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19th February 1872.*

No. 314. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 6th January 1872, No. 96:—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 20th December 1871, No. 466.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 191 of 16th instant.

2. I regret that the details which I supplied in my letter No. 450 of the 11th instant are not such as you intended to call for in your No. 174 of 17th November last.

3. My object is to *reduce* the Company's establishment in India to the utmost, and to carry on the Company's business with the greatest economy. No one can have a greater interest than myself in attaining that object, but it cannot be attained if I am tied to the minor details of the establishments. In the present state of transition and uncertainty it is quite impossible for me to say what the details of my establishment ought to be in January, in February, in March, to secure the greatest amount of economy, and what they most unquestionably would be if the responsibility and discretion (according to the principle hitherto acted upon) were left to me.

4. For the last thirty years of my life the labour and duty of reducing establishments have perpetually demanded and obtained my attention, and the result of my experience convinced me many years ago that forced and injudicious reduction is equally inimical to economy and to efficiency. Under the present aspect of the Company's affairs, I shall regret being hampered in my efforts by having a fixed scale of establishment imposed upon me, without discretion to modify it according to the circumstances of future changes; but at the same time as I now understand that it is the minor details that you require, I append a table showing the establishment which at the present time is indispensable.

5. My omission of the furlough allowance to Mr. Latham was intentional, because just as that allowance has *not* been drawn during the present quarter so it will continue to remain undrawn until Mr. Latham's return to duty, when a special application, as in previous cases, will be submitted.

6. With regard to contingencies, I need hardly observe that that head is totally distinct from salaries, and as I endeavoured to explain in my former letters my only reason for inserting it now is that the Acting Examiner declines, as I understand, to act upon the principle laid down by Major Mullins and hitherto acted on, namely, to pass a reasonable amount under the head of contingencies without sanction.

7. With reference to your objection that a large increase has been applied for for the Chief Engineer's office you labour under a misapprehension. The fact is not so.

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8. In the staff which I submitted for sanction per my No. 383 of 9th September 1871, the proposed cost of the Chief Engineer's office was Rupees 884, namely:—

	RS.
Assistant to Chief Engineer	650
Chief Engineer's Office	234
	884

9. That which I now submit for sanction is Rupees 400, exhibiting a saving of Rupees 484. The Assistant to the Chief Engineer took charge of the clerical as well as of the technical business of the office and carried on the correspondence, and it must be obvious that now there is no longer an Assistant to the Chief Engineer, the duties of the office cannot be carried on by the same subordinate staff which sufficed when that post was filled up. It must be equally obvious that the Chief Engineer cannot undertake the duties formerly discharged by his Assistant, seeing that his own proper duties (of inspection, etc.,) necessarily take him away from Kurnool.

10. Although I furnish, in compliance with your request, a detailed statement of the establishment, that step will so tie me down as to preclude me from making economical arrangements.

11. For instance, I have just arranged that the duties of Ledger Clerk, Cash-keeper, and Store Assistant, formerly discharged by three individuals, shall be amalgamated and assigned to one man. The moment I am hampered by a detailed sanction any such economical arrangement will be out of the question.

12. With reference to Dressers, I think the abolition of all Medical Staff with a view to economy was premature. We have three Engineers with their subordinate staffs located at points which are 40 or 50 miles from all medical or surgical aid, and with regard to these individuals I think some responsibility rests upon the Company, and that it is scarcely fair—certainly not humane—to leave them entirely unprotected, exposed to all the chances of an unhealthy climate.

Establishment proposed for sanction from 1st January 1872.

Rank.	Salary.
<i>Agent's Establishment.</i>	RS. A. P.
Agent and Manager	1,500 0 0
Chief Accountant and General Storekeeper ...	800 0 0
Chief Clerk	110 0 0
First Assistant to Chief Accountant	110 0 0
Do. to do. do.	108 0 0
Store Auditor	70 0 0
Ledger-keeper, Cash-keeper, and Store Assistant	70 0 0
1 Examiner	60 0 0
1 Do.	55 0 0
1 Clerk	55 0 0
1 Postage Clerk	50 0 0
1 Examiner	40 0 0
1 Clerk	35 0 0
3 Clerks at 25 Rupees each	75 0 0

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<i>Agent's Establishment.—(Concluded.)</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1 Clerk	18 8 0	
1 Tindal	17 0 0	
1 Moochee	15 0 0	
1 Office-keeper	15 0 0	
6 Lascars	46 0 0	
8 Peons	61 8 0	
4 Watchers	14 0 0	
4 Menials	10 0 0	
		3,365 0 0

Chief Engineer's Establishment.

