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No. 334. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment,) dated Simla, 18th September 1869, No. 78 :—

*Duties and responsibilities of Superintending Engineers.*

RESOLUTION.—Several cases of irregularity in the accounts and general conduct of divisional establishments having recently come before the Government of India, all of which seemed to indicate a want of proper supervision on the part of the Superintending Engineers concerned, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council desires that the different Governments and Administrations will draw the special attention of all Superintending Engineers serving under their orders to the very explicit rules which have been laid down for the guidance of those officers in the Public Works Code III, ii, and will take such measures as seem fit to ensure that those rules shall be fully and completely acted up to.

2. It is an essential part of the duty of Superintending Engineers to make such inspection of the divisions under their control as will suffice to satisfy them that the regulations of the department are everywhere strictly maintained both as regards works and accounts; that works are executed well and strictly in conformity to sanctioned designs; that estimates are not exceeded, and that probable excesses are promptly brought to light; that unauthorized outlay is not permitted; and they should clearly understand that they are primarily responsible to Government for the satisfactory performance of their duties by all the Executive Engineers under their orders. What is needed, in short, is a thorough performance of duty everywhere, instead of a state of things which would seem to have grown up in some parts of the country, under which a Superintending Engineer regards his duties to be sufficiently discharged if he makes a superficial inspection of the divisions in his circle, forwards orders to the Executive Engineer, and attends to the merely formal requirements of his office correspondence.

3. A Superintending Engineer must be considered to act, as though he were the complete representative of his Government in the control of his circle in all matters, whether relating to construction, accounts, or financial control; and if in any case this standard is not acted up to, the Government of India will be compelled to adopt the conclusion that the officer who fails in fulfilling these duties is not qualified for the post of Superintending Engineer. In this, as in all offices, the results must be the test on which the Government must rely, and disorder or want of attention to rule on the part of Executive Engineers, which is not at once checked, will be held to be the fault of the Superintending Engineer as much as that of the Executive Engineer, and will be dealt with accordingly.

Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.  
Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh, and Mysore.  
Resident, Hyderabad.  
Agents, Governor-General, Central India and Rajpootana.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information and guidance; also to the Governments of Bombay and Madras for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R.E.,  
*Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1869, No. 3,344.

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COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineers with an intimation that His Excellency the Governor in Council attaches no less importance than the Government of India to the character of the control which those officers are expected to exercise in their divisions in all matters, whether relating to works or accounts.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.  
,, Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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*To Superintending Engineers.  
Major Kennedy.*

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