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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

19th March 1878, No. 1,401 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 277. From Major H. W. WOOD, R.E., District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 9th March 1878, No. 2,751.

With reference to O.G., dated 1st March 1878, No. 1,050 W, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. You are aware that since the 11th August 1877, when Captain Lever was relieved of the charge of the Jeypore Range of this district, Mr. DeMorgan has had charge of that range as well as of the Vizianagram Range. The duties of this officer have, therefore, been very largely added to, while his experience in the Public Works Department has not been sufficient to allow of his performing such extra work with efficiency.

3. A great stumbling-block in the way of the execution of works in the Vizianagram and Jeypore Ranges is, as I venture to submit, the small number of Imperial Overseers, there being one only nominally allowed for each range, while actually Jeypore has not possessed one since Serjeant Bennett was dismissed for incompetency in April 1877.

4. As regards subordinates of a lower grade than Overseer, I regret to say there is not one fit to be entrusted with public funds. At the present moment, excepting the two Overseers in the Golgondah Range and the one on the ghauts, the Sub-Overseer in Waltair alone has an impest; but a recent examination of his accounts has disclosed a state of things which shows that he too is entirely unfitted for the charge of money.

5. At the present moment the following vacancies exist in this district:—

One Overseer (Imperial).

One Sub-Overseer, 1st Grade (Local Fund).

Three Sub-Overseers, 3rd Grade (Local Fund).

I have been doing my best to procure trustworthy people to fill these posts, but without success. Vizagapatam being an out-of-the-way and distant district, before reaching which every man worth employing who is seeking a post has been intercepted and provided for. Under these circumstances, unless work is to stop altogether, I am compelled to carry on with such Sub-Overseers as remain.

6. The result of the double work which Mr. DeMorgan is doing and which entails his travelling through two ranges, added to the inefficiency of the Sub-Overseer at Waltair, who delays the submission of his accounts, has been that, in addition to minor shortcomings, funds for the payment of labor and materials are procurable only with difficulty and after procrastination for the Vizagapatam Jail and other works in charge of this Overseer. Some little friction also results from the employment of convicts on the Vizagapatam Jail buildings; but the chief causes of delay are doubtless due to insufficiency and inefficiency of establishment.

7. As regards the Parvatipore Jail, there being no single subordinate on the fixed establishment, Mr. DeMorgan pays the work-people and suppliers of materials

himself on his comparatively frequent tours through the Jeypore Range, only after measuring up and inspecting the different works in progress. The Temporary Maistry who is in charge during Mr. DeMorgan's absence is paid on a *percentage* of five *per cent.* on the value of the work done. This course of proceeding was adopted by me in order to put a stop to the great waste of public money which formerly went on when fixed salaries were disbursed to Maistries or Temporary Overseers, and when long nominal labor rolls amounting to hundreds of rupees were presented for payment, while no work bearing any reasonable proportion to the expenditure that had been incurred was forthcoming. One might indeed have very strong suspicions of the correctness of such labor rolls; but practically the money had to be paid without any regard being had to what might subsequently become of it.

8. At Parvatipore, too, there is a difficulty about procuring carriage owing to the competition of grain and salt merchants. The Public Works Department having no trustworthy subordinate or indeed *employe* of any sort with local influence, the result is that much difficulty has taken place in procuring stone, which has to be carted a distance of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and which is the only material (except lime) that is at present required for the works.

9. I am aware that the state of matters obtaining in this district might *prima facie* be thought discreditable to the Public Works Department, but I hope it will be considered how undermanned we are. If I have not previously submitted what I deem to be our requirements in a sufficiently decided manner, it is because the Gazette twice contained appointments to this district, which were subsequently cancelled. Moreover I knew that the demands of a great portion of the Madras Presidency have been until lately of infinitely greater urgency than those even of Vizagapatam. However, I beg to express a hope that an officer will soon be sent to take over charge of the Jeypore Range, while the transfer of a really efficient Irrigation Overseer for employ in the Golgondah Range might enable me to send one of those now in that range to Jeypore.

No. 278.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1878, No. 1,401 W.

THE strength of the Vizagapatam District Establishment has recently been augmented by the posting of Mr. J. Brown, Executive Engineer, 4th Grade, and Mr. T. Pouracres, Sub-Engineer, 1st Grade, both available for range charge if necessary. The District Engineer should therefore use his best endeavours to make satisfactory progress with the buildings mentioned by the Inspector-General of Jails in his letter No. 11, dated 6th February 1878.

2. It is observed that Lieutenant-Colonel Tennant proposes that the building of the Hospital Assistant's quarters at Vizagapatam should be carried out departmentally under the professional advice of the District Engineer. If Major Wood is unable to make any better arrangement, the Inspector-General's proposal should be adopted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel. R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Judicial Department.

Encl. T. D. Ryan.
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ENGINEER AND ARCHT.
CIVIL WORKS.

Sept. 11 1878 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

DISTRICT ENGINEER
MADRAS.

N^o 2751 District Engineer's Office
Waltair 9th March 1878

From The District Engineer
Vizianagaram 1401

To The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras.

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Your most Obedt. Servt.

Wm. M. M. & Major R. B.

District Engineer, Vizagapatam

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General
From
The District Engineer
Vizagapatam

To
The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras

N. 2751

Dated 9th March 1878

No. of Enclosures. none

Jails at Vizagapatam
and Parvatipore

Reporting on the slow
progress with the improvements
to the — based on the insuffi-
ciency and inefficiency of
subordinates in the District.

Rs 1050 M. of 1-3-78
to 18-1-77
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	Amount of Bte.	Account 1877/78		Grant 1878/79	140 3
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1. Enlarging new Jail at Vizagapatam	23,300	18,000	2000	5000	
2. Alterations to the Hill Jail at Parvatipore	12,270	8000	1500	5000	
3. Building to accom- modate one head warder and 5 Warders attached to the Hill