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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
28th March 1865.*

No 574 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military  
Department —

Forwarding to the Government of India certain  
correspondence relating to the number of  
Engineer Officers required for employment in } (Here enter 23rd March 1865, No. 1,143)  
this Presidency.

No 574A

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1865, No. 851.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E..

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

*PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following papers —

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 9th March 1865, No. 178, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 644, dated 13th February 1865, and with reference to its 3rd paragraph, am directed to state, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, that so long as the Troops in this Presidency are not serving in the Field, under the present organization, there is no Military duty, (excepting in the case of the few Officers with the Corps of Sappers and Miners) on which it is indispensably necessary that Officers of the Royal Engineers should be employed.

2. The Commander-in Chief would greatly desire to see the Corps of Sappers and Miners at all times entirely officered by the Corps of Engineers; but while the Royal Engineer Corps is maintained at its present Establishment, and its Officers are rendering service to Government in the Public Works Department, His Excellency is aware, that they cannot, in time of peace, be withdrawn from those important duties for mere regimental duty in Garrison.

3. When the Troops take the Field, there must necessarily be a call for Engineer Officers to join the Force, and which cannot but be complied with. But in order that such demand should affect the interests of Government as little as possible, as regards the efficiency of the Department Public Works, the Commander-in-Chief thinks it highly inexpedient that any more of the Royal Engineer Officers should be withdrawn from this Presidency.

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From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 9th March 1865, No. 179; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reply to the 2nd paragraph of the Order of Government, No. 717, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to state, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the services of Lieutenant Hamilton, Royal Engineers, are much required with the Corps of Sappers and Miners of which he is now the Acting Adjutant. The Officer Commanding the Regiment urgently appeals to be allowed to retain the services of this Officer: and His Excellency is therefore unwilling, on these grounds, that they should be made available for employment under the Government of India.

2. I beg to refer you to my letter, No. 178, of this date, in which it has been intimated to Government, that Sir Hope Grant is averse to any more Engineer Officers being withdrawn from this Presidency for employment either in Bengal or Bombay.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department*

Read the following Proceedings of the  
Madras Govt in the Mily Dept

Communicating, for consideration, cer-  
tain correspondence from the Govern-  
ment of India relative to the propor-  
tion of Royal Engineer Officers to be  
assigned to the several Presidencies

Here enter 13th February 1865, No 614

Do do do

Passing orders on the telegram from  
the Secretary to the Government of  
India, Military Department, request-  
ing that, if possible, four Captains and  
four Subalterns of Engineers may be  
sent from this Presidency by the  
first opportunity.

Here enter 18th February 1865, No 717

Minute by His Excellency the President

(Here enter — February 1865)

Do by the Honorable T. Pycroft

(Here enter 24th February 1865)

Do by the Honorable H. D. Phillips

(Here enter 27th February 1865)

Do by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(Here enter 8th March 1865.)

**ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1865, No. 746.**

1. In the Orders of the Government of India in the Military Department, read at the head of these Proceedings, the proportions in which the Officers of Royal Engineers at present serving in India are to be distributed to the several Presidencies are laid down, and this Government are called upon to make arrangements for the immediate transfer for service in Bengal of four Officers, afterwards increased to eight, and to favor the Government of India with their opinion of the mode in which the transfer of 30 Officers in all from the Madras Presidency to the Government of India can be most conveniently effected.

2. Assuming that the total number of Engineer Officers to be employed in India is 320, it is proposed to give 47, or one Battalion, to Madras, 70, or a Battalion and a half, to Bombay, and 212 or 4½ Battalions to Bengal. The principle upon which this distribution is based seems to have reference solely to the number of Officers to be employed in the Department of Public Works, and is open to the objection that the strength of an integral part of the Military Force of the country is made to depend upon a purely secondary and variable allotment of Officers to a purely Civil Department. Be this however as it may, this Government observe that, in considering the question of the transfer of Engineer Officers now serving in Madras, the requirements of the Department of Public Works, as well as of other Civil Departments which are at present dependent for properly qualified Superintendents on the Engineer Corps, have to be regarded. It must not be forgotten that certain special qualifications are required to enable an Officer to do his duty in the Public Works Department of this Presidency, and that very great inconvenience will be felt if this Government be compelled to send to Bengal, Officers conversant with the peculiar works of this Presidency and with its languages, and get in their

stead Covenanted Civil Engineers, who, however useful they may be where they now are, would have every thing to learn here. Such an exchange could not be for the advantage, either of this Presidency, or of that from which the Civil Engineers may come. Further, since the Police and other Departments give employment to so many Local and Staff Corps Officers, great difficulty is experienced in providing other than Engineer Officers to fill up the ranks of the Public Works Department, and every Engineer Officer is employed that can be made available.

3. By the retirement of Lieutenant Colonels Hemery and Chambers, the number of Officers attached to this Presidency, inclusive of those belonging to the British Establishment, is 75. Of these, 18 are already serving in the other Presidencies, and 13, including three Colonels permanently residing in England, are on leave. There are, therefore, not more than 44 Officers in all at the actual disposal of this Government, and as 36 are required for the Public Works Department, even under its present reduced organization, and seven for other duties appertaining to Engineer Officers, or 43 in all, it requires nothing more to be said to show that not one Engineer Officer can be spared of those now actually in employment, without throwing the Department of Public Works, as now constituted, into utter disorganization, and bringing all works of public improvement to a disastrous stand-still. Indeed, five more Officers than are now available will be required as soon as the additions are sanctioned to the strength of the Public Works Department which have been applied for, and which are greatly required, strong representations having been made to Government of the falling off of the Revenue in important Districts from the inadequacy of the Engineer Staff.

