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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 55.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to address you in continuation of my letter

No. 2,191 of 14th September 1872, on the subject of the re-organization of the Public Works Department of this Presidency, which was carried into effect on the 1st December 1872.

2. The short experience gained since that date in working out the details of the new system has brought to notice some defects, the most pressing of which must be remedied before the commencement of next official year. The first is the omission to provide for the continuance of an Under Secretary, the impossibility of dispensing with whose services became so apparent from the first that they have hitherto been temporarily continued, and this Government propose to confirm the appointment from April next. It was proposed in the original plan submitted to the Government of India that the appointment should be held by an officer of the rank of Deputy Chief Engineer, equivalent to that of Superintending Engineer of the 1st grade, but when the Government of India recommended that the two Inspecting Engineers of the original proposal, who had been dropped in view to economy, should be retained, it was resolved to do without the Deputy Chief Engineer, whose position and rank were thought to be inconsistent with the office of Under Secretary. That office will accordingly be held as heretofore by an Officer supernumerary to the list of Executive Engineers of the 1st grade.

3. It has, secondly, been found impracticable to carry out the instructions of the Government of India with reference to the inclusion of the Consulting Architect on the list of Superintending Engineers or even of Executive Engineers of the 1st grade, in justice to the claims and services of the senior officers of the Madras Public Works Department. As it is, three Superintending Engineers have become Executive Engineers, four Executive Engineers of the 1st grade have fallen to the 2nd, five of the 2nd grade to the 3rd, and six of the 3rd grade to the 4th, five of the 4th grade becoming Assistant Engineers. Under these circumstances it was thought advisable not to cause further supersession and stagnation of promotion by bringing on to the fixed establishment an officer holding an appointment which in Bombay is made extra to the regular establishment; the numbers of Executive Engineers, 1st grade, in Bombay being, moreover, nine against only six in Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.



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As some get off
to the extra appointments
above named, I am in-
structed to add that
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against P.W. Establish-
ments one half only of
the cost of the Lithographs
Depto such being found
to be about the actual
proportion of the value
of the work done by it

in account of Public
Works, as compared with
its work for other branches
of the Public Service.

The remainder of the charge
will fall upon the Public
Dept., but it is proposed
that the supervision of the
work executed for all
Departments shall continue
to be part of the duties
of the Public Works Secretary;
or, rather, one of his
he shall be aided by the
Under Secretary. There
are one or two other minor
economies in Establishments
which it has been found
possible to effect, such
as the abolition of two
in the Public Works branch.

of the East Coast Canal
and of the Panama
Channel. But it will
require at least another
year's work, fully to
ascertain the extent to
which the new organization
may have to be modified
or developed to enable
it to grapple effectively
with the work before it.

G.M.W.

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To the Secretary to the
Govt. of Madras

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Intimating that the con-
tinuance of the
Appointment of Under-
Secy: of Pub. Works was omitted
to be provided in the
New Organization Scheme
and requesting sanction to
its ~~being confirmed~~ ^{being confirmed} and
stating that it is impos-
sible to carry out the
instructions of the Govt.

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