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No. 84 Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the
Public Works Department, (Establishment,) dated Simla, 11th June 1869,
No. 913-16 E.—

*Public Works Establishment, General Branch, Bengal, as it stands after the separation
of the Irrigation Branch.*

READ again the following papers :—

Financial Department Resolution No. 806, dated 22nd February 1869

Public Works Department, to Government of Bengal, No. 385 E., dated 1st March 1869.

Read also—

Letter from Government of Bengal, No. 1,564, dated 24th March 1869, and enclosures

RESOLUTION—The establishment sanctioned for the general branch of the
Public Works Department in Bengal, in Financial Department Resolution No.
806, dated 22nd February 1869, was—

8 Superintending Engineers,	60 Assistant Engineers,
44 Executive Engineers,	160 Upper Subordinates

The number of Executive Engineers and of Upper Subordinates includes the
margin of 10 per cent. for casualties ; deducting this there remain—

8 Superintending Engineers,	60 Assistant Engineers,
40 Executive Engineers,	145 Upper Subordinates.

Of this, the following has now been made over to the Irrigation Branch :—

1 Superintending Engineer,	8 Assistant Engineers,
5 Executive Engineers,	25 Upper Subordinates.

leaving a balance of—

7 Superintending Engineers,	52 Assistant Engineers,
35 Executive Engineers,	120 Upper Subordinates.

The South-western Circle has been made over bodily with the number in each
class that was sanctioned for the circle, viz —

4 Executive Engineers,
5 Assistant Engineers,
22 Upper Subordinates,

but three additional Upper Subordinates are retained for the general works in
the circle

The Cuttack Circle has at present five divisions under the Irrigation Branch.
But many of the works have no connection with irrigation, and are now to be put
under the General Branch. The present sanctioned establishment for the
circle is—

5 Executive Engineers,
8 Assistant Engineers,
19 Upper Subordinates.

It is proposed to retain for the general branch—

4 Executive Engineers,
5 Assistant Engineers,
13 Upper Subordinates.

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making over to the Irrigation Branch—

1 Executive Engineer,
3 Assistant Engineers,
6 Upper Subordinates.

Details of the distribution of work in the Orissa (Cuttack) Circle, it is said, will be submitted hereafter; but it is added that there will be no increase of expense, &c., quoad the general branch it is supposed. Ultimately the number of divisions may be reduced to three, but at present four, it is said, are necessary. It is admitted that both the Executive and Superintending Engineers' charges will be light, but that there is no present alternative.

2. This is approved by the Governor-General in Council in this Department. The establishment of the General Branch will accordingly stand as follows—

	Supdg Engrs.	Ex Engrs.	Ass't Engrs	Upper Subordinates
	7	35	52	120
Add 10 per cent	—	3	.	12
Total	7	38	52	132

The statement submitted by the Bengal Government shows 135 Upper Subordinates. But there is some confusion about the 10 per cent.

3. *Lower Subordinates*—These are treated of numerically, but what has been sanctioned is a lump sum of Rs 6,100 per mensem. The Tables sent up show a numerical reduction from 160 to 125, 35 being made over to the Irrigation Branch. Reducing the lump sum in the same proportion, the monthly amount sanctioned for Lower Subordinates in the General Branch is Rs. 4,766. It is noticed that the 35 men are valued at Rs 1,290. This, deducted from Rs. 6,100, gives Rs 4,810. The cost of 125 men at the average rate of pay is Rs. 5,412. Rupees 4,800 is approved.

4. *Petty Establishment*.—(Head Artificers, &c,) Rs 5,750 per mensem has been sanctioned for these. It is proposed to reduce it to Rs. 5,000. There are no means of judging of the propriety or otherwise of this reduction. But the reduction in the number of divisions is one-eighth of the whole. If the same reduction were made on Rs 5,750, there would remain Rs. 5,030. Under these circumstances, Rs. 5,000 is accepted.

5. *Office Establishment*.—One Superintending Engineer's Office Establishment has been made over to the Irrigation Branch. Thus the remainder for the seven Superintending Engineers' Offices left in the General Branch will be—

4 — 0 = 4 clerks, 2nd grade.
4 — 1 = 3 do 3rd „
18 — 2 = 16 do 4th „
12 — 1 = 11 do 5th „
4 — 1 = 3 draftsmen, 1st grade.
5 — 0 = 5 do 2nd „
8 — 1 = 7 duffries
4 — 1 = 3 peons at Rs 7 each.
12 — 2 = 10 do at Rs 6 „
8 — 0 = 8 do at Rs. 5 „

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The Office made over is weaker than the present average, but it is understood to be the actual strength. Duffries may be omitted, as it is not the intention of the Government of India to allow this class of servants in small Offices like those of Superintending and Executive Engineers.

