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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th May 1863.*

No. 528. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer 3rd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madanapalle, 13th May 1863, No. 2 :--

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to submit for the consideration of Government, an application from the Acting District Engineer of Bellary for an increase of Establishment rendered necessary by the late dismissal of all Sub-Overscers.

2. Prior to the 1st April last, there were in the Bellary District, 21 Sub-Overscers; 15 of these men have been retained as Taluq Maistries, that being the number of Taluqs in the District, and the other 6 have been dismissed.

3. Captain Babington states, that the Tungabaddra Channels, irrigating lands in three Taluqs, require special superintendence to prevent loss of revenue from waste of water, and neglect in repairing trifling damages during freshes; he also remarks that a Maistry is required at the Military Stations of Bellary and Ramandroog, where there are constant requisitions from the Military authorities for repairs, &c.

4. I am of opinion that Captain Babington's application should be sanctioned, for without sufficient superintendence I am unable to understand how a District Engineer can be expected to perform his duties in a large District like Bellary.

No. 529. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1863, No. 1,371.

The Government are unable to comply with the recommendation contained in the foregoing letter. They would draw attention, however, to Proceedings dated 18th April 1863, No. 959, in which authority was granted for District Engineers employing on works of every description, head Bricklayers, head Smiths, head Carpenters, and head Coolies whenever such aid may be needed, the parties being paid from the Estimates a daily rate of pay in the same manner as other workmen, and their employment ceasing when the works are stopped or finished.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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 The Govt was unable to comply with the per-
 commendations contained in the foregoing letter. They
 would draw attention however to the order dated 18th
 April 1863 & 1869, in which authority was
 granted for District Engineers employing on
 works of every description, head (Quarrymen), head
 Smiths, head Carpenters, head Cooks whenever such
 aid may be needed, the parties being paid from
 the Estimates a daily rate of pay in the same manner as
 other workmen, and their employment ceasing when the
 works are stopped or finished.

Chepauke
 29th May 1863

To the Supy Engr 30th May 1863
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From F. 1446

The Sup: of Engineers
3^d Division

The Secy: of Government
D. P. M.

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Dated 13th
Recd: 18th May 1863.

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Subj: for the consideration
of Government an application
from the Dy. Commr. Bellary
for an increase of establishment
for superintending
certain irrigation channels and
other works, and is of
opinion that the application
be sanctioned.

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With an order