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Govt. of 1875: *Aladias*
PUBLIC WORKS.

To 

The Chief Engineer

Under

By

For

10. Feb 1875. No 342

Nos. 174-177.

Public Works operations

The Public Works -

Issuing orders on letter
for the S. Engineer
reporting on the remarks
of the Collector in his
Report on the operations
of the P. W. Dept for
1873 74

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th February 1875.*

Read the following papers —

No 174 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No 2,782, dated 28th September 1874, recorded in Public Works G. O., No. 2,911-A, dated 12th October 1874.

No 175 From Major J. N HUNTER, R E, District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Sunkerrydroog, 29th October 1874, No 143

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G O, No 2,911-A, dated 12th October 1874, directing me to report on the remarks of the Collector, Mr. Price, in his letter to the Board of Revenue, dated Madagiri, 4th June 1874

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He should have added that, owing to the damage done to all the irrigation works in the district by the cyclone of May 1872, a great deal of money was spent on irrigation repairs in that year which would not have been allowed in any other, as money was spent without estimate and without sanction in order to save the revenue

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* No 176, dated 25th February 1874 have been utilized but for an order* of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation stopping all further expenditure on Minor New Works as the allotment for the year was exhausted.

4 It remains only then for me to show why the grants for these works were surrendered.

In the early part of the year the Chief Engineer for Irrigation visited the district and, on going into the estimates for these two tanks, which were made long ago, desired that the estimates should be revised and that no expenditure should take place upon them till the revised estimates were sanctioned.

5 I must here, again, notice that the Salem Range had been almost wrecked by the cyclone of 1872, that work had been done in the previous year without estimate or sanction, that there were still a number of estimates sanctioned for Repairs Irrigation, all of which, as well as the work of last year, required inspection by the Range Officer for completion, certificate that the range is an unusually large one, and had hitherto been in charge of two officers, Mr Lawford and Mr. Hawksworth.

In the year under review there was only one officer, Mr. Turner, and I think it would have been only fair if Mr Price, when commenting so hardly on the work in the range, had said that Mr Turner was constantly sick, and had twice to go away on sick leave Under these circumstances, with a range under-officered, a sick man in charge, and a large legacy of unchecked works from 1872, I was not sorry to defer these works till they could be taken up properly. The

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revision of the estimates involves a good deal of preliminary surveying and leveling, and there was nobody available to do this, as the district has never had its proper strength of officers and subordinates; and I would here beg attention to G. O., No. 2,387, dated 29th September 1873, desiring that the consideration of new projects may be deferred for a time in the Salem Range. Since Mr. Turner's return I have been able to get the extra officer allowed for the district; the Chinnakistnapuram estimate is now nearly ready, and the Valiyana lary revised estimate I hope to get ready shortly, as great progress has now been made in clearing off the old works in the Ahtur and Namkul Taluqs.

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He says that the estimate for No. 5 was sanctioned in 1871; during 1872-73, under the Superintending Engineer, no expenditure was incurred, because, I conclude, the estimate was inadequate. Since then a revised estimate has been made, and work nearly completed. It was commenced in anticipation of sanction to prevent another irrigation season slipping away.

No. 6 is completed.

7. In speaking of the Sumpago tank Mr. Price cannot understand that work done in that year could not be paid for till the next, and yet the explanation is simple. Further expenditure on Repairs

* No 98, dated 28th January 1874
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8. In paragraph 4 Mr. Price turns to buildings, and commences with the Huzoor Cutcherry.

On this work Rupees 5,637 were utilized out of an allotment of Rupees 6,000, though the revised estimate was only sanctioned in G. O., No. 359-B of 13th February 1874. This revised estimate provided radical changes in the original design, for instance, the Head Assistant's room, instead of being an upper storey, is put on the ground floor. Mr. Price was told in a letter from this office, No. 137 of the 24th January 1874, that the revised estimate was before the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings, and that the work could not be pushed on till the sanction of Government was obtained; but he omits all notice of this in his Report.

9. The Ahtur Cutcherry has been in our hands lately for work not provided in the estimate, such as honeycomb work, deepening the well, etc.

10. With the Namkul Cutcherry and Jail work Mr. Price expresses himself as satisfied.

11. He now takes the case of a latrine of which part fell when building, and if anything were wanted to show the spirit that animates Mr. Price's Report we have it here. The latrine in question has mud walls. During construction

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a part of it fell during heavy rain, owing to the roof not being finished. It was made good within the estimate and is now completed.

12. The next item is the Salem graveyard. This is only a revival, as the matter has been already explained in letter No. 96, dated 12th August 1874. Funds were to be provided later in the year, though the estimate was sanctioned earlier. Funds were put at my disposal in Memorandum No. 126, dated 20th February 1874, which reached me at Tripatore on the 23rd, so that there was only one month, and that the last in the year available for this work.

