secretary Forbes' letter No 609, dated 2 April 1857.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor Genl in Council

Fort William
Works Departt
4 September 1857

W. E. Baker Colonel
Secy. to the Govt of India

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 27th October 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Government of India
in the Financial Department.

Here enter 1st Sept. 1857 No 1242

In the Proceedings
above recorded, the Govern-
ment of India —
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mitte reference to the
revised Tabular Statement
of the Department Public Works
of this Presidency, submitted
communicate
on the 5th April last, their
resolution that the scale
of the Upper Subordinate
Establishment before
laid down cannot be
disturbed

Cons. 1st Sept. 1857 No 266.
— 2nd Do. — — 5345
— 3rd Do. — — 2242
— 4th Sept. 1857 No 2041

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No 1852.

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Govt. of India
in the Financial Dept.
Dated 16th Sept. 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Bombay Government
Dated 16th Sept. 1857
No 1242

Ordered that the Govt.
be informed that the
proposed Establishment
for the Office of the Chief
Engineer —
Cons. 16th Sept. 1857 No 2041

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disturbed, that the Establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer should be placed on a similar footing with other Office establishments, by excluding therefrom persons performing the duties of Masstries and Sub Overseers, who are elsewhere included in the regular establishments sanctioned for the superintendence of works; and that the pay of the storekeepers shall be fixed as proposed by this Government. With these observations, and with the adherence to the recent orders to stop Public Works, and reduce Establishments to the lowest possible scale, that Government require a fresh estimate to be prepared and submitted, giving authority however to appoint any part of the Establishment, at rates of salary not exceeding those laid down in the scheme under notice, provided they are urgently required.

2 Resolved that a copy of the above Proceedings be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information.

3 The Office Establishments of the Civil Architect and

and Garrison Engineers were set down in the Tabular statement alluded to, at Rupees 7465-8- each, being a moiety of Rupees 14931, the amount of the modified Scale of Establishment for the Superintending Engineers Office, sanctioned by the Government of India on the 1st August 1854. The sums have however subsequently undergone alteration in Extract Minute dated 13th June 1857 No 1154. The Civil Architect was allowed Rs 709, and

and the Garrison Engineer Rupees 732. according to the orders of the Government of India recorded above, the Establishments, when directed of the Provinces and Cantonments, will amount to Rupees 554 1/2 to the Civil Architect, and Rs 617 to the Garrison Engineer, as pointed out in the margin. The establishments need further reduction to place them on the same footing as the Offices of the District Engineers, which appears to be the intention of the Supreme Government. Allowing them

	Civil Architect Garrison	
	No. amt.	No. amt.
Total Estt.	26-759	29-732
Deduct-		
Bricklayer Mistries	6-81-6-81	
Painter	1-17½-0-0	
Carpenter	1-21-1-21	
Smith	0-0-1-21	
Cooliepillays	6-33-6-92	
Total	13-205½-13-215	
Remainder	13-553½-16-617	

them the first Class District Engineers Establishment at the cost of Rupees 3393, Colonel Atkinson's office will lose Rupees 1633/12, and Captain Rowlins Rs. 1214. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to report fully, if it will be practicable to diminish the cost of these offices so materially without impairing the efficiency of the Establishments. They will however continue, till further orders, on their present footing, as the Maistries and Coiencopillays. These latter servants should not be dismissed as the Departments to which they belong will thereby entirely lose the benefit of their local experience. Colonel Faber will, from the 1st proximo, decrease the number of lower subordinates in such Districts as will best admit of the diminution, and give the places so vacated to those servants at the Presidency.

The Government of India appear to require the submission of a Tabular Statement revised with reference to the present temporary restriction on expenditure. After the receipt of

of the Chief Engineers report
called for in the above para,
as regard to the Civil
Architect and Garrison
Engineers Offices, and when
those Establishments have
been finally determined
upon, a revised Tabular
Statements will be sub-
mitted to the Supreme Government
including however the
temporary reductions
lately made in consequence
of the Financial difficulties, and it
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lately made, continuing
in force
till the restriction on
expenditure is removed.
The revised Statement
will also shew the altera-
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quence of the abolition
of the Proceedings De-
partment, and already recorded
for the confirmation
of the Government of
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Dr to Cont. 24th Oct.

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From the Chief Engr 2d Novr
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Calling upon the Chief Engineer to report, if it will be practicable to diminish the Costs of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineers offices to the same footing as the Offices of the Dist. Engineers, without diminishing their efficiency.

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