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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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8th April 1873.*

No. 173. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 27th February 1873, No. 977:—

WITH reference to G. O. No. 566 of 20th February, I have the honour to observe that the increase of the cost of the establishment allowed me was caused by the addition of a draughtsman. It seems to me that by having an additional draughtsman, plan and estimates will be prepared more rapidly than before and this will necessitate more copying.

2. I would beg to observe that if the draughtsmen are to be employed in making fair copies of their estimates for transmission and for office copies, their time will be wasted in work which can equally well be performed by men with half their pay.

3. The extra draughtsman allowed gives, I beg to point out, no relief to the accountants. On the contrary, a larger amount of work is thrown on their hands by the more rapid submission of plans and estimates.

4. In comparing the Bangalore establishment with the establishments of second and third-class districts it should be noted that only one draughtsman and estimator is allowed in these districts, and that a great deal of this man's work is to check estimates sent in from other offices. Whereas in this office estimates have to be framed and checked.

5. I beg to point out that a more accurate comparison would be made between the establishment here and that allowed for second and third-class ranges by deducting from each the pay of draughtsmen and lascars as shown below:—

	Total cost.	Pay of Draughts- men and Lascars.	Difference.
Second-class District	RS. 352	RS. 100	RS. 252
Third-class do.	317	95	222
Bangalore	292	102	190
Do. as previously proposed by District Engineer...	354	114	240

6. From this it will be seen that the pay of accountants and writers at Bangalore is 32 Rupees below that of a third-class district, and 62 Rupees below that of a second-class district.

7. Under these circumstances, I would beg the favour of your obtaining sanction of Government to such an addition as would give me what may be called the required copying power.

8. I may add, in conclusion, that District Engineers, with exception of those at Presidency, Neilgherries, and here, do not employ their office establishment in the preparation of accounts which are drawn up entirely in range offices.

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No. 174.

ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1873, No. 1,073.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

Paragraph 1 of G. O. No. 566 of 20th February.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bangalore.

Ed. C. E. Shuker.

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P. W. 1873 Depart
From No. 97-1353
The District Engineer
Bangalore

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Dept.
Dated 27 Feb/73.
Recd 1 March/73.

Offering explanation
with reference to order
in G. O. No 566 of 20
Feb/73 declining
to sanction the
increase of Office
Establishment
required by the
District Engineer.
With an order

To modify the decision communicated in
the letter of 4. 2. 73 of 20 Feb
to the Government in Council decline
to sanction the increase of Office
Establishment required by the
District Engineer.
G. W. Walker
626 Mar 73. D. 29

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The District Engineer
Bangalore

8 April 1875.

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Establishment. Meeting
to modify the decision
communicated in
No. G. O. 555 of 1873
relative to the increase
of Office Establishment
required by the
Sd. Engr., Bangalore.