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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.*Despatches to England.*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 53 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. The papers we have the honor to forward have reference to the Orders issued by us for the amalgamation of the two offices of Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer at the Presidency.

2. This change was suggested by the late Chief Engineer in his letter dated 21st April 1860, No. 12,547. The reasons stated were principally these: 1st, that the separate appointment of the Garrison Engineer was rendered unnecessary by the recent Order* transferring the control of the Garrison of Fort Saint George to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, by which the Executive Officer was placed on the same footing relatively to the Military Authorities

as a District Engineer in the interior; 2nd, that inconvenience had resulted from the division of the original establishment of the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency into two parts for the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer respectively; 3rd, that the competition between the Departments in the prosecution of their works tended to raise the price of materials to the prejudice of the interests of Government. It was further represented that if the whole of the Presidency works were placed under the Civil Architect, his charge would still be far less extensive and onerous than that of a first-class up-country District. For these reasons, Colonel Bell submitted the following proposals:—

- (1.) That the Civil Architect should be placed in charge of the entire Presidency works.
- (2.) That the appointment of Garrison Engineer should be abolished.
- (3.) That the salary of the last-mentioned Officer should be divided between two Assistants to the Civil Architect; Rupees 300 being given to one and Rupees 200 to the other.
- (4.) That the designation of the Presidency Executive Officer should be altered from Civil Architect to District Engineer of Madras.
- (5.) That to cover the extra carriage expense which the new arrangement would involve, the salary of the Civil Architect and of each of the Assistants should be increased by 50 Rupees, to be obtained by substituting a Second for a First Assistant District Engineer in the General Department.

3. In our Proceedings of 4th May 1860, No. 930, we entirely approved the Chief Engineer's proposals, being of opinion that the changes advocated would greatly contribute to the efficiency and economy of this branch of the service at the Presidency; and we requested that Officer to submit a further report on the subject after the details had been arranged.

4. On the 23rd May, we approved a suggestion made by the present Chief Engineer for altering the designation of the Civil Architect to that of District Engineer, Presidency; the District Engineer of the late Chingleput District being called District Engineer of Madras.

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5: The Orders passed by us respecting the detailed arrangements necessary for carrying out the amalgamation of the two offices will be found in our Proceedings of 26th June, No. 1,342, to which we solicit your attention. You will observe from paragraph 3 of those Proceedings that we directed that the amalgamation should be carried into effect from 1st July 1860, and called on the Chief Engineer for a Statement recasting the two Establishments into one and showing the financial result of the change, for report to the Government of India.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th August 1860.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated 8th August,

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Forwarding papers having reference to the Orders issued for
the amalgamation of the two offices of Civil Architect and
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To The Right Honorable
the Secretary of State
for India.

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Copy of Govt. of India May 1860 Nos 70. 71.
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measure were principally
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of Fort St George to the Ex-
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Chief, by which
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Executive Officer could
~~no longer receive orders simi-~~
~~lar to those which were~~
~~issued to him through the~~
~~Army Major, but was placed~~
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thorities as ^a ~~that of the~~
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resulted from the division
of the original establish-
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Presidency into two parts
for the Civil Architect
and Garrison Engineer res-
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competition

* 23rd March 1860 No 1162
Milly Dept. forwarded
with Despatch in that
Dept. dated 20 June 1860
No 130.

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5. The orders passed
by us respecting the de-
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necessary for carrying out
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two ^{offices} ~~Departments~~ in question
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J. A.

For Lt George
8 August 1860

1st D^o
To Home Gov^t

Amalgamation of the
two Departments of the
Civil Architect and Garrison
Engineer.

No 53

Letter to the Right Hon^{ble} the
Secretary of State
for India

Dated 8th August 1860

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14th Aug 1860
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14th Aug 1860.

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No 17.

Para 2.

Forwarding papers having
reference to the orders issued for the
Amalgamation of the two Offices
of Civil Architect & Garrison
Engineer at the Presidency -