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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No 110

Malabar Collector's Office  
Calicut 20<sup>th</sup> August 1866.

From

G. A. Ballard Esq  
Collector of Malabar

To

J. W. Sim Esq  
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From Supg. Engineer  
dated 18 August 1866  
No 26. In original  
(for return).

I have the honor to forward enclosed for the orders of Government. On receipt of copy of Colonel Walker's letter to the Calicut Range Officer thro' the latter I addressed Colonel Walker and my communication must have crossed his (now enclosed) letter to me.

I regret I have not copy of my Memo. to him but I expressed my opinion that the planning, estimating, for & supervising Municipal Works was now part of the regular duty of a Range Officer.

2. I presume the Municipalities must be looked to, to entertain proper subordinate agency for supervision; but it is quite impossible as a general rule that they can entertain Engineers of sufficient ability and standing to carry out works of importance without responsible professional supervision. This I am under the impression it is the Range Officer's duty to give; and until I received the

the Superintending Engineer's letter I did not know that there was any question but that the Range Officer could be called on by the Commissioners to plan, estimate for, & supervise the execution of any work as the person responsible for the due execution thereof.

3. I have applied to Colonel Walker for a Public Work Overseer for Salient Municipality on Rs 60 per mensem in anticipation of the Municipal Commissioners formally approving of the entertainment of such a servant to be paid of course from the Municipal funds. But such a man cannot be trusted to plan, or estimate for, a work of any importance without more definite supervision than that which the Superintending Engineer apparently contemplates is all the Range Officer is to be allowed to give when his other duties permit.

4. I beg therefore that the orders of Government may be passed on the matter.

I have the honor to be

Sr,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Raschard  
Collector.

No 118

Superintending Engineer's Office  
Camp Connor 21<sup>st</sup> August 1866

From

Lieut Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.  
Superintending Engineer

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.  
Secretary to Government. D.P.W.

Sir,

It has been mutually agreed by the Collector of Malabar and myself that it is desirable that the duties of Range Officers in connection with Municipalities should be defined by competent authority. - Our views on the subject are so much agreed that we require to be instructed by Government as to what may be expected to be done for Municipal works by the Officers, Subordinates, and office establishments of the Public Works Department.

2. The Calicut Range Officer lately reported to me that the Municipal Commissioners had sanctioned certain works for which he stated that an extra Overseer and Accountant would certainly have to be added to his staff, if they were to be carried out by this Department. My reply was to the effect that neither his services nor those of any of his Subordinates were at the disposal of the Commissioners for planning, estimating, or executing any Municipal works. - But that he might be expected to exercise such general supervision over any Overseer or Draftsman they might employ, as his proper duties would permit of his affording; taking care to have nothing

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The Collector of Malabar  
The Secretary to Government

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For forwarded to the  
A. W. W.  
J. B. W.

Requesting order of Government  
must with regard to the  
affairs of the Municipality  
the Range Officer should be  
instructed.

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more to do with the Correspondence and accounts than any ordinary member of the Committee.—

3. The Collector, on the other hand, holds that the planning, general superintendence, estimating, and execution of Municipal works are amongst the duties of a Range officer.— That is, he conceives, that the Range officer is bound to submit in due course any plans that the Commissioners may call for; and that he is responsible for the correctness of the estimates, and for general superintendence of the works while in progress.— And he has made a requisition on me to place the sum of Rupees 3,000, sanctioned in G. O. of the Revenue Department No. 1981 of 17 August, at the disposal of the Range officer in addition to his other credits.—

4. I am unable to conceive how officers under my orders are to be expected officially to plan and carry out and be responsible for works of which I have no information whatever; or how I can place at their disposal sums for which I myself have no credit.— The Collector says "no one knows better than I do how much the Range officers have to do— but that is not part of the present question."— Whereas to me, that is the point on which all my objections turn, viz. that the Malabar Range charges are already too heavy to admit of Municipal works being added to them.— So it will be with the Kulecherry Range when Municipalities are established at Ootacamund & Coonoor—

From that already re-established for some time past at Coimbatore no call has been made on this department officially, though doubtless the Range officer is an ~~Ex-officio~~ = Officer. Member of its Committee.—

5. Government will please consider this question as laid before them in any thing but a controversial spirit.— The Revenue & Public Works Departments cooperate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Division with perfect unanimity; the Range officer at Calicut has willingly done his duty as a Member of the Municipal Committee; and I myself am assisting the Collector to obtain an efficient overseer for the Municipality works— all we differ about is whether the Services of the Public Works agencies are officially at the disposal of Municipalities.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant.—

W. Walker Smith Col. R. S.  
Superintending Eng<sup>r</sup> & D<sup>r</sup>

ad

Public Works Department.

no. 2768

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT  
Under date the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1886.  
Read the following,

From  
The Collector of Malabar  
S. Engr of the 7<sup>th</sup> Div

(Here enter No. 118 dated 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1886)  
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It would appear from these papers that some misapprehension exists on the part of the Collector of Malabar as to the relation in which the Members of the P. W. Dept. stand to the Municipal Commissioners of the towns which may be with in their Ranges. These Officers have full occupation for their time and attention in the discharge of their own Departmental duties, and being in their executive capacities, entirely under the orders of the Superintendents, it would be very inexpedient that their services should be at the disposal of any other parties. At the same time, it will be the duty of the Range Officers to afford advice

W.D.

P. W. 1886 Department  
y<sup>th</sup> Div S. Engr

From  
The District Engineer  
y<sup>th</sup> Div  
The Secretary to Govt  
P. W. Dept.

No. 118  
Dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 1886  
Recd 24<sup>th</sup> "

Regarding orders of  
Government defining  
the duties of Range  
Officers in connection  
with Municipalities.

no. 2768 31<sup>st</sup> August 1886.

advice and assistance to  
the utmost possible extent  
to the Municipal Boards,  
and to take every oppor-  
tunity of personally aiding  
them in supervising and  
carrying out their improve-  
ments, the accounts &c.  
being left entirely in the  
hands of the Commissioners.

P. W. 186 *6* Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *of Madras*

Dated *3<sup>rd</sup> August 1865*

*A. B.*

The Collector, *Madras*  
" Supp. Engineer *7<sup>th</sup> Div.*  
" All other Supp. Engineers  
Revenue Dept. *5*

*Recd 1<sup>st</sup> 4/18*

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Ac 24th

Pro: of the Marine Court

Of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 18

Certain instruc-  
tions issued to the Super-  
intending Engineers, &c,  
on the subject of Duties  
of Range Officers in con-  
nection with Municipal  
ities.

Ap 14. 1879.