6. After the reduction of the five Divisional Offices, the Establishment of Clerks will stand as below:—

2—0 = 2 at Rs 80
8—0 = 8 „ 70
15—2 = 13 „ 60
21—2 = 19 „ 50
31—5 = 26 „ 40
61—6 = 55 „ 30
48—6 = 42 „ 25
186—21 = 165

4th of 186 = 24, so that numerically this seems fair and is approved. The General Branch, it is observed, retains all the clerks of the 1st and 2nd grades, but this is probably in accordance with facts.

7. *Draftsmen*—These will stand thus,—

19—2 = 17 at Rs 50
23—3 = 20 „ 35
42—5 = 37

This seems correct, and is approved.

8. *Other Office Establishment*—

26—3 = 23 cashiers at Rs 50
22—3 = 19 „ „ 35
28—8 = 20 mohurrirs „ 12
38—5 = 33 duffries „ 8
31—3 = 28 peons „ 6
45—7 = 38 „ „ 5

Office servants from Rs. 125 to Rs. 110.

This also seems correct; the Duffries, however, should be struck out in accordance with paragraph 5.

9. *Accountants*.—The number sanctioned for the 38 Divisions other than Irrigation Divisions, was—

9, 3rd Grade
29, 4th „

as being the numbers according with the rules laid down in Circular 103 of 1863. What is now proposed is—

9 — 1 = 8 3rd Grade.
29 — 4 = 25 4th „

But it has never been intended by the Government of India that there should be any separation of the Accounts Establishments into two lists.

10. The system of accounts must continue to be identical in the two branches of the Department, and the general control over the accounts and finance of the Irrigation Branch must continue to be exercised, as at present, by the Controller, although an addition to his staff will be allowed for the purpose, notwithstanding the separation of executive or administrative arrangements. The Accountants should continue to form one body for the province, and their distribution between the Central and Executive Offices and between the Irrigation and General Divisions, will rest entirely with the Local Government.

11. Some matters which seem to call for orders in connection with the contemplated separation of Establishments, are noticed below.—

I.—Proportions of Executive and Assistant Engineers in the several grades.

It can scarcely happen at present that the proportions of the several grades, taking separately the aggregate number of officers in each of the branches, Irrigation and General, obtained by the existing rules, will accord with the actual numbers of the grades of the existing Establishment. This may perhaps eventually take place. In the meanwhile it must be observed, as a rule, that the fixed proportions of any grade allowed under the present practice, viewing the Establishment as a whole, should not be exceeded, so that any excess in one branch must be met by a corresponding short number in the other. Subject to this proviso, the promotions may be allowed to go on distinctly in the two branches, the Local Government however being clearly understood to retain complete power to distribute the promotions as it considers best, irrespective of the Division of the Establishments into separate branches. Also the discretion of the Local Government to transfer from one branch to the other is not to be in any way fettered by the new arrangement.

II.—In continuation of the remarks made on the subject of the separation of the General and Irrigation Branches in letter No. 71 E. I., dated 24th March 1869, paragraphs 6 to 8, it should be observed that, as the general rules of the Department apply to both branches, all references to the Government of India of *general* application will best be considered in both branches before being disposed of. Special cases will properly be dealt with only in the branch to which they belong. To ensure this, and generally to maintain the close connection between the two branches of the Public Works Administration which the Government of India deems essential, it will be necessary that the Public Works Secretariat Office should be regarded as one and not two separate Offices in one building. Communications between the Secretary and Joint-Secretary should be arranged as a part of the internal Office routine, and should not be permitted to take the shape of formal correspondence or communications.

III.—It is incorrect to speak of the Irrigation *Department*. The Irrigation *Branch* of the Public Works Department is the proper designation of the separate establishments employed on irrigation works.

IV.—It is desirable that a decision should be come to in regard to names for the branches for uniform use. *Irrigation* and *General* seem suitable, and may be adopted.

V.—A classified list and distribution return of the persons employed in the General Branch should be submitted at once for the information of the Government of India.

VI.—Any supernumeraries on the lists of the General Branch should now be absorbed, if there are any.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution and of the Tabular Statements prepared in this Office, showing the changes approved in this Department, be forwarded to the Financial Department for formal sanction, with the remark that the measures in question involve only administrative and not financial considerations.

Also, that a copy of the Resolution and of the Statements be forwarded to the Government of Bengal, with a request that Statements showing the distribution in detail of the Office Establishments among the several Offices (including the Chief Engineer and Secretary) may be forwarded to this Office in the form annexed.

Also that a copy, together with a copy of 71 E. I., dated 24th March, be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information, with reference to the general question of separating Irrigation Establishments from the rest of the Public Works Establishments.

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

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ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1869, No. 2,171.

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COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Commission.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Commission, } With copy of Tabular Statement of Establishments and
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation, } letter No. 71-E.-I.
" Revenue Department.

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7 Enclosures

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