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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th June 1874.*

No. 327. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th December 1873:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1873, No. 2,472.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 1st November 1873, No. 432.

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2. South Arcot is one of the districts regarding which the remark is made that the progress, so far as Minor New Works are concerned, "is very far from satisfactory."

3. I have reason to believe that considerable progress has been made since this return was furnished; but, as the remark has been made with reference to the first four months of the official year, I would ask the Board of Revenue to bring prominently to the notice of Government the very inadequate executive agency available for public works in South Arcot.

4. Prior to 1872 the eight taluqs of which the district is composed were divided into four Public Work Ranges, and an Executive or Assistant Engineer was appointed to the charge of each. Under this arrangement, each Engineer had the charge of two taluqs. At the end of 1871, or the beginning of 1872, just as the introduction of the Local Funds Act had considerably enhanced the work, the four Ranges were reduced to three, one of them comprising two taluqs, and the other two three taluqs each. In May 1873, Mr. Bell, one of the three Range Officers, was transferred to Kurnool, and his place has not been supplied up to date. Until the other day when the freshes came down and stopped the works at the Pelandoray Anicut, Mr. Wiffen, one of the two remaining Range Officers, had sole charge of the works in six taluqs, extending over an area of 5,000 or 6,000 square miles. One Range, since the anicut work has been stopped, has been made over to the Supervisor formerly in special charge of the Irrigation Project; but this is merely a temporary measure. He will revert to special duty directly the monsoon is over, and unless another officer is appointed, Mr. Sub-Engineer Wiffen will again have to take executive charge of the work in six taluqs. He is an energetic, hard-working officer, and very conscientious. He takes a pride in his work being well done, and insists on personally checking all measurements. But he cannot be ubiquitous, and local and provincial works are delayed till he can come to take these measurements. The fact is the task is beyond the powers of any man.

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2. The question whether it is necessary to increase the Public Works establishment in South Arcot is raised in the letter submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 8th September 1873, No. 1,770.

3. The actuals of 1872-73 show that, while the South Arcot Local Fund paid 31.7 per cent. on expenditure for supervision, Government paid only 19.8 per cent. Under these circumstances, it can hardly be doubted that the Local Fund pays part of the cost of imperial and provincial undertakings, or, in other words, pays for supervision which the small Department Public Works establishment cannot give, because it has too large a Government expenditure to control. The establishment should be raised until it can meet the demands of Government and of the Local Fund with equal efficiency.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 328.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1874, No. 1,607.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

In the Collector's letter herewith submitted for the orders of Government is brought to notice the inadequacy of the executive agency available for Public Works in South Arcot; the reference having been elicited by the unfavourable review of progress made with Agricultural Repairs and Minor New Works in the first four months of the past official year.

2. The outlay of the entire year on Agricultural Repairs and Minor New Works has been subsequently ascertained to have been in excess of the amounts strictly available, in spite of the establishment having been rather short-handed; and now that the full establishment of a District Engineer, three Range Officers and two Sub-divisional Officers has been supplied, it is hoped that it will be found fully competent to deal with all the work before it.

3. The subject of paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, viz., the disproportionate charge for supervision of the Public Works Department which is debited to Local Funds, is under the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial do.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Public Works Establishment in South Arcot District,
G. O., No. 1,607, dated 16th June 1874.*

MINUTE BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT.

THE first question is are we to increase the Public Works Establishment available for works, Provincial and Local, in South Arcot?

I presume that to do this would be to increase our Imperial, Provincial, and Local expenditure on Public Works, and to this I for one am not prepared to assent. It means increased local taxation, which is heavy enough already, and increased Imperial grants, which would not be sanctioned by the Government of India.

2. As to the share of charge for Public Works borne by Imperial and Provincial Funds on the one hand, and by Local Funds on the other: this is evidently most inequitable; and I remember remarking on another equally inequitable arrangement—the distribution of charge as between the different Local Boards. Both these subjects ought to receive full investigation with a view to re-adjustment.

3. As regards the action now to be taken it seems to me that it should be—

(1.) To institute an investigation accordingly.

(2.) *Not* to increase establishments, but to take care in future that our grants for Public Works are more in accordance with what is likely to be spent on them.

(Signed) HOBART.

23rd March 1874.

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P. M. 1873. October 27.
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March 27/74

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that the District Engineer
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for the Districts -

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September 1873, which from Dunsburgh to
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to the Collector thro' establishments in
the Revenue Dept. - S. most District by
appointments of
permanent District
Engineer - G.M.W.
Proposed addition
31.3.74

The question of proposed
reinforcing the the
P.W. Dept. in S. S.
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Local Fund, under the En-
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M.O.

to the D. C. S. Secret
" Revenue Dept
" Financial " ✓
S. C. J. despatched 23/6/74

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly "Lovingly yours"]

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be addressed. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

2. The second step is to gather relevant information and resources. This may involve researching existing solutions, consulting with experts, or collecting data.

3. The third step is to develop a plan or strategy to address the problem. This involves breaking down the problem into smaller, manageable tasks and determining the sequence of actions.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves executing the tasks and monitoring progress to ensure that the plan is being followed.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves comparing the actual outcomes with the expected results and identifying any areas for improvement.

6. The sixth step is to communicate the findings. This involves sharing the results with the relevant stakeholders and providing recommendations for future actions.

7. The seventh step is to reflect on the process. This involves considering what worked well, what challenges were encountered, and how the process can be improved for future tasks.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.



To

The Dist. Ingr.

South Arcot.

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 16 June 1874. No. 1697

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