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Read the following papers :—

No. 12. From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 17th May 1865, No. 191.

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Enclosures 2

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Letter from Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, herewith submitted.
From Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSLOW, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Contoller of Public Works Accounts, dated Masulipatam, 9th May 1865, No 7.

SIR,

1. In reply to your Memorandum No 1, dated 1st instant, calling upon me to report as early as possible the arrangements I propose to make in the several Ranges of this Division for the transfer of accounts to the Officers and Agents in charge thereof, I have the honor to observe that I experience considerable difficulty in doing so, owing to the absence of precise information as to the amount of work which will be expected from them; the only knowledge on the matter which this Office possesses being obtained from the cursory notice of the new system, embodied in paragraph 6 of your letter No. 2,547, dated 27th February 1865, to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, recorded in G. O. No 603, dated 10th March 1865.

2 But it is quite evident to me, as regards this Division at least, that however well adapted the scale of Office establishments laid down in G. O. No 1,137 of 28th April may be to some Ranges, it is an extravagant one as regards others, for instance, in the 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th Ranges (the Delta Ranges) of the Kistna District, the work is very heavy, and the bills, estimates, and accounts

Ranges.	Number of works in progress.	Expenditure
1st	89	Rs. 81,200
2nd	70	62,072
3rd	69	13,945
4th	55	9,682
5th	72	19,665
6th	101	86,493
7th	152	1,56,950

very numerous, whereas in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Ranges it is comparatively light, as a consideration of the expenditure as shown in the margin during the past year at once testifies. In the latter, Draughtsmen are scarcely needed at all, and the Accountants need not be men of the same energy and ability as required in the former. Moreover, the amount of work that will be required in the Delta Ranges is so great that I am of opinion no single Accountant could be found able to get through it without an Assistant. He would need one, if it were only to check his accounts to prevent them being sent to your office full of blunders. Similarly, Lascars are required in greater proportion in the Delta Ranges than in others.

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3 In the Superintending Engineer's Office, the entire abolishment of Accountants seems unadvisable. One at least if not two, should be retained to prepare the appropriation returns, and to check the Range Officer's expenditure, with reference to the progress of works.

4. Without therefore it is allowed that the scale laid down in G. O. No 1,137 of 28th ultimo, may be considered elastic, I fear considerable and unceasing difficulty will be found in carrying out the measure. The possibility also exists that a sufficient number of Accountants, whose abilities fairly entitle them to a salary of 60 Rupees per mensem, may not be obtained.

5 In reply to your Memorandum I therefore think it advisable first to show what arrangements I would propose, to allow the accounts of the various Ranges to be efficiently rendered to your Office, and to state my firm opinion that unless some such plan is adopted, the Account Department will suffer materially. I would suggest that a reference be made to Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, the late Superintending Engineer of this Division, for his opinion in this matter, which must be valuable after the lengthened experience he has had in it.

SANCTIONED SCALE			
Kistna District			
		Rs.	
1 Accountant	...	60	
1 Draughtsman	...	50	
3 Lascars	...	21	
		131	for 7 Ranges Rupees 917 per mensem.
Nellore District	do	for 4	do 524 do.

PROPOSED SCALE.			
Kistna District.			
Delta or 1st Class Ranges.			
1 Accountant	...	50	
1 Assistant do.	...	20	
1 Draughtsman	...	40	
4 Lascars	...	28	
		138	for 4 Ranges = Rupees 552
Other Ranges, 2nd Class.			
1 Accountant	...	40	
1 Assistant do.	...	20	
3 Lascars	...	21	
		81	for 3 Ranges = Rupees 243
		795	
		122	

Saving in the Kistna District

Nellore District			
Nellore and N. Ranges	1st Class, as above	Rupees 138 x 2 =	276
Central and Western Ranges	2nd Class, as above	81 x 2 =	162
			438

Saving in the Nellore District

6 Part of the total saving of Rupees 206 would, in my humble opinion, be advantageously expended by allowing Accountants for the purposes named in paragraph 3, for the Superintending Engineer's Office, and as one Draughtsman has been found by long experience to be inadequate for the work to be done in this Office, I would add an Assistant Draughtsman on a salary of Rupees 40.

1 Accountant	...	Rupees 60
1 Assistant do.	...	25
1 Draughtsman	...	40

Total Rupees ... 125

leaving a total saving of Rupees 81 to the Government.

