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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1873.*

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 7th December 1872, No. 997 A.-G:—

It was the desire of the Madras Government that the Government of India should re-consider the decision for the amalgamation of the Officers of the Accounts Branch at Madras with those immediately under the Government of India, and in your predecessor's letter, No. 516, of the 29th September 1871, it was said that, if the arguments therein urged against the amalgamation could not be accepted by the Government of India, it was the wish of the Madras Government that the matter should be placed before the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for final orders. Subsequently (in October 1871), however, the Madras Government decided on forwarding a copy of the above quoted letter direct to the Secretary of State for consideration.

2. No reply or communication on the subject having been received from the Secretary of State up to the present time, it may be assumed that the decision already given is regarded as final by Her Majesty's Government. But the Government of India is anxious that the Madras Government should be informed that its representation on the subject received careful consideration, and it is with the two-fold object of making this known to the Madras Government, and of stating circumstances of recent occurrence which seem to confirm the propriety of the amalgamation in question, that I am now instructed to address you.

3. The Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, recently applied for three months' privilege leave, and owing to the amalgamation of the Officers of the Accounts Branch at Madras, with those immediately under the Government of India, there was no difficulty in providing for the performance of the duties of his Office. You are aware that Captain Trail, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, Mysore, was appointed to act for Mr. Brock, and this arrangement the Government of India cannot but think was acceptable to the Madras Government. No doubt the Madras Government could have appointed an Executive Engineer or some other officer to fill Mr. Brock's place temporarily, but it will doubtless be readily admitted that the State was better served by the appointment of an Officer of the Accounts Branch familiar with the general rules, etc., of the Public Works Department.

4. I am to observe that such local experience as may be essentially necessary for the performance of the duties of Controllers of Public Works Accounts in Madras can doubtless be acquired by well-trained Officers of the Accounts Branch, whose general experience has added to their efficiency. In the interests of Government, Controllers of Public Works Accounts have been transferred from and to Provinces in which *local* rules differed, and yet there was no inconvenience, but positive advantage. Further, I am to notice the opening made for the advancement of deserving and qualified Deputy Controllers, who, under the old local arrangement, could have no hope of rising to the grade of Controller, except after very long service and on the occurrence of vacancies on the spot in their own Offices.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1873.*

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1873, No. 356.

ACCOUNT, No. 5.

ORDERED that the following letter
be sent:—

(Here enter No. 357, dated 3rd February 1873.)

(True Extract.)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 3rd February 1873.

No. 52.

No. 357.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT, No. 6.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 7th
December 1872, No. 997 A.-G., in which

you intimate that, as no communication has been received from the Secretary
of State regarding the remonstrance submitted by this Government against the
amalgamation of the Officers of the Accounts Branch at Madras with those
immediately under the Government of India, the Right Honourable the Governor
General in Council considers that it may be assumed that the decision of this
Government is regarded as final by Her Majesty's Government.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that he cannot accept
the silence of the Secretary of State as conclusive, and as the views of this
Government on the question remain unchanged, I am to solicit that Her Majesty's
Government be moved to communicate its decision on the subject. The explanations
furnished in my letter of 28th January 1873, No. 285 further illustrate the disadvan-
tages of the present system, involving as it does a divided allegiance, which
cannot but be opposed to the best interests of the State. And in the spirit of the
policy, under which vastly enlarged powers have been conferred on local Govern-
ments, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that all appointments
in the Accounts Branch of the Public Works Department of this Presidency should
rest with this Government to whom the officers appointed should be directly
responsible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Letter from the Govt. of India No. 997 A.G.
dated 7th December 1872.

Circulated for
orders with reference to
the representation to the

I do not think that Govt. of India of 29th Sep. 1871.
anything can be added No. 2494 and the Minutes
to our remonstrance. of the Members of Govern-
ment on which it was
but I do not accept based. No reply has
the Secretary of States' influence been received to the Res.
as conclusive. I should been received to the Res.
be disposed to request patch to the Home Govt.
that an answer be obtained from
governor by the Secretary dated 11th October 1871.
of State to our remonstrance No. 21.
which is an appeal from G.M.W.

the decision of the Govt
of India. This had perhaps
been done this the Govt of India

R. G. J. D. S.

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Rs 27 Aug 1871 No 585-587
 " 20 Sept 1871 463-465
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 No 62
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
 ACCOUNT.
 General.

To
 SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
 IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

No. 997 A-G.
 Dated December 7, 1872.
 Received — 14"

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

J. E. No.

dated

Jan 11/73.

No 356

Amalgamation of the Madras Control
 Establishment with that under the Govern-
 ment of India.

P. W. D. Press—7-12-72—22.

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 With an Order

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J. H. N. P. H.
 No 357

To
 The Secretary to the
 Government of India
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 the amalgamation of the
 Officers of the Accounts
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P. W. D.

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those immediately under
the Government of India,
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considers that it may be
assumed that the decision
of this Government is
regarded as final by Her
Majesty's Government.

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G.M.W.

Recd 4/2/73.

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the Control Estab-
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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Date

Recd.

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G. O. 3 Feb 1873, No 356-357

No. 52.50.52.

Madras Control Estab-
lishment. Papering orders
on letter from the Govt.
of India regarding the
amalgamation of the
Madras Control Es-
tablishment.

Desiring that the Secy
of State be moved to
communicate decision