13. In reviewing the work on the chuttrums, Mr. Price seems to admit that it is good.

14. In paragraph 7 Mr. Price goes into the matter of Taluq Cutcheries. All the estimates have had to be revised with reference to the new standard plan providing verandahs. That for Omalore has been sent, that for Darampoory is now under examination in this office, that for Kistnagherry is expected daily.

15. I now trust that Government will see that there is no reason for Mr. Price's strictures. It is just a repetition of his report on the roads. The whole of his remarks are directed at the Salem Range, where it is certain that, owing to the ill-health of the Range officer, inspections have not been so frequent as they should have been, but throughout the district the work has been good, and the allotments have been fully utilized. I think that Government will see that Mr. Price is determined to "extenuate nothing," while his feeling towards this Department may be gathered from his former correspondence.

No 176. From the same Officer, dated 10th November 1874, No 150

No 177. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1875, No 342

ESTABLISHMENT, No 13

THE subject first discussed in these papers is the outlay on Irrigation Works; Rupees 2,095 only out of Rupees 11,713

have been spent on New Works, and Rupees 30,952, out of Rupees 31,000, on Repairs. It is shown on both sides that the short expenditure on New Works is entirely owing to the stoppage of the works of the Valayamadavy and Chinnakistnapuram tanks, by order of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, pending revision of the estimates; which revision the District Engineer states to have been unavoidably delayed by the sickness of the Salem Range Officer and the want of the full complement of officers for the district. His Excellency in Council accepts the District Engineer's explanation as on the whole satisfactory. The Government must observe that while it is the duty of a Collector to afford (as Mr. Price has done) full information as to the progress and condition of public works in his district, and to bring to notice any circumstances which he may consider prejudicial in this respect to the public interest, he is not entitled to pass censure (as in paragraph 3 of his letter) upon the conduct of officers of the Public Works Department.

2. The Irrigation Repair allotment was worked up to, but that allotment was Rupees 22,000 below the ordinary annual allotment for the district, which is Rupees 53,000, in accordance with the final adjustment made by the Chief Engineer

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for Irrigation It is observed from the return of the current year that up to date the average of last year has barely been exceeded. The Salem Range Officer has been long absent again on sick leave; but the staff of the district is known, being now complete it may be expected that better progress will be shown for the whole twelvemonth than in the past. The detailed explanation given by the District Engineer on the subject of certain repair works specified by the Collector, and also of certain building operations in progress, are satisfactory; and His Excellency in Council must observe that the latter should have informed himself more fully on certain points which he has brought to notice.

3. Of the requirements of the district it is observed that for the present, by G. O., No 2,337, of 29th September 1873, all new Irrigation Projects not already sanctioned for execution are to be held in abeyance. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will, however, take into consideration the subject of improvements to the Cauvery channels while inspecting the district in the current season, when the Collector will have an opportunity of discussing it with him personally. In the matter of buildings the wants of the district are recorded in the list printed with G. O., No 1,691, of 24th June 1874, and they will be planned and estimated for, and sanctioned in the relative order assigned them therein. It is remarked that for want of previous determination of the question of its site the plans and estimates of the Dharampuram Cutcherry have been delayed for revision. This is a matter which should always engage the attention of Collectors, and be settled immediately on their receiving permission to call for plans and estimates, and District Engineers should not commence the preparation of the latter till the point has been authoritatively settled.

4. It is observed, in conclusion, that the District Engineer is expected himself to take an active part in the investigation of all projects, and in the preparation or revision of all their details; for which purpose, and for the efficient supervision of his Executive Officers and subordinates, it is absolutely necessary that he should make continuous and protracted tours in the several ranges of his district. The Government are not in possession of information regarding his movements, but the correspondence that has come before them affords some reason to believe that these tours are not as systematically conducted as they should be; and that an undue proportion of Major Hunter's time is spent at Yercaud which, and not Salem, is thus made practically his head quarters. Should this be the case it is inevitable that shortcomings in the work of his district should be set down against him, as preventable in great measure by the exercise of more activity on his part.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
To District Engineers
To the Board of Revenue

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N^o 150-

District Engineer's Office,
Salem 10th November 1874

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

On reconsideration of my
letter N^o 143 of 29th October 1874,
I have the honor to request
that I may be allowed to com-
= cel the final paragraph N^o 16.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant.
J. Walker. Major R.E.
District Engineer.

District Engineer's Office,
Camp Smithy, 29th October 1894.

From

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To

The Secretary to Government,
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I have the honor to acknowledge
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The Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W.

Dated 11th October 1894
Recd 12th 1894

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Requesting that the
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in the letter No. 143

of 29th October 1894

from this office may
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* No. 176 dated 25-5-1884

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.
J. L. Hunter Major R.E.,
District Engineer, Salem.

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The Chief Engineer D.P.W.
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The District Engineer
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The Chief of Dept
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Order 27th
Recd: 21st Dec. 1874.
J. P. W.

Reporting on the per-
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of the Dept. of Public
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of Revenue, reporting
on the operations of
the S. P. W. Dept. of
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J. P. W. 24th Dec. 1874.

