

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
14th April 1875.*

No. 330. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 15th March 1875, No. 5,139:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O., of the 11th March 1875, No. 85, and to request the following circumstances may be submitted for the consideration of the Government.

2. At present there are no Executive Engineers at all in this district, only one Assistant Engineer, one Sub-Engineer, and one Supervisor, whereas formerly three Executive Engineers were allowed besides the usual number of Upper Subordinates. On Lieutenant Greer obtaining an exchange the officer who took his place was sent to another district.

3. Formerly the arrangements here were to have an Overseer for the Madura taluq and one for the Palace and town works. I have arranged for one man to do both these duties with the assistance of a Local Fund Overseer, but with both these fully employed in the Ramnad and Shevagunga Zemindaries, I have no means of assisting the Madura Overseer, and there yet remains the Meylur taluq with only one Imperial Fund Overseer in it. Under these circumstances, I addressed the President to obtain the services of another Local Fund Overseer, and the Madura Board fully supported my application as they are well aware of the wants of the district, I trusted this would have been favorably considered by the Government.

4. The extra Overseer for general duties cannot always be available for the Madura and Meylur taluqs, where the additional assistance is required, and now by Mr. Hawksworth's transfer without any one being sent to relieve him, I am obliged to place an Overseer in charge of a large sub-division and take this man away from Madura to do his best in Pereacolum, though he has had little or no experience in the department for all practical purposes. The Overseer employed at Paumben is of no use to the district for the general duties of a taluq; he must remain at his work, for he could not reach any parts of the district to be of any use in time without neglecting the important work he has in hand.

5. I am most anxious not to increase the cost of establishment in this district before the works are sufficiently well in hand to show fair progress, but the means allowed me are so totally inadequate for any useful purpose I trust the Government will be pleased to reconsider this matter, as I am sure the grants cannot be usefully employed without an increase of supervision, and as it is I find money has been spent for a long time for which it could be difficult, if not impossible, to show any useful work. I wish, then, to prevent matters getting worse, and clear up arrears, but this is hardly possible in one of the largest districts of the Presidency without one officer of any standing to assist me and with a staff of Upper Subordinates who do not appear to have had any very good training, and excepting two or three of the Overseers these even require to be taught the elementary working of the department.

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No. 331.

ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1875, No. 1,018.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has in another order posted Major Law to the vacant post of Special

Officer attached to the Madura District, with reference especially to the work of laying out approaches to the Pulney Hills, but his services will also be available for any duty of a similar nature for which his peculiar experience may fit him.

2. The full complement of the District Engineering staff will be made up by the posting of Mr. L. W. Paynter to the district on his return from furlough; when the District Engineer will re-arrange the charges so that the ranges and sub-divisions shall be held by officers of the Engineer and Upper Subordinate Establishments respectively.

3. The District Engineer does not appear to have laid the requirements of the district clearly before Government as regards Overseers and Sub-Overseers, and will submit a tabular form showing the allotment of Upper and Lower Subordinates to each taluq.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.

Madura.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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*Public Works Department*

*Notification*

*Mr. L. W. Paynter, Executive  
Engineer of the third grade, Subsidiary  
leave for not more than thirty days,  
up to date of joining his appointment  
in the Madura District*

*by. 25/6/75*

28. June 1875.

Public Works Department

## Notification

Mr. L. W. Paynter, Executive  
Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> grade having reported his  
return to duty is posted to the Madras  
District.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.  
 „ „ Madura.  
 „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin  
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N<sup>o</sup> 5139

District Engineer's Office  
Madras 15<sup>th</sup> March 1875

From

To

Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Fischer R.E.  
District Engineer Madras

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.  
Secretary to Government  
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Your most obedt Servt  
Wm. T. Tucker <sup>Leath</sup>  
District Engineer Madras

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

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The full complement of the District Engineering Staff

D. W. 1875 d/15/1875

No. 1818

The District Engineer

Madras

To

The Secretary to

Government

G. O. No. 1875. 14. 4. 75

Dated 15th March 1875

Recd. 19th —

No. 5139.

Reports regarding

the waterworks at Pulney

— and the new line

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The District Engineer

" " Madras ✓  
Comd: P. W. G. ✓

dispd - 20-4-75

W. W. G.

1875  
Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

17A  
Mr. Seymour  
Technopol.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1875, No. 1018

Nos. 320. 321.

Re-establishment. Papering  
Orders in letter from the  
Supt., Madras, ~~applying~~  
for bringing to notice  
the requirements of the  
executive branch of the  
S. and applying for  
adv. aid.