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from 11th to 17th June 1859.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 28th May 1859, No. 1009.

I have the honor with reference to para. 3 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 19th Instant No. 1210, to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the following explanation of the causes of the delay in maturing and submitting a scheme for the classification of Executive ranges and of office establishments to suit them.

2. It appears from several Memoranda in the office that, from the date of receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th February last, various schemes were projected and set aside by Colonel Faber, the late Chief Engineer, the difficulty in the matter being the distribution of establishments allotted to 51 Officers to 87 ranges. In the sanctioned establishment for the Public Works Department the number of Officers is 78, and if their establishment were available, their distribution would have given the ranges sufficient and efficient establishment, either in reference to their relative importance or to the position of the Officers who should have charge of them; but Government having in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th February, above referred to, directed that the proposition should not exceed the amount of the existing reduced establishment, the difficulty arising could not be easily overcome; and before it was possible to come to a decision, whether the ranges shall be classified, whether they shall as they now are, be placed each in charge of an Officer or subordinate, or whether two or more ranges shall be placed under the supervision of one Executive Officer with subordinates in immediate subordinate charge of each, the Memo. from Government dated the 5th March calling for a statement of Executive ranges, the number of talooks comprised in each, the average revenue and expenditure for a certain number of years, and the Officers and subordinates composing its present strength was received; but the requisite information not being on the records of this office, the District Engineers were requested to prepare and forward the required statement as reported to Government in a letter from this office dated the 23rd Idem No. 8915. It was then deemed proper to defer the consideration of the scheme till the receipt of the statement from District Engineers; and in the meantime Colonel Faber addressed the Government on the 17th March the letter in which the question of placing more than one range under an Executive Officer was submitted for orders.

3. The District Engineers were however unable to prepare and submit the statement within the fortnight's time prescribed, the necessary information as to revenue and expenditure for the given periods not being on the records of their office. All had to seek the information from the Collectors, but from causes described in my predecessor's letter dated the 23rd March last No. 8915, and above referred to, great delay has taken place in furnishing the same. The District Engineers having been hurried, many of them despatched the statement incomplete or defective in information in these very respects, and revised ones had to be called for, while others have reported that the requisite information has not been furnished by Collectors. In these cases the latter Officers have been called upon to report the cause of the delay. The District Engineer of North Arcot, in forwarding the statement defective, as above described, reported that, all papers from which information can be gleaned on the subject were taken away by the Commissioners appointed for the adjustment of the accounts of his District; but he has now been directed to recall the papers and a copy of the despatch communicated to the President of the Commission for information.

4. It will thus be seen that no avoidable delay has been permitted to occur in this case, and I have the honor to state that on the receipt of reliable information from the Districts, a suitable scheme will be devised for range establishments and submitted for the approval of Government.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1859, No. 1445.

In this letter the Chief Engineer explains the causes of the delay in submitting the scheme of establishments for the Executive ranges, called for in para. 7 of the order of February 8th

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No. 330. The main cause is that there are now, in the reduced condition of the Department, only fifty-one Officers of the grades to have charge of ranges; and it is found impracticable so to allot these fifty-one establishments to eighty-seven ranges, as to ensure efficiency.

2. The Governor in Council fully recognizes the difficulty or rather impossibility of such an attempt, and it is to be regretted that this cause of delay was not stated sooner. The expression "existing establishments" occurring in the order above quoted, was not used with intentional reference to the present reduced strength of the Department, but had in view rather the establishments originally fixed as sufficient for the ranges. An efficient establishment in each Executive range is absolutely necessary whatever Officer is in charge, and in every state of the Department; and the Governor in Council now resolves to empower Colonel Bell to take as the basis of his distribution, not the cost of the present establishments of fifty-one Officers, but that of those originally contemplated for the whole 87 Executive ranges.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George.

N^o 1009

28th May 1859

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

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I have the honor to be Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt.
 Fort St. George
 28th May 1859

M. Bell, Esq. & Co. Secy

Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government
 Madras.

E. P. S. S. S.

Portions of the Madras Code already brought into use.

Sections	By what order brought into use	Pages in Mr. Grants C. O. Book
I The Chief Engineer	C. M. C. 17 th June / 56	314
II Superintending Engineer		
III District Engineer		
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V Executive Officer & Agents		
VI Works of Private Comm.		
VII Buildings	18 th Oct. / 55	209
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XVIII Dead Stock	8 th July / 57 P. 9.	581
XIX Collection & inspection of funds		
XX Military authorities		

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I & II to build Eng.	C. M. C. 8 th July / 57 P. 9.	581
VII Subdivision of funds		
VIII Vernacular languages		
IX Part of Estab. & funds		

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[Signature]

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