7 Should, however, this modification of the sanctioned scheme not be practicable, I would propose to take the most experienced men from this Office and put them in those of the Ranges,

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keeping at the same time the best Accountants now in the Ranges in their present positions on increased salaries. As to Draughtsmen, those who now are in the Division can remain on increased salaries likewise, and others must be looked for from the College or elsewhere

From Captain R. F. OAKES, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Calcuttabadly, 8th May 1865, No 61 —

Sir,

1. With reference to your Memorandum No 1, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether it is intended that the Superintending Engineers should submit Bills in adjustment of all expenditure incurred up to 30th April 1865, or whether they should merely submit those Bills already in their Offices. If all Bills now in the Superintending Engineer's Office may be returned to Executive Officers, and the latter may be held responsible for all unadjusted expenditure of previous years, the transfer is simple and may be carried out at once, but even then it would be necessary that Superintending Engineer should retain one Accountant until all Bills submitted from the Superintending Engineer's Office had been passed in order to reply to any objections which may be raised to passing such bills in the Controller's Office

2. From what I can learn of the state of the accounts in the 6th Division, it would be hardly fair to the present Executive Officers and Agents to make them directly responsible for expenditure incurred previous to the year 1864-65. I would therefore suggest that the Superintending Engineer should be called upon to furnish bills for work executed previous to 1864-65, for though the balances in individual Ranges for 1862-63 and 1863-64 are not large with one exception, the bills left undisposed of are chiefly those regarding the adjustment of which there is some difficulty, and information regarding them can be more readily obtained in the Superintending Engineer's than in the Executive Officers' Office

3. Every effort will be made to clear of the arrears of 1862-63 and 1863-64 prior to the publication of the Manual of Accounts, and has been already afforded from the Superintending Engineer's Office to Range No 5

4. It is impossible at present to state definitely in how long a time the entire Account Establishment in the Superintending Engineer's Office can be dispensed with, but as the arrears are cleared off the services of the Accountants may by degrees be placed at the disposal of the Executive Officers, the Officers of the Executive Agents in charge of Ranges being first filled up as they leave now but one Writer and Accountant

5. I beg you will inform me whether after the transfer of the accounts to the Range Officers any provision can be made in your Office for any of the Head Accountants in the Superintending Engineer's Office, whose salaries will otherwise be reduced from Rupees 75 to 60, if so the Head Accountant's services could be dispensed with from the date of the submission of the last Bill for which the Superintending Engineer is held responsible, instead of being retained until the last Bill submitted had been passed in your Office, for with an intimate knowledge of the records the Accountant could probably clear up any difficulty which might arise in passing a bill, or he might call for the identical paper in which the information required would be found or, indeed, without much inconvenience, he might take the Office records relative to the Account Department with him on joining your Office

6. The Head Accountant Scondrarajoo Nayadu, for whom I wish to secure a post in your Office, has been an Accountant in the Department Public Works for a period of eight years, he is a first class Accountant, very quick, and intelligent in understanding and introducing any new system, very pains-taking and hard-working, and is capable of drafting a clearly and well expressed letter, his

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services are well worth the Rupees 150 sanctioned for the Auditors in your Office under the present scale.

No. 13. From Captain R. F. OAKES, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 16th May 1865, No. 133 —

Sir,

1. I have the honor to enclose an original letter from Colonel Greenaway complaining of the insufficiency of the new Office Establishment allotted to Ranges in the Order noted marginally, for the 1st Range in the Trichinopoly District. He shows that while the expenditure in Range No. 1 comprises two-thirds of the allotment for the District, his Office Establishment is only one-fourth of that allotted to the Range Officers; I would further add that the numerous calls for petty works of all descriptions by the Military Department at a large Military station add not a little to the work of the Office Establishment, and would suggest that an extra Writer and Lascar should be added to his Establishment, as have been allotted to Bangalore and the Neilgherries.

2. Now that Executive Officers are to correspond directly with the Controller, and to forward their bills, &c., to him, I do not like to propose that one of the two Office servants sanctioned for any other Range should be transferred to Range No. 1, but I am of opinion that the salary of the 2nd member of the Office Establishments, such as are required for the Ranges of minor importance, is higher than is necessary to secure the services of such men as are required to perform the duties which will devolve upon them in those Offices.

3. In lieu of a Draughtsman I would propose a Writer on Rupees 35 per mensem in the three minor Ranges, which would leave Rupees 45 available for augmenting the Office in Range No. 1. I make this suggestion the more readily because I am aware that the present members of the Range Office Establishments are far from being qualified as Draughtsmen, and yet, without a single exception, all the Range Officers who have replied to my Circular calling upon them to state, with reference to the New Range Establishments, whether the present members of their Office Establishments were qualified for the new duties which were likely to devolve upon them, have expressed their wish for one reason or another to retain their present Establishments. In the Range Offices the Accountant is usually the Estimate-maker also.

