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## Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Ans 19/6/1859

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Dated 15—4—1859.

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No. 40. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 12th February 1859, No. 7845.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 274, dated 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the instructions conveyed in para. 2 will be strictly conformed to. It is hoped however, that the defects pointed out have not been observed in other previous lists.

9 Original letters with 4 do. Enclosures.

2. With reference to para. 3, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letters from the District Engineer, Kistnah Division, being the result of the references, Nos. 6711 and 6712, made by this Office, and my own action in the case in Proceedings No. 7267, under date the 22nd January 1859.

From District Engineer, Kistnah Division, dated 23rd Decr. 1858 No. 102
From do. dated January 7th 1859, No. 110.
From do. dated January 7th 1859, No. 109.
To do. dated 22nd January 1859.

3. The District Engineer has not replied to the reference made by this Office in No. 6746, under date the 5th January 1859, but it is presumed that all that could be urged in his defence is contained in Mr. Stinson's Petition to my address.

4. No reply has as yet been received from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, to the reference made by this Office in No. 6755, and the result when known will be reported to Government.

5. In regard to the insufficiency of Subordinate Agency in the Bellary District, I have the honor to forward the accompanying letters* from the District Engineer, containing his urgent representations on the subject. A due consideration of the relative importance of works in other Districts, has led to the only alternative of removing certain Subordinates from that District; but the crippled and inefficient state of its establishment has not been overlooked, vide margin, and it is intended to provide adequately when the vacancies now existing are filled up as may be immediately expected.

* To District Engineer Bellary, dated December 15th 1858.
From do. do. December 29th 1858, No. 299.
Do. Do. December 30th No. 303.
From do. do. dated January 19th 1859, No. 317.
From do. do. dated January 28th No. 338.

| | Executive Engr. 3rd Class. | Do. 4th do. | Assistant Executive Engrs. | Sub-Engineers. | Supervisors. | Assistant Supervisors. | Overseers. | Assistant Overseers. | Sub-Overseers 1st Class. | Do. 2nd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Present allotment as per scale of 23d July 1857. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 18 | —37. |
| Present in the District. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 18 | —35. |

6. From the annexed List it will appear what the present strength in the Bellary District consists of relatively to its fixed allotment, and it will also be seen that the Establishment has not been materially impaired in its numerical strength by recent withdrawals. The case in which the District Engineer so bitterly complains is of Vencataruthnum, late a Sub-Overseer not now in the permanent strength of the Department. As Vencataruthnum was out of employ he was, on his superior qualification and the omission of his name in the published List being brought to notice, appointed a temporary Assistant Overseer as a substitute for Sub-Engineer Williams, on other duty, under Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th June and 9th September 1858, Nos. 1207 and 1849.

7. It appears to me that the requirements of the Department in the Bellary District, should not have been made to stand against Vencataruthnum's appointment to Coimbatore, or against his prospects in life, and in consequence the withdrawal of that individual from Bellary ought not to have been viewed by the District Engineer as a matter of grievance.

*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of* 19*th April* 1859.

8. With reference to para. 4 of the order of Government, I have the honor to state that the Indent returned by the Assistant Inspector General of Ordnance is for "Steel Cast, ;" and not "*cost*," which is a clerical error.

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No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 891; dated 15th April 1859.

Ordered to be recorded, and the enclosures to be returned to the Chief Engineer's Office.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
*Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.*

Central Office of Public Works.
Fort Saint George 12th February 1859.

№ 7845

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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From Lt Engr Bellary D/ Dec 15 No 58 — 1
From Do Do Dec 29 1858 No 299 — 1
Do Do Dec 30 No 303 — 1
From Do Do 7 January 1859 No 317 — 1
From Do Do 7 January 28th No 338. — 1

Present allotment as per Scale of 25th July 1857 Present in the District

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Executive Engrs | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Assistant Engrs | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Sub Engineers | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Assistants | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 6 | 3 |
| Overseers | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 18 | 18 |

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8. With reference to para 4 of the order of Government I have the honor to state that the Indent returned by the Assistant Inspector General of Ordnance is for "Steel, cast" and not "cost" which is a clerical error.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
12th February 1859.

Dr Comr 1 February 59 No 79.
—— 2 Lieut —— 58 —38-39
—— 14 Depty —— —— —26-24

Pub. Works 1859 Depty
Do Comr 19 April
No 348

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt

Dated 12th February 1859
Recd 15
No 7845

Encls 13
No 891. 16th April 1859

Stating that the instructions conveyed in Para 2 of Ex. Mins: Engs. No 274 dated 29th Ultimo, regarding the preparation of the Register of Papers disposed of by the Chief Engineer will be strictly conformed to; reporting the result of the references made in the letters referred to in the 3rd Para of the above order and

With an order also

also stating with reference to Para 4 that the Indent returned by the Asst Inspector General of Ordnance is for "Steel Cast" and not "cast" which is a clerical error.

No 440 & 441.

No 89

Ordered to be recorded,
and the enclosures
to be returned to
the Ch. Engr Dept.

Fort St. George
15 April 1859

To Copy to the Chief Engr. Dept
with 13 Encls