Acting Chief Engineer	1,500 0 0	
Head Clerk	140 0 0	
Clerk	70 0 0	
Do.	50 0 0	
Writer	30 0 0	
2 Draughtsmen	65 0 0	
1 Head Peon	8 0 0	
1 Head Peon	19 0 0	
3 Peons	8 0 0	
4 Menials		1,890 0 0
1 Line Peon	10 0 0	
2 Dressers	100 0 0	
		110 0 0

Custody of Stores.

2 Store-keepers	135 0 0	
18 Watchmen	113 8 0	
1 Sweeper	1 8 0	
		250 0 0
Total ..	5,615 0 0	

FORWARDED to Government, with reference to letter No. 91, dated 16th December 1871, from this office.

2. There can be no objection to allow the Agent to dispense with the services of any members of the establishment he may find, as work is reduced, he does not require; but it is doubtful economy to reduce the number of hands in an office, and to raise the salaries of the members retained so as to effect a minimum, or almost nominal, saving.

3. Mr. Latham's furlough allowance was not included in the Agent's estimate of cost of establishment, as the allowance, it appears, will be drawn after Mr. Latham's return to India.

4. The Agent is of opinion that the abolition of the Medical Staff was premature, as the Engineers with their staff are stated to be 40 or 50 miles from all medical and surgical aid; in this respect then the Company's Engineers are far better off than many members of the Department Public Works, and the entertainment of Dressers seems to me to be unnecessary.

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
For Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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No. 315. From the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1872, No. 103.

With reference to your memorandum No. 149 of the 18th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith a detailed list of establishment costing the sum of Rupees 1,266, sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,548, dated 6th October 1871, for the office establishment of the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Particulars of Staff proposed for sanction for the three months from 1st October 1871, chargeable to Capital.

Rank.	Salary.	Allowance.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Chief Clerk	140 0 0	.....	140 0 0
Postage do. ..	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0
Clerk ..	25 0 0	.....	25 0 0
Do.	25 0 0	.....	25 0 0
First Assistant to Chief Accountant	108 0 0	.....	108 0 0
Second do. to do.	160 0 0	.....	160 0 0
Examiner ..	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0
Do.	55 0 0	.....	55 0 0
Ledger-keeper	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0
Examiner	40 0 0	.....	40 0 0
Clerk ..	35 0 0	.....	35 0 0
Auditor ..	70 0 0	.....	70 0 0
Examiner ..	66 0 0	.....	66 0 0
Clerk ..	25 0 0	.....	25 0 0
Foreman ..	120 0 0	.....	120 0 0
Conicopilly	8 0 0	.....	8 0 0
Tindal ..	17 0 0	.....	17 0 0
7 Lascars (4 at 8 Rupees and 3 at 7 Rs. each)	53 0 0	.....	53 0 0
Office-keeper	18 0 0	.....	18 0 0
Moochee ..	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0
8 Peons ..	62 0 0	.....	62 0 0
5 Temporary Lascars, at 7 Rupees	35 0 0	.....	35 0 0
4 Watchers and 1 Punkah man	17 8 0	.....	17 8 0
Scavenger, Sweeper, and Watchman	6 8 0	.....	6 8 0
Total ..	1,266 0 0	.....	1,266 0 0

No. 316.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1872, No. 467.

IRRIGATION, No. 27.

In G. O., No. 2,548, dated 6th October last, a monthly expenditure of Rupees 7,300 was sanctioned to admit of the continued employment of the Engineering and office establishments required for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company during the quarter ended 31st December last. The reduced scale provided Rupees 1,266 for the Agent's office, and Rupees 234 for the office of the Chief Engineer.

