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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	566	Press
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No 474. Read the following papers :—
From the District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works
Department, dated Bangalore, 10th January 1873, No 892.

With reference to the memorandum of establishments assigned to District Engineers, I would beg to forward the following remarks regarding the establishment for Bangalore, which, I observe, is less than that of any other district.

3. It is very necessary to have at Bangalore a Head Accountant of ability and experience, and I observe that Head Accountant Masilamoney Pillay has always been well spoken of by the officers under whom he has served.

5 To give you some idea of the amount of copying, etc., required in this office, I may say that during this official year up to date nearly 200 estimates with specifications have been prepared, covering some 700 pages in the office books. It must be remembered that all these have to be drawn up first roughly, and calculated, then checked, and then fair-copied twice, once for transmission and once in the books. Occasionally some of these estimates (for large new works) are very lengthy and troublesome; since I have been here (about six months) two very large estimates have been sent in, one for Military prison, taking up 75 pages, the other for bakery, taking 40 pages, and these, as I have before said, have had to be copied out three times. I would beg to suggest that the establishment here should be altered as follows:—

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No 475 From the same Officer, dated Bangalore, 16th January 1873, No 902.
I HAVE the honour to forward the following remarks regarding the mode of carrying on work here

2 You are aware that for many years now the contract system has been in vogue at this station. No work has, until within the last few months, been carried out by departmental agency I think I am justified in saying that the contract system has not been a success. Not so much on account of bad work, of which however the bakery is a notable instance, but because Government have paid more than they would have done had they carried out the works themselves

3 The bad work is due to insufficient superintendence and to employment as Contractors of men whose chief object was not to make a living out of the work, but a fortune Thus it is known, in several cases, that contracts were taken by certain men for the purpose of sub-letting them to others who had not the confidence of the Executive Engineer The Race Course Hospital contract for 1,73,000 Rupees was at once sold to several natives for 3 per cent, or 5,190 Rupees

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5. While the Cavalry Barracks were in progress the expenditure incurred yearly often amounted to 2,00,000, and if the profits were only 10 per cent Government paid 20,000 Rupees a year for the work more than they would have done under departmental agency. I would therefore strongly urge upon the Chief Engineer the desirability of carrying out works at Bangalore by departmental agency; but in order to do this the staff here must be increased. If an Assistant Engineer was appointed with three extra Overseers, I feel sure a saving would be effected.

6 An Assistant Engineer with three Overseers would cost 740 Rupees a month; when large works are in progress here the expenditure amounts to 2,00,000 Rupees yearly, and the Contractors would pocket 20,000 Rupees of this money. If an establishment costing Rupees 740 a month were sanctioned every work could be carried out departmentally, and not only 1,000 Rupees a month saved to Government, but the work would be done in a far more satisfactory manner, and repairs would thereby be rendered less necessary and frequent.

7. At present in the Commissariat Square two works are now going on. Proper attention to these works necessitates that the Overseer should hardly ever leave the work, and he thus, at the present moment, has but little time for all his other works scattered about I would beg the Chief Engineer to take into his consideration this point In any large work it is most essential that there should be a responsible man always on the spot, the more especially in a place where the lime is so indifferent and where consequently the mixing of the mortar requires such constant attention I next wish to point out how desirable it would be to form a dépôt for stores, such as timber, paint, cement, etc, and also how desirable it would be to burn our own bricks and lime

8. *Timber*—Having no stock, when a large work is sanctioned we have to go into the market and cannot get seasoned timber.

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11. Bricks of good quality are not to be obtained in Bangalore, and the only way to get them is to make them ourselves. An estimate has been sent in for the preparation of a brick field with sheds, kilns, etc, and I would urge its speedy sanction, so that we may prepare a large quantity of bricks before the wet weather.

12. Our lime ought, I think, also to be burnt by ourselves

13 The lime obtainable is far from being good, and there is a good amount of dross and unburnt stone in it, I believe, from an insufficient amount of fuel being used, or from inefficient arrangements for burning

14. Proper kilns should be erected, we could then purchase limestone clean and burn it, contracting for charcoal

15 I believe some years ago there was a saw-mill at work in the Engineer yard here, this, I think, would be most useful A late Executive Engineer in reporting upon it stated that its use effected a saving in timber of 25 per cent I would instance another reason for providing the Executive Engineer with sufficient staff to enable him to entirely do away with the contract system as it has hitherto been carried out, and that is that the materials of old buildings, which have to be dismantled, can be used in the repairs of others; whereas if contracts are to be entered into for the works the old material will invariably have to be sold at a great loss.

16 If I am permitted to carry out my suggestions, I would place one of the three Overseers in charge of the saw-mill, the manufacture of bricks, the burning of lime and generally in charge of the stores, while the others being in charge of works would, whenever they required anything from the stores, send indents counter-signed by the District Engineer, and the stores would be issued to him by the Store Overseer, who would keep his accounts carefully.

No 476. From the same Officer, dated Bangalore, 24th January 1873, No 915.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice that the Overseers here receive only single horse allowances This amount is barely sufficient to keep a pony They have to visit their works at all times of the day, and during the next few months they will be subject to much exposure in the middle of the day. On a pony cannot be taken out three times every day, and if their work is to be properly done they should visit their works at least that number of times; I would therefore request that they should be permitted to draw double horse allowance. This would enable them to keep two ponies, or hire some sort of conveyance.

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2. I would beg, in conclusion, to point out that, even if this was granted, they would only receive two-thirds the amount other Overseers get, and they have really as much riding to do.

No 477.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1873, No 566.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 40

IN the first of the above letters Captain Vibart requests that the pay of his Head Accountant may be raised from Rupees 60 to Rupees 70, and that he be allowed two extra copyists at Rupees 20 each and two extra lascars at Rupees 12. His Office Establishment already costs Rupees 280 exclusive of lascars; a 3rd class District Establishment exclusive of lascars costing Rupees 267, and a 2nd class District Establishment Rupees 302. Similarly, excluding lascars, its cost is identical with that of the Neilgherry District Establishment. Bearing in mind the fact that the cost of the Bangalore Establishment was increased from 1st December 1872 by Rupees 40, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared to consider any proposal the District Engineer may desire to submit for its revision within the limits of its present total cost, but he declines at present to increase that total

2 In the second letter above printed Captain Vibart requests that an Assistant Engineer and three more Overseers may be posted to the Bangalore District. Heartily concurring as to the propriety of re-establishing at Bangalore the system of departmental work, which has there been allowed to be entirely superseded by a system of lump contracts quite unsuited to the circumstances of this country, His Excellency the Governor in Council desires 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. The Establishment of certificated Overseers cannot well be increased, the supply already being inadequate to the demand, but there is nothing to prevent the entertainment at Bangalore of an efficient and well paid Permanent Petty Establishment consisting of two Sub-Overseers on salaries of Rupees 50 to Rupees 60, and two Maistries on Rupees 30 to Rupees 40, selected with special reference to their practical acquaintance with masonry and carpentry work. The Governor in Council is not aware of any regulations of the Public Works Department that should prevent the laying in of stocks of timber, cement, etc., and preparation of bricks and lime, to an extent commensurate with the demands of the works annually undertaken, and having due reference to the proximity of the Workshops and Stores at Madras; of which under good arrangements with the Presidency District Engineer, who has the charge of them, much use might be made by the Executive at Bangalore.

3. Captain Vibart's third letter revives a subject already disposed of by G O No. 1,749, of 23rd July 1872, to which he makes no reference. His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot consent to award Overseers who are entirely exempt from the expenses and privations of travelling to which their comrades in charge of taluqs are exposed, horse allowance equal to that drawn by far the larger majority of the latter. It is, moreover, noted that of the two Overseers now at Bangalore, both

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(True Extract.)

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To the District Engineer, Bangalore.

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N^o 892
District Engineer's Office
Bangalore 19 January 1893
From the Hon^{ble} Secy to Govt
The District Engineer
Bangalore
To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras
Sir,

With reference to the Memo of
Establishment assigned to District
Engineers, I would beg to forward the
following remarks regarding the
Establishment for Bangalore which
I observe is less than that of any other
District.

The work done in the Office is
very considerable, the correspondence
is voluminous, the number of Estimates
and specifications forwarded large
and the accounts especially when
large works are going on troublesome
and require much care and thought
on the part of the Accountants. In

In addition to the usual work of an
office of this sort a good deal of correspond-
ence has to be carried on with the
Barrack Master regarding the hir-
ing of quarters for staff subordinates
which takes the Accountant a consider-
able time. Captain Wood late En-
gineer has already pointed out
the necessity for increasing the Estab-
lishment in order to carry on all the
duties connected with the Depart-
ment efficiently. Two persons only are
allowed. I have to be constantly
sending letters to Spt. Lt. Master
General, the Barrack Master, Compt.
and Ordnance Officer and Officers
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quently have considerable difficulty
in sending letters with despatch.
I observe that the Head Accountant
is only allowed Rs 700 a month
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Masilamoney Pillay has now been at
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4. Carters	24
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I have the honor to be

Yours Most Obedient Servant

Henry West Supt. P. E.
District Engineer Bangalore

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From 18/3

The District Eng
Bangalore.

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt.

Dated 10/3 January/73
Recd 13/3

Submitting for
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for increase of
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No 902

From

District Engineer's Office
Bangalore 16 January/73
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To

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Your Most Obedt Servant
J. P. R. C.
District Engineer, Bangalore.

P.B.D.

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The addition to the
Establishment at Bangalore
appears to have become
necessary in consequence of the
Change from the Contract to
the Departmental System -
Some outlay under this head
will be well repaid if the
intrigues and speculations
of Contractors can thereby
be got rid of at once and
for ever.

The amount of work now
in progress at Bangalore cannot
be anything like that which
Capt. Benington had to superintend
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No 415

District Engineer's Office
Hauppelore 24 January 1873.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the January 1873.
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Bangalore

(Here enter No 892 of 10th Jan 1873)

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The Governor in Council
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The Chief Engineer

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Dated 23rd Jan 1873

Recd 27

Recommend
the double store
allowance to the
Officers of Bangalore
Dept.

No 566 of 20th Jan 1873.

as reorganized - It is hoped that reductions of District Establishments may be found practicable generally; with which view District Engineers are called on to report after 30th September next, such as they may be able to recommend. -

Yours

hair went out; & they have
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need extra office men -

I should be glad to
 at Bangalore - I wish
 to see the Contract of steam
 engine when our exports
 are large works / and
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 do not require large
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 of England - and it is
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 of the State. I would
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 that his intentions in
 this respect are opposed
 in their entirety - We
 cannot give him an
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From

The District Engineer
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Public Works Department
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Here enters 87.918 dated 24th
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His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason for re-opening the subject of this letter which was disposed of in G.O. No. 1749 of 23rd July 1872. It is remarked that Serjeant Pimm an Overseer of less than 2 years standing has been promoted to 1st class and Serjeant Taylor a month his junior, to 2nd class. Should they still be discontented with the allowance fixed by Government for Overseers at Bangalore the District Engineer will arrange for them

I think the question is whether the position of these sergeants is really as good as it should be, having in view the greater expense at Bangalore. The man in question is not large. His application is supported by Captain Vibart. I think it ought to be granted.

6/17 Aug 13

their exchange into other
Districts. GMM

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The several demands of
the Bangalore District
Engineers are -

1 Asst Engineer,

3 Additional Overseers.

Double Horse Allowance
to five Overseers.

Extra Pay to

Head Accountant Rs 10.

2 Extra Writers — Rs 40

2 Extra Lascars — 12

Rs 62.

The Chief Engineer
proposes

1 Upper Subordinate

Permanent Petty { 2 Suboverseers
Establishment. { 2 Menistries

Single Horse Allowance

A redistribution of the

high Salaries now drawn

by the Asst Accountant

and Draftsmen, if

additional hands are

wanted

GMM

The District Engineer
Bangalore

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Memorandum for Orders.

It seems very necessary to consider with great care all applications made by District Engineers for increase to Establishments and special rates, especially just now that the District Establishments are new.

Kurnool.

Major. Tertue sometime ago applied for special allowances on account of Overseers and Establishments in the Kurnool District.

Chingleput.

Colonel F. J. Moberly's application that the 3rd class District Establishment of Chingleput should be raised to 2nd class was negatived in G. O. No. 2922 of 10th December.

Bangalore.

In G. O. No. 2725 of 20 November an extra Draftsman and Estimator in P.O. was sanctioned for Bangalore.

In his letter No. 892 of 10 January (now in circulation) Captain Tibant

complains that the Establishment of his District is less than that of any other its cost being Rs 272 of the Neilgherry District Rs 308 of a 3rd class District Rs 317. And he asks for an increase of Rs 10 pay to his accountant, for 2 Copyists at Rs 20 each, and for 2 ^{more} Lascars at Rs 6 each, Total increase Rs 62.

In his letter No 902 of 16 January Bangalore, Captain Vibart asks for an Assistant Eng. and 3 more Overseers.

Mr. Fraser, in letter No 59 of Shimool, 16 January, asks for a 2nd class instead of a 1st class Establishment on the plea of the unhealthiness of the District which requires that a higher salary should be offered to attract good men to his office.

The Chief Engineer is distinctly of opinion that the increase of pay to the Head Accountant Bangalore Office should be refused. If the man

wants promotion he has only to offer his services to other District En. gineers. Rs 60 is ample pay for him in such a favourite spot as Bangalore, and for the work of a District in which there are no Range Accounts to compile. Colonel Walker also considers 2 Assistant Accountants, 2 Draftsmen and a Storekeeper ought to suffice for the rest of the work with out 2 additional writers. There is already one hand more than is found in the Neilgherry Range, the Draftsmen being equal in number and pay to a 1st class District, the 1st Assistant Accountant drawing salary of the Accountant viz a 1st class District, the 2nd Assistant that of the Accountant of a 3rd class District. If additional writers are wanted they should be provided for by reductions of

salaries of the other office servants.
Two Lascars are enough for a Dis-
trict where there is no travelling
& only being allowed on the
Neelgherries where they are much
required and in all other
Districts. It is suggested for
future consideration that the
allowance should be 7 to a 1st
class District.

6	2 nd	
5	3 rd	
4		Neelgherries
2		Presidency
2		Bangalore
$6 \times 7 = 42$ $9 \times 14 = 126$ 168 12 Rs 2016 per annum		

To enable Captain Vibart to
carry out work Departmentally and
independent of Contractors, all
that is necessary is that he should
organize a good permanent petty
Establishment as in other Districts.

Two good Sub-Overseers well ac-
quainted, the one with Carpentry
the other with Masonry details and
two Industries under them, to whom
might be allotted salaries of Rs 50
to Rs 60, and Rs 25 to Rs 30 respec-
tively ought to suffice. 2 perma-
nent Overseers are as many as
there are on the Neelgherries where
work is much more scattered.
the Petty Establishment men sup-
plement their numbers. The Pre-
sidency District has but 4
Overseers with its numerous and
large works. It is desirable that
an Assistant or Sub-Engineer
be placed under the District
Engineer and such provision
will be made when circumstances
permit. At present the Range
cannot even be filled up.

As regards Kurnool the scale
on which work has hitherto been
carried on there does not authorize
a higher class of Establishment
than has been allotted. In the
re-organization care has already
been taken to improve the status
of the three Range Establishments.
The unhealthiness of the District
might warrant an increase of 10
per cent on all salaries above Rs
20, while such state of health lasts.
But the increase would have to be
given all round and not confined
to Public Works Establishments.
From no other Departments have
complaints of unusual unhealth-
iness of the District emanated
so far as is known.
Changes in fact should be
deferred generally till the end of

the calendar year on Reports
which, it has been suggested
in another Draft now in cir-
-culation, should be called for.

W. M. Allen Coll. R.E.
Chief Engineer
D.P.D.

Port St George
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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:

From

The District Engineer } (H. E. No 892 of 10 Jan 1913)
 Bangalore }
 " Do } (H. E. No 902 of 16 "
 " Do } (H. E. No 915 of 24 "

As regards Bangalore
 I do not feel convinced
 by this ~~letter~~ Memo.
 The increase asked for is
 moderate, & will enable
 an officer in an important
 & difficult charge.

We found it very recently
 difficult to blame Capt. ~~Thompson~~
 H. C. M. in Chief bearing
 witness to the way this officer
 was hampered with detailed
 office work.

With the Bakery scandal before
 us we had much better give
 Capt. Tibant what he wants
 postponing other changes as
 the Secretary advises. M

W. E.

In the first of the
 above letters Captain
 Tibant requests that the
 pay of his Head Ac.
 accountant may be
 raised from Rs 60 to
 Rs 70, and that he be
 allowed 2 extra Copyists
 at Rs 20 each and 2
 extra Lascars at Rs 12

His Office Estate
 - house already costs
 Rs 280 exclusive of

Laccaro; a 3rd class District
Establishment exclusive
of Laccaro costing Rs 264,
and a 2nd class District
Establishment Rs 300.
Similarly including Lac-
caro, its cost is identical
with that of the Neilgherry
District Establishment.
Bearing in mind the fact
that the cost of the Banga-
lore Establishment was
increased from 1st De-
cember 1842 by Rs 40
His Excellency the Governor
in Council will be pre-
pared to consider any
proposal the District
Engineer may desire
to submit for its revision
within the limits of its
present total cost; but
he

at present ^{will} he declines altogether to
increase that total.
I amed but this is because
I understand that at
present the work at Bangalore
is much less than it has
hitherto been. If the
amount of money to be
spent at Bangalore is in-
creased I think Capt.
Vibart's application sh^d
be reconsidered M

In the 2nd letter
above printed Capt.
Vibart requests that an
Assistant Engineer and
3 more Overseers may
be posted to the Bangalore
District. Heartily con-
curring as to the pro-
priety of re-establishing
at Bangalore the system
of Departmental work
which has there been
allowed to be entirely
superseded by a system
of lump contracts quite
unsuited to the circum-
stances of this country,
His Excellency the Governor
in Council desires that
if not an Assistant

Engineer, at least an
experienced Hopper Sub-
ordinate may be placed
at the District Engineer's
disposal as soon as
possible. The Establish-
ment of Certificated
Overseers cannot well
be increased, the supply
already being inadequate
to the demand, but
there is nothing to pre-
vent the entertainment
at Bangalore of an
efficient and well
paid Permanent Petty
Establishment consisting
of 2 Sub Overseers on
salaries of Rs 50 to Rs 60,
and 2 Masitries on
Rs 30 to Rs 40, selected
with special reference
to

their practical acquain-
tance with masonry
and Carpentry work.
The Governor in Council
is not aware of any
Regulations of the Public
Works Department
that should prevent
the laying in of stocks
of Timber, Cement, &c.,
and preparation of
Bricks and Lime,
to an extent commen-
surate with the
demands of the works
annually undertaken,
and having due re-
ference to the proxi-
mity of the Workshops
and Stores at Masra,
of which under good

arrangements with the
Presidency District
Engineer, who has the
charge of them, much
use might be made
by the Executive at
Bangalore.

Captain Viant's
third letter revives a
subject already dis-
posed of by G. O. No.
1449 of 23 July 1872,
to which he makes no
reference. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
cannot consent to place
Overseers who are en-
tirely exempt from the
expenses and privations
of travelling to which
their comrades in charge

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I would leave this out
It is fair to pay a man
higher for going to a
bad climate - but I
don't think Govt should
save money because
a climate is not
hurtful. The real
question is whether
these men can do their
work in their present
allowance. Mr

of Saloots are exposed,
Horse allowance equal
to that drawn by far
the larger majority of
the ~~other~~ ^{plutty} - Other expenses
may be greater at
Bangalore, but they
are more than coun-
terbalanced by its
climate and comfort;
for which, as already
suggested, many Sa-
loot Overseers would
willingly exchange
their advantages. It
is moreover noted that
of the 2 Overseers now
at Bangalore, both
under 2 years service,
one has already been
promoted to 1st and

the other to 2nd class; so
that their position and
prospects are much
better than those of
most of their contemporaries.

G.M.W.

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[Signature]

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To The Dr. Eugene Baughman
"father"

Dec 24/2/73

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for an increase of his
Office Re-establishment
and for double horse
allowance to the
Engineers of Bangalore.