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13th August 1873.*

No. 193. Read the following letter from Captain H. M. VIBART, R.E., District Engineer, Bangalore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 10th July 1873, No. 102 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to notice that in G. O., 11th March 1873, Conductor Jackson, Sub-Engineer, acting in charge of Bellary Range, was posted to Bangalore, but that up to date he has not joined. I have still only two Overseers under me, this being the same establishment as was in existence before the works were undertaken departmentally.

2. In G. O. of 20th February, No. 566, "His Excellency the Governor in Council desired that if not an Assistant Engineer, at least an experienced Upper Subordinate may be placed at the District Engineer's disposal as soon as possible."

3. I presume that the reason Conductor Jackson has not yet reached Bangalore is the difficulty found in replacing him at Bellary, but I trust if this is the case that some other subordinate may be sent, as I am confident that the strength of the Department Public Works at this station is insufficient to carry out the works in a thoroughly efficient manner.

4. The bakery is of itself of sufficient importance to require an Overseer; at present the Overseer in charge of that work has work in many directions, and cannot spare as much time as would be desirable for superintending the bakery.

5. I find that since we have commenced to work departmentally (about nine months) we have effected a saving of fully 5,000 Rupees, and this calculation includes only those works which are complete. In substituting departmental for contract work, we have considerable difficulties to contend with; an important one being the distaste of contractors to the change, and as these contractors have for years had the suppliers immediately under them, it is by no means a small difficulty. To my mind it would be advisable for Government to at once increase the establishment, otherwise we shall have, at least partially, to revert to the contract system. Formerly, the Overseers had only to inspect works and materials after collection at the spot; now they have to make all the necessary arrangements for procuring materials as well as attend minutely to the building.

6. In addition to this more account work is thrown on their hands, as when the works are carried out departmentally muster rolls and other numerous important statements have to be kept on the works.

7. It will, I think, be seen from the above that the Overseers have much more arduous duties than they had before, and that, as it will be profitable to Government to carry out the works departmentally—*first* because the work will be better done; *second* because the work will be done cheaper—it would be extremely desirable that the strength of the permanent establishment at this station should be increased.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1873, No. 2,008.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

UNDER the circumstances represented by the District Engineer of Bangalore, Mr. Supervisor Lennón, now on leave at that station, will be posted to be Sub-divisional Officer at Bangalore from the expiration of his leave until further orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bangalore.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To *The District Cys*
Bangalore

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G. O. 13th Aug 1873. No. 2008.

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Mr. Cpt. Leeman,

now on leave at
Bangalore, directed to
be posted to that
Station as ~~Sub-~~ Sub-
divisional Officer & in
the position of ~~Officer~~