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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following :—

No. 397. Memorandum by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 5th February 1877, No. 241 A.

No. 397-A. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1877, No. 523.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

WITH a view to facilitate the transaction of business, other than Accounts, in the Public Works Department, His Grace

the Governor in Council has directed the division of the work as follows :—

1st.—General, including Establishment,

2nd.—Irrigation.

3rd.—Roads and Buildings.

4th.—Railways.

2. The 1st division or branch will always be in charge of the senior Chief Engineer, and at present the 1st and 2nd Branches will be in charge of the Chief Engineer and Secretary, who will transact the business of the 1st branch as Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and of the 2nd as Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Roads and Buildings Branch and the Railway Branch will be in charge of the Chief Engineer of the former and Joint Secretary, and of the Consulting Engineer for the latter and Joint Secretary respectively.

3. The Chief Engineers and the Consulting Engineer will each, on his own responsibility, transact the business of his own branch, including the laying of papers before Government in his capacity of Secretary or Joint Secretary, except that on all general questions, and in all questions relating to Establishment the concurrence or opinion of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, will be requisite to the disposal of papers appertaining to the branches not presided over by him.

4. The following are the subjects dealt with in the Irrigation and Roads and Buildings Branches respectively; the work belonging to the other branches does not need description :—

Irrigation.

1. Irrigation.
2. Navigation when connected with Irrigation or with an Irrigation system.
3. Town water-supply do. do.

Roads and Buildings.

1. Roads.
2. Buildings.
3. Ports and Harbours.
4. Telegraphs.
5. Navigation Canals, tidal.
6. Town water-supply unconnected with Irrigation.
7. Miscellaneous.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1877. No. 523.

5. Officers of the department and other departments will address their communications accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Consulting Architect.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.
„ Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
„ Public, &c., Departments.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Military Department.

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Memorandum.

I quite agree with
which is what was
proposed before the
Director's report
from the Chief Engineer
has been received —
I should however be
somewhat further
& let the Chief Engineer
bring his work before
the Director's report
on the subject.

The following pro-
posals to facilitate the
disposal of business in
the Public Works Office
are submitted for the
consideration of govern-
ment, and it is hoped
that these, or such modi-
fication of them as govern-
ment may think necessa-
ry, will be allowed to be
at once introduced be-
cause otherwise it will,
it is believed, be im-
practicable to prevent
the further accumula-
tion of undispensed of
papers in the Irrigation
Branch of the Department.

1. The Chief Engineer of each branch of the Department will be solely responsible for the proper management of the work of that branch.

2. Matters affecting both branches to be disposed of by the Chief Engineers in consultation.

3. The Secretary and the Joint Secretary will each lay before Government the papers belonging solely to his own branch, and the disposals proposed by the Joint Secretary will therefore no longer be initialled by the Secretary, unless they involve questions requiring the concurrence of the Secretary or of the Chief Engineer. P.H.

It seems unlikely that the Chief Engineer of another department should go through the paper submitted by the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works.

Secretary
Joint Secretary
at present
The papers
a question of
validity
P.H.

Senior Council
P.H.

4. Papers belonging to the Roads and Buildings Branch ordered or requiring to be considered in Council to be brought up by the Joint Secretary. Generally the Secretary will be present when the Joint Secretary is laying papers before Council.

5. The Chief Engineer P.H. Dept. and Secretary to dispose of all papers relating to

1. Establishment and General Control.
2. Irrigation.
3. Navigation when connected with Irrigation or with an Irrigation System.
4. Town Water Supply - do do.
5. General Questions.

The Chief Engineer, Roads
and Buildings Branch, and
Joint Secretary to dispose
of all the rest of the work
any.

1. Roads
2. Buildings
3. Railway business
4. Ports and Harbours
5. Telegraphs
6. Navigation Canals. tidal.
7. Town Water Supply uncom-
municated with Irrigation.
8. Miscellaneous.

The late Chief Engineer
and Secretary, General
Walker, agrees with the
view expressed that it is
very undesirable that
papers prepared for dis-
posal by the Joint Secre-
tary should continue
to pass through the hands

The Consulting Engineer
Roads and Buildings
Branch
R. W. St. John

Lanyon

of the Secretary and he
further thinks that the
work of the Irrigation
Branch is too heavy to
admit of the Secretary
continuing the practice
which has prevailed hitherto.

Apart from the fact
that the Secretary's opinion
on most matters relating
to the Roads and Buildings
Branch would be of no
greater, and possibly of
less, value than that of the
Chief Engineer of that Branch
and Joint Secretary, it is
practically impossible
for the former Officer to
give such attention to the
papers of the general branch
as would warrant his
affixing his initials thereto,
without neglecting the work
of his own branch.

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At present the Secretary
 is doing, or rather vainly
 attempting to do, the work
 which has been done
 by General Walker and
 by himself hitherto, and
 it is submitted that it
 is not to the interest of
 the Public Service that
 this arrangement should
 continue a day longer
 than is really unavoid-
 able.

Wm. L. G. L. G.
 Secy to Genl. Ord.
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W. L. G.

It is suggested that
 the work of the
 Secretary should be
 divided into two
 parts, one of which
 should be assigned to
 a subordinate.

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This arrangement to
Come into force at once
or directly the warrant
appointing Colonel Farewell
to act as Joint Secretary
is signed.

by G. P.

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~~Control~~

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Roads & Building

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7. Miscellaneous

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Com. Surveyor ✓
C. E. for ✓
Com. Architect ✓
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