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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th May 1873.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 307. Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 22nd April 1873, No. 246.

From Major R. F. OAKES, R. E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R. E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 31st March 1873, No. 975.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 158, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that there is only one Overseer above the strength of the establishment allotted to Tanjore, as shown in the Budget of 1873-74, and not two as the Controller has erroneously reported, while there is one Assistant Engineer wanting to complete the allotted strength in that grade; until the latter is supplied

I beg that the extra Overseer may be retained, if not the Ponavassel project must be put a stop to, and such a proceeding is to be deprecated as a great part of the work has been given out on contract, and the work is in rapid progress.

Rs. 19,500, G. O., No. 2,831, dated 6th Dec. 1872.

2. The extra Overseer's services may be dispensed with in four months probably :—

	Establishment sanctioned	Assistant Engineer.	Upper Subordinates.
* Ten Overseers.	...	4	14*
+ Eleven do.	Present Establishment	3	15†

3. Regarding the general inadequacy of the establishment and the danger of appointing mere boys who have had no experience whatever to the charge of the most important ranges in a deltaic district, I purpose to address you shortly.

No. 307A. From the same Officer, dated Tanjore, 16th April 1873, No. 40.

With reference to your letter No. 224, dated 8th instant, stating that you deem it useless to submit my No. 975 of 31st ultimo, requesting permission to retain the services of the extra Overseer for a short time, for the orders of Government, I have the honour to observe that you take no notice of my statement that, if I am not permitted to retain the Overseer's services, I must put a stop to the Ponavassel project work; and as a great part of this work has already been given out on contract, and contractors would have to be compensated were the work stopped (to say nothing of the loss of perhaps a year's revenue from the work), if it is left for me to decide which responsibility I should take, viz., that of putting a stop to the Ponavassel work or of non compliance immediately with the order relative to the transfer of the extra Overseer to Trichinopoly, I beg to inform you that I prefer the latter alternative.

2. I may mention that the Local Fund Establishment in Tanjore is short by one Overseer, and if I can get an Overseer who is anxious to come to this district, and who has served under me for many years both as an Imperial and Local Fund Overseer, as I expect to be able to do shortly, I shall be able to dispense with the services of the extra Imperial Overseer.

3. With regard to the 2nd paragraph of your letter under reply, I have the honour to inform you that I do not purpose to address Government relative to the

danger of entrusting the charge of large works and of important ranges to mere boys who are gaining their experience at the cost of Government, until I have been thoroughly over the two ranges thus officered, as my opinion will probably have more weight if I can show, as I expect, from what I have already seen, to be able to do, that the young officers are gaining their experience at a cost to Government far in excess of the salary of a 1st class Executive Engineer in each range, who could teach them their duties, and hence that, even pecuniarily, it is a direct loss to Government to place ranges in mere boys' hands. No Company in the world would do any thing so rash.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The District Engineer had already been informed in the memorandum as per margin that the works to be carried on should be limited to those which could be properly supervised, and that it was left to his discretion to decide what works those should be. It was further intimated that engagements already entered into with contractors should as far as possible be carried out.

3. It will be my duty to offer, for the consideration of Government, some further observations on the subject of the Establishments of Irrigation Ranges, with reference to G. O. of the 2nd April last, No. 1,011, but the subject is too important to be referred to casually in asking for orders regarding the Imperial Overseer, whom the District Engineer reports that he has retained beyond the close of 1872-73.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1873, No. 1,397.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

THE Assistant Engineer alluded to in the 1st paragraph of the District Engineer's letter, No. 975, of 31st March, having been subsequently appointed to the Tanjore District, the extra Overseer alluded to will be replaced at the disposal of the Trichinopoly District Engineer on his arrival.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ District Engineer, Tanjore.
„ „ „ Trichinopoly.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 246.

Letter No. 975 from District Engineer Tanjore.

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Enclosures 3.

Submitted to Government.

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* No. 158 dated 11th March 1873.
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3. It will be my duty to offer for the consideration of Government some further observations on the subject of the establishments of Irrigation Ranges, with reference to G. O.

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Fort Saint George }
22^d April 1873. } Volunteer Engineer Lieut. Col. R. E.
} Chief Engineer for Brigade.

To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Recd 2 April /73 3425-26

11. 1873 Report
No. 2563

The Chief Engineer for
the Irrigation

The Director to
Government

11. 1873

Dated 22nd April
Received 25th April
1873.

Enclosures 3.

Submits for orders paper
regarding the inadequacy
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Distt. & states that he
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observations on the
subject of establishments
required for Irrigation
Ranges generally.
No. 1397-25th May /73-

No 307

Recd to Government 25 April /73

No. 1397. P. M. D.

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Read the following:-

From the Chief Engineer for
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To the Chief of the Department of the Interior
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Sept. 30 - 1873.

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The Chief Clerk for
Immigration

Date

Place

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20 May 1897

Box 307-307.49308

Establishment. Passing
Orders on Note by the
Chief Clerk for Immigration
are letter from the St. Louis
Immigration Agency requesting the
retention of the services
of the Extra American
till the arrival of the
Chief Clerk. Appointed to
the St. Louis.