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G. Walker (C. L. E.)
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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The final allotment was fixed by the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation in January with reference to progress
made comparatively with other Districts. The District
Engineer may therefore be credited with a probable
outlay of Rs 5,000 more than in accordance with
the final amount made of the Ch. Eng. for Irrigation
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Rs 3,657 1/2 a month for the first 8 months of the
year

than that actually reached owing to reduction of the
Grant. This still leaves Rs 17,000 under the mark;
and it is observed from the Returns of the current
Year that up to date the average of last year has
barely been exceeded. The Salim Range Officer has
it is known, been long absent again on sick leave;
but the staff of the District being now complete, it may be ex-
pected that better progress will be shown for the whole twelve months
than in the past. H

It is observed that the
detailed explanations
given by the District
Engineer on the subject
of certain Repair works
specified by the collector
are satisfactory and

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observed of the explana-
tions given as to the

Building operations in
progress, the remarks
regarding which appear
to have been ironical
in some instances, and
offered in a carping
spirit generally. Of
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District, it is observed,
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The latter of them are
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fully on certain points
but he has brot
nothing.

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September 1873 all new
Irrigation Projects not
already sanctioned for
execution are to be held
in abeyance. The Chief
Engineer for Irrigation
will however take into
consideration the subject
of improvements to the
Canary Channels, while
inspecting the District
in the current season;
when the collector will
have an opportunity of
discussing it with him
personally. In the matter
of Buildings the wants
of

of the District are recorded
in the List printed with
G.O. No. 1691 of 24 June 74
and they will be planned,
and estimated for, and
sanctioned in the relative
order assigned them
therein. It is remarked
that for want of time
no determination of the
position of its site the
Plans and Estimates of
the Dharampur and
Leitcherry have been
delayed for revision.
This is a matter which
should always engage
the attention of Collectors
and be settled im-

mediately

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immediately on their
receiving permission to
call for Plans and Es-
timates; and District
Engineers should not
commence the prepara-
tion of the latter, till
the point has been
authoritatively settled.
It is observed,
in conclusion, that the
District Engineer is ex-
pected himself to take
an active part in the
investigation of all pro-
jects, and in the pre-
paration or revision of
all their details; for
which purpose, and
for

For the efficient supervision of his Executive Officers and Subordinates, it is absolutely necessary that he should make continuous and protracted tours in the several Ranges of his District. The Govt. are not in possession of information regarding his movements, but they have received a general impression from the correspondence that has come before them, that these tours are not as systematically conducted.

~~It is impossible~~
I myself believe that the following statement are well deserved, but it is impossible for the Govt. to deal with such matters. But the Ch. Secy. will keep himself well informed on the subject.

afford the reason
to believe

Conducted as they should be; and that an undue proportion of Major Hunter's time is spent at Yercaud which, and not Salem is thus made practically his Head Quarters. Should this be the case it is inevitable, that shortcomings in the work of his District, should be set down against him, as prevented in great measure by the exercise of more activity on his part. And this is the opinion of the Governor.

in Council, must insist,
that he shall abstain
from giving any just
cause for such reflections,
on his management, or
from setting an un-
worthy example to
those who are working
under him.

C.W.W.

This paper is in
accordance with
the order of
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P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

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Read the following:—

Pro: of the Board of Revenue No 2782 dated 28 Sept 1874
Recorded in P. W. D. No 2911 A dated 12 Oct 1874
From the District Magistrate Salem (No 143 dt 29 do do)
From the District Magistrate Salem (No 150 dt 10 Nov 1874)

The subject first
discussed in these papers
is the Britany in Irigalam
Banks; Rs 2095 only out of
Rs 11713 have been spent on
new banks and Rs 30952
out of Rs 31000 on repairs.
It is shown on both sides
that the short expenditure
on new banks is entirely owing
to the stoppage of the banks
of the Valayamadevi and
Chinnai Rietrapuram tanks
by order of the Chief Engineer.

in for Irrigation, pending revision
of the estimates; which re-
visions the District Engineer
states, to have been unavoid-
ably delayed by the sickness
of the Salem Range Officer,
and the want of the full
complement of Officers for
the District. His Excellency
has been able to accept the Dis-
trict Engineer's explanation

as on the whole satisfactory. The Government must ob-
serve that while it is the duty
2. The Irrigation Repair of a Collector to afford (as Mr.
Allotment was worked up (Price as done) full informa-
tion as to the progress and
to, but that allotment was a condition of Public Works
Rs 22000 below the ordinary in his District, and to bring
Annual Allotment for the District which is Rs 53000
in accordance with the final adjustment made
by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. It is observed
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be expected that better
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than in the past. The
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in progress, are satisfactory,
and His Excellency and
Council must observe
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order assigned them therein.
It is recommended that for want
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question of the rate of the proposed
and estimated of the Khairpur
purging, the necessary work has been
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Y.M.

To the Chief Engineer for S.W. ✓
District Engineers ✓
The Board of Revenue ✓
Secy. 9/2/75.

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