4. Government has already recognized the fact of there being more work in some Ranges than in others by sanctioning the employment in one Range of Overseers belonging to other Ranges. I

found on assuming charge of the Division that Overseers Kinsella and Ponnosawmy Pillay were employed in Range No. 1, leaving Ranges 3 and 4 without any Overseers, and I have not disturbed the arrangement, and if the work is at all proportioned to the Executive Agency a larger Office Establishment must also be required to examine the estimates, prepare the bills, and carry on the correspondence in Range No. 1 than in other Ranges in the Trichinopoly District.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel T. GREENAWAY, Executive Engineer of Trichinopoly, to Captain R F OAKES, R E, Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated Trichinopoly, 12th May 1865, No 88.—

SIR,

1 I have the honor in reply to paragraph 3 of your letter, No. 62 of 8th instant, to inform you that I am well satisfied with the conduct of my present Office Establishment, and consider them thoroughly efficient and well able to perform such duties as will devolve upon them; at the same time it is my duty to point out that I consider the Establishment proposed numerically inadequate to the requirements of the Range, and trust that you will obtain permission to make arrangements within the District for transferring further assistance to my Office from quarters which less require it.

2 It may perhaps be true that the duties of all Officers between the classes of Superintending Engineer and Taluq Overseer are identical *in kind*, but you will admit that they are in practice vastly different in degree.

3. The duties of some Ranges demanding both professional ability and clerical labor far more than others.

4. This has been recognized in the case of the Presidency, Bangalore, and Neilgherry Ranges, and I should think only requires representation to be recognized in that of others.

5 For illustration of the discrepancy of work, &c., in Ranges of the same District take Trichinopoly

6 My Range No 1 includes the whole of the original works sanctioned for the year, and more than half of the repairs, besides a heavy item for Local Funds

* Rupees 23,563

7. The Imperial allotment to the District is for New Works Rupees 31,289,* and for Repairs 1,27,065, of which No 1 Range alone

1a: Rupees 31,289 for New Works, and Rupees 75,541 for Repairs, total 1,06,830

8 While the amount to be expended in all the other three Ranges together is only Rupees 51,524.

9 The additional expenditure from Local Funds in this Range is estimated at Rupees 27,600, making total estimated expenditure for the year Rupees 1,34,430.

10. The system now published thus allots six Clerks, viz, three Accountants and three Draughtsmen and Estimators for an expenditure of Rupees 51,524, while only two Clerks, viz., one Accountant and one Draughtsman and Estimator are allotted to an expenditure of Rupees 1,06,830 reckoning Imperial Funds alone, the very statement of the case is sufficient to condemn such an arrangement

11 Taking into consideration also the number and extent of important irrigation works and embankments in this Range, and frequent necessity of sending orders often on emergency, to different quarters, four Lascars are the very least that should be allotted to it.

12. As there is hardly a District in the Presidency in which similar differences in the work of Ranges may not be found, I imagine some modification of the system will soon be found inevitable; but in the meanwhile should the new arrangement be carried out, as prescribed, I trust you will either be able to give me some additional office assistance from the other Ranges, or to authorize my employing an extra hand as a temporary measure, paying him from the Petty Establishment allowance when sanctioned

13. I may as well mention that even now, and with the assistance of an Overseer's Writer temporarily employed in the Office, the *average* of my Clerks' work is seven hours per diem instead of six.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1865, No. 1,456.

ACCOUNT, No. 2.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 and 4 of the foregoing letter the Controller of Public Works Accounts will be informed that the alluded to in paragraph 1, Section I, Chapter XIX. of the Rules

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of Accounts, should be given to Executive Officers immediately after the close of the second month succeeding that to which the accounts refer. A rule to this effect should accordingly be embodied in the Manual of Accounts, ordered to be prepared in Proceedings No. 1,257, dated 9th May 1865.

2. As respects paragraph 6, the Government consider that it is of the first importance that the Monthly Statement of accounts should be punctually rendered. The Rules* laid down by the

Government of India for enforcing regularity, and for dealing with objectionable items appear suitable, and should be adopted in this Presidency.

3. Referring to the latter part of paragraph 8, the Government direct that the responsibility of adjusting all expenditure incurred up to the end of 1864-65 shall rest with the Superintending Engineers, who will be permitted to retain such portion of their Account Establishment as may be absolutely necessary for that purpose. Every effort should be made to clear off these arrears as early as practicable. The duty of adjusting expenditure incurred subsequent to the 1st May 1865, will devolve upon the Range Officers.

