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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd March 1874.*

No. 14. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) dated Fort William, 24th January 1874, No. 5:—

Powers of Executive Engineers to make deviations from sanctioned designs.

Read again:—

Circular No. 34, dated 12th July 1871.

RESOLUTION.—It has come to the knowledge of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council that the certificate and statement prescribed in the above Circular have been in some Provinces applied to such very trifling and insignificant cases that their object has evidently been misunderstood.

2. In Public Works Code, Chapter III., Section iii., paragraph 15, it is laid down that Executive Engineers are strictly prohibited from making or permitting any deviation from any sanctioned design; and the statement prescribed in Circular No. 34 of 1871, while it in no way dispensed with or modified the necessity for submitting for specific sanction all proposals for alterations from designs, was mainly intended to ensure the systematic report to Superintending Engineers in a condensed form of all such deviations which require to be reported, and thus, to a certain extent, to obviate the mischief which had been found to arise from delay in submitting the more specific and full reports.

3. But it was never intended that any alterations from an original design should be reported to Superintending Engineers which, from their insignificance, could not be held to require any notice at all. And to prevent further misconception, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council desires that the following alterations may be made in the rules:—

In the Public Works Code, Chapter III., Section iii., paragraph 15, for the word “deviation” substitute “except trifling deviations,” and in the certificate, between the words “exceptions” and “detailed,” interpolate “of trivial cases and those.”

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to all local Governments and Administrations, in the General and Irrigation Branches, and officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, in the General and Irrigation Branches.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Oudh, British Burmah, and Mysore and Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
Inspector-General of Military Works.
Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 528.

ACCOUNT, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers in continuation of G. O., No. 2,049, dated 9th August 1871. An extract of the portion of the Government of India Code is appended for information.

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2nd March 1871.*

2. Chapter III., Section iii., paragraph 15, of Government of India Code,
"Executive Engineers are strictly prohibited from commencing the construction of
any work, or laying out public funds on any account, without the sanction of
competent authority; also from making or permitting any deviation from any
sanctioned design in the course of its execution, unless under specific authority,
or in case of emergency, when the change should be forthwith reported to the
Superintending Engineers; and all unauthorized expenditure will be considered to
be incurred at their own personal risk."

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.

.. Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Kennedy.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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The party hereto describing
certain alterations to be
made in Chapter III,
Section III, para 15 of the
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Certificate ~~prescribed~~
prescribed in Cir. No. 34 of
1871 regarding deviations
from sanctioned designs,
Circ. to District Engineers.