2. With the first of the letters above recorded the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation submits for sanction, for a further period of three months, a revised

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list of establishments received from the Agent and Manager. An abstract of the proposed outlay is given below, but it is necessary to observe that these figures do not include the Chief Engineer's furlough allowance of Rupees 1,000 for which provision was made in the amount sanctioned in October last :—

Agent and Manager	...	...	...	...	...	RS. 1,500
Chief Accountant and General Store-keeper	...	...	...	...	...	800
Agent's office	...	...	...	...	...	1,065
Acting Chief Engineer	...	...	...	...	...	1,500
Acting Chief Engineer's Office	...	...	...	...	...	400
Custody of Stores	...	...	...	...	...	250
2 Dressers	...	...	...	...	...	100
Total...						5,615

3. A comparison of the details of the office establishments now proposed for the Agent and for the Chief Engineer with those employed up to the 31st December last, shows a decrease of Rupees 201* in the former, and an increase of Rupees 166† in the latter. Taken as a whole, the new scale, including for the sake of comparison the Chief Engineer's furlough allowance, falls short of the old by Rupees 685.

4. The necessity for the proposed modifications of the two office establishments just mentioned having been explained, His Excellency in Council sanctions the revised list of establishments Engineering and office for a period of three months commencing from the 1st January 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Letter N^o 466 dated 20th December 1871
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Forwarded to Government with reference to
Letter N^o 91, dated 16th December 1871, from
this office.

Enclosures
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to dispense with the services of any members of the
Establishment he may find, as work is reduced, he
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effect a minimum or almost nominal saving.

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Office of the Ch. Eng. } Immediate
for Irrigation } Lt. R. E.
Fort St. George 6 Jan. 72 } for Acting Chief
Eng. for Irrigation.

To
The Secretary to Government.

P. W. Department.

R. M.

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18th Jan'y /72 -

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No. 63.

The Chief Engineer
of Irrigation
To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Department

(Dated 6th
Dec 4th } January 1872

Enclosure - 2

Submits with reference
to Govt No. 149-16 (Dec 1871)
a letter from the Agent
furnishing a detailed
Statement of the Estab-
lishment to be
maintained after
31st Dec 1871.

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No. 103.

FORT SAINT GEORGE

24 Jan 1872

FROM
The CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,

To
THE Secretary to Government
P. W. Department

SIR,

Enclosure.

one list

With reference to your Memo No. 149
of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to forward
herewith a detailed list of the ^{Establishment} ^{costing} sum of
Rupees 1266 sanctioned in G.O. No. 2548 dated
6th October 1871 for the Office Establishment
of the Agent and Manager of the Madras
Irrigation and Canal Company.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt.

Respectfully Capt R. E.
for Asst. Eng^r for Irrign.

Comd
W. N.

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Read the following

From
The Ag. Chief Engr. for Irrigation (H. B. No. 96 of 6 Jan'y/72)
We ——— We ——— We ——— (H. B. No. 103 of 24 Jan'y/72)

In G. O. No. 2548, dated 6th October last, a monthly expenditure of Rs 7,300 was sanctioned to admit of the continued employment of the Engineering and Office Establishments required for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, during the quarter ended 31st December last. The reduced scale provided Rs 1266 for the Agate office, and Rs 234 for the

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From
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
To
The Secy to Govt
18/10/72

No. 103
Dated 18/10/72
Despatched 24/10/72
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Financially sanctioned.
The Government sanctioning
list of the sum of
Rs 1266 sanctioned
for the Agate office
Establishment in

G.O. No. 2548 dated
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the office of the Chief Engineer.

With the first of the letters above recorded the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation submits for sanction, for a further period of 3 months, a revised List of Establishments received from the Regent and Managers.

An abstract of the proposed outlay is given below but it is necessary to observe that these figures do not include the Chief Engineer's furlough allowance of Rs 1000 for which provision ^{was made} in the amount sanctioned in October last.

Regent and Manager	Rs 1500
Chief Accountant & General Store Keeper	800
Regent's office	1065
Acting Chief Engineer	1500
Chief Engineer's office	400
Custody of stores	250
Two Dressers	100
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The necessity for the proposed modifications of the two office Establishments just mentioned having been explained,

His Excellency in Council
sanctions the revised
list of Establishments.
Engineering and Office
for a period of 3 months
commencing from the
1st January 1872.

By
Sag. 30th

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To The Chief Engineer for
Irrigation Works
Agent & Manager
Madras Irrigation
& Canal Compt.

Decr 20/2/72

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Chief Engineer in Charge

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., Feb. 1872, No.

Nos.

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The following are the
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