4. From the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, submitted by the Controller, as well as that* from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,

* No 133, dated 16th May 1865.

above recorded, it appears that a re-arrangement of the Range Establishments is necessary to render them more in keeping with the work devolving upon them. In preparing a general scheme for the whole of the Establishments of the Public Works Department in this Presidency it was impossible for Government, without much correspondence and delay, to provide such an Office Establishment for each Range as would be precisely suited to its requirements. It is evident, however, that as the work of the Ranges differ, so the Establishments attached to them should differ likewise, and His Excellency in Council will therefore not object to consider any recommendations which the Superintending Engineers may submit for the re-distribution of the Establishment recently sanctioned. Those Officers will accordingly

Name of Range	Present scale	Proposed scale	Increase	Decrease

give the subject their early and best consideration, and submit, in the form marginally noted, a statement of the Establishment which they would propose to allot for each of the Ranges in the Districts under their charge, taking care that the total amount already sanctioned for the

whole of the Ranges in their respective Divisions is not exceeded.

5. The Government are unable to sanction any increase to the Superintending Engineers' Office Establishments, which, so far from being unequal to the work which will in future devolve upon them, are considered by the Government of India to be already too large and susceptible of

* See paragraph 16 of Orders in the Public Works Department, embodied in G. O No 1,137, dated 28th April 1865.

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further reduction. One or more of the Members of these Establishments should be conversant with accounts, and be capable of affording aid in the preparation of all the various statistical returns and the other similar statements.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts,
,, Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

N^o 191.

Office of the Controller of
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Captain R. F. Baker R.E.
As: Supg: Engineer 6th Dec

To
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A. T. Dukes Capt. R.E.
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6th Dec.

To
The Secretary Genl.
P. M. G.

Dated 16th May 1865
Recd 19th

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Case 1

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be informed that the
Monthly clearance alluded
to in para 1, Section 1,
Cap. XIX of the rules for
the New System of Accounts
should be given to Executive
Officers immediately after
the close of the second
month succeeding that to
which the Accounts refer

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A rule to this effect should accordingly be embodied in the Manual of Accounts ordered to be prepared in Proceedings N^o 1207 dated 9th May 1865.

As respects para 6, the Government considered that it is of the first importance that the Monthly Statement of Accounts should be punctually rendered. The rules laid down by the Government of India for enforcing regularity, and for dealing with objectionable items appear suitable, and should be adopted in this Presidency.

Referring to the latter part of Para 8, the Government direct that the responsibility of adjusting all expenditure incurred up to the end of 1864/65 shall rest with the Deputy Engineers who will be

* Paras 11, 14, and 28 & 29 of XX Section 25

permitted to retain such portion of their Account Establishment as may be absolutely necessary for that purpose. Every effort should be made to clear off these arrears as early as possible. The duty of adjusting the expenditure incurred subsequent to the 1st May 1865 will devolve upon the Range Officers.

From the letter from the Supt Engineer & Engineer submitted by the Controller as well as that from the Supt Engineer to the Division above recorded, it appears that a re-arrangement of the Range Establishments is necessary. Under them more in keeping with the work devolving upon them in preparing a general scheme for the whole of the Establishments of the Division. That in the Presidency it was impossible for Government

without much correspondence and delay; to provide such an Office Establishment for each Range as could be ~~precisely~~ ^{precisely} suited to its requirements. It is evident, however, that as the work of the ranges differs, the Establishments attached to them should differ likewise; and His Excellency in Council will therefore not object to consider any recommendations which the Deputy Engineers may submit for the redistribution of the Establishments already sanctioned. These Officers will accordingly give ^{the subject} their early and best consideration; and submit in the form marginally noted a Statement of the Establishment which they would propose to allot for each of the Ranges in the District under their charge, taking care that the total amount

	Name of Range
	Revenue
	Police
	Increase
	Decrease

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11 To the Inspector of Accounts with 2 letters.
 118 - - Deputy Engineer with 1 letter to the S. D. O.
 119 - - Deputy Engineer with 1 letter to the S. D. O.
 120 - - Deputy Engineer with 1 letter to the S. D. O.

already sanctioned for the whole of the Ranges in their respective Divisions is not exceeded -

The Government are unable to sanction any increase to the Deputy Engineer's Establishments, which so far from being unequal to the work which will in future devolve upon them are even considered by the Gov^t of India to be already too large and susceptible of further reduction. One or more of the members of these Establishments should be conversant with accounts, and be capable of affording aid in the preparation of all the various statistical returns and other similar

Statements -

[Signature]

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The Controller furnished
with certain instructions re-
lative to the introduction of
the new system of accounts
and the Manual ordered to
be prepared by him in
Proceedings No. 1237 of 1863
and the Superintending Engineer
requested to submit state-
ments of the Expenditure
they propose to allow for
each of the Range in the
District under their charge

N. 12 @ 14.