|                                                                                   |  |                                         |                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| * 36 Actually employed.                                                           |  | 4. Not less than 41* Officers of        |                                          |
| * 5 Urgently needed.                                                              |  | Engineers being required for the Public |                                          |
| 41                                                                                |  | Works Department, and seven for mis-    |                                          |
| cellaneous duty in this Presidency, it is clear that even the 18 Officers already |  | transferred cannot be spared without    |                                          |
| In Public Works Department.                                                       |  | 41                                      | serious inconvenience, as there are only |
| In other Departments                                                              |  | 7                                       |                                          |
| In other Presidencies                                                             |  | 18                                      |                                          |
|                                                                                   |  | 66                                      |                                          |
| Leaving for absentees, &c                                                         |  | † 9                                     | nine† left to compensate for three Colo- |
| Total                                                                             |  | 75                                      | nels permanently residing in England and |
|                                                                                   |  |                                         | for sick absentees, who probably will    |
|                                                                                   |  |                                         | generally average the present number     |
|                                                                                   |  |                                         | of 10                                    |

5. This Government are ever very desirous of meeting the wishes of the Government of India, but in this instance, they cannot comply with the requisition upon them for the transfer of even the minimum number of Engineer Officers whom they have been desired to send to Bengal, without making vacancies in the Public Works Department which it is not in their power to re-fill.

6. The services of Captain Burton, who, in the statements above given, is returned as on leave, have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India, and those of Lieutenant Whish may be at once transferred, as he is on leave in Upper India, and it is understood is desirous of employment under the Government of India. These are the only unemployed Officers of Engineers belonging to Madras, and this Government must hope that, after learning from these proceedings the real state of the case, and taking these representations into due consideration, the Government of India will think fit to modify their orders, which, it may be observed, have been issued without prior reference to this Government, or their

being in any way consulted on a matter, which, owing to the close relation that exists between the Public Works and the Revenue of this Presidency, is of so great importance to its welfare

7 With these remarks, the subject will be further considered and will be disposed of in the Military Department

(True Extract)

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

OFFICERS employed in this Presidency

|                                       |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Suppers and Miners</i>             | Captain J. H. M. Shaw Stewart.    |
| Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. D. Hill,     | " T. Beckley                      |
| " A. F. Hamilton                      | " J. Beatty                       |
| <i>Railway</i>                        | " W. Chrystie                     |
| Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. L. O'Connell | " H. Tulloch                      |
| Captain J. G. Lindsay                 | " J. O. Hastad                    |
| <i>Irrigation and Canal Company</i>   | Major H. N. D. Prendergast, v. c. |
| Captain J. Mullins                    | Captain H. W. Wood                |
| <i>Mint</i>                           | " J. Macgill.                     |
| Lieutenant-Colonel J. Carpendale      | Lieutenant C. J. Smith            |
| <i>Civil Engineering College.</i>     | " H. R. Mead                      |
| Captain W. H. Edgeome                 | " H. Smalley                      |
| <i>Public Works Department</i>        | " W. Coningham.                   |
| Colonel C. A. Orr.                    | " A. J. Filgate.                  |
| " A. J. M. Boileau.                   | " H. M. Vibart.                   |
| Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Walker.      | " R. Thompson.                    |
| " J. C. Anderson                      | " J. Pennycook                    |
| " C. V. Wilkinson.                    | " R. P. Pennefather.              |
| Captain G. V. Winscom.                | " A. R. Edgeome                   |
| " F. J. Moberly                       | " H. G. Smith.                    |
| " A. S. Moberly.                      | " R. F. Morris                    |
| " J. Goddard                          | " A. C. Smith                     |
| " J. F. Fisher.                       | " R. R. E. Brockman.              |
| " J. G. Ryves                         | " R. A. Livesay                   |
| " H. T. Rogers                        |                                   |

Total 43

Note—36 in Public Works Department

7 in other Departments

Lieutenant Charles Cunningham Royal Engineers, (not included in the above list) is employed in the Department Public Works as an extra Officer

Officers employed in other Presidencies

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| Colonel E. Lawford                |
| Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Rundall. |
| Captain F. T. Haig                |
| " Kelsall                         |
| Major R. H. Sankey.               |
| Captain J. O. Mayne               |
| " Pulteney de Palezieux Falconnet |
| " H. R. Faber                     |
| Lieutenant P. Montgomerie.        |
| " W. M. Roberts                   |
| " P. S. Marindin.                 |
| " A. T. Fraser.                   |
| " C. A. Sim.                      |
| " J. L. L. Morant                 |
| " S. C. Clarke                    |
| " W. G. Cumming                   |
| " C. Bowen.                       |
| " E. Harvey                       |

Total 18

Officers absent on leave in and out of India

|                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| Lieutenant W. T. Whish.—Leave in India. |
| Colonel D. Sim                          |
| " Sir A. T. Cotton                      |
| " H. W. Hitchins.                       |
| Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. Foord.         |
| Captain J. Bean                         |
| " R. F. Oakes                           |
| " H. L. Prendergast                     |
| " J. Vertue                             |
| " J. N. Hunter                          |
| " F. A. Howes                           |
| " W. H. Burton.                         |
| Lieutenant D. H. Trail                  |

Leave out of India

Total 13

ORDER, No. 1143, 23rd March 1865.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India, with reference to Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

No. 644, dated 13th February 1865  
" 717, " 18th " " "

2. The Governor in Council observes that there are no Royal Engineer officers at the disposal of the Military Department.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mil. Dept | Here enter 23rd March 1865, No. 1144.  
(True Extract.)

*Marshall*  
Secretary to Government

To the Adjutant General.  
" Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies*  
" Controller of Military Accounts, for information.

Exd T. Stubbs.

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