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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th February 1873.*

No. 577. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 16th January 1873, No. 59 :—

I HAVE the honour to invite your attention to the very unsatisfactory sanitary condition of the members of the Public Works Department in this district.

2. Of the three Range Officers, two—Captain Taylor, of Kurnool, and Mr. Crowe, of Cumbum—are very ill with fever. Three of the Overseers are under medical treatment from fever and can do no work, and Balasundaram Moodelliar, Local Fund Overseer at Cumbum, died a few days ago of fever. Of those who were with Captain Taylor when he got fever himself two have since died, and a man who was appointed Taluq Writer at Patticonda has also died at Nundial. Three or four of the Taluq and Local Fund Maistries are ill and off work; three of the Kurnool Range Office Establishment, including the Accountant and Draughtsman, are under treatment from fever and unable to attend office, and probably one-half of the other establishments are in the same condition.

The man who was appointed First Writer in the District Office has resigned rather than remain here, thus abandoning some fourteen years' service, and the only competent person I can get to succeed him begs that I will allow him to get transferred to even Cuddapah. In concluding this paragraph I regret to have to report that I have had two attacks of fever myself since I came here, and am still suffering severely from the latest one.

Under this condition of things it is impossible that a satisfactory quantity of work can be done, and it is particularly unfortunate that it should occur towards the close of the official year.

3. One effect of this extensive sickness is that I cannot get the District Office Establishment completed.

Applicants are, of course, numerous enough, but they are either illiterate men who have never been in an office, or half-educated boys who would be utterly useless. Competent men will neither come nor stay here for the small pay given in this district, and I would earnestly request that, as a special case, the district establishment be placed on a second-class footing. The increase would be but 35 Rupees a month—an amount which is very small compared with what the advantages would probably be by enabling me to get a better class of men than I could get for the present pay. An increase of 5 Rupees seems very trifling, but to a man receiving only 25 or 30 Rupees a month it is of serious consideration.

I trust that you will consider my request favourably. If you have any doubt about the inferiority of the office people procurable in this district I would refer you to the Controller, who knows very well what they are.

No. 578. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1873, No. 615.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 54.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is concerned to hear such a bad report of the state of health of the Public Works Establishments in the Kurnool District, and desires that inquiry may be

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made in the Public Department into the nature and extent of the fever said to be so prevalent.

2. The improved rate of pay for his office establishment advocated by the District Engineer may under such exceptional circumstances be granted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Public Department.

*No 59 District Engineer's Office
Kurnool 16 January 1873.*

*From,
The District Engineer
Kurnool.*

*To,
The Secretary to Government
P. Works Department
Fort Saint George
Madras.*

*Sir,
I have the honor to invite your
attention to the very unsatisfactory sanitary
condition of the members of the P. W. Depart-
ment in this District*

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Controller who knows very well what they are.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,
William Fraser Esq.

District

No 591

Letter No. 16
Received 28 January 1893
District Engineer of the Public
Works Department
No 185-25 dated 19th
Reporting in the
sanitary condition of the
District and request to
have his office established
on a second class post office
the memo stated

From the District Engineer
of the Public Works
Department
No 353

No 615 P. H. D.
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Read the following

From
The District Engineer
of the Public Works
Department
No 353
H. E. No 593/16 Jan 1893

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insignificant in amount ~~estimated~~ -
and unsatisfactory in
quality of late in the
Riverside District. Any
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ment on the score of
unhealthiness of a
District

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extended to cult.

To The Dr Angus Kurnool ✓
 " Controller ✓
 " Public Dept ✓

Ans: 1/3/72

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The District Engrs
Kurnool

Date

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G. O. 25th Feb 1873 No. 615.

No. 5778-678

Office Establishment.

Noticing the unimprovable
state of health of the P.W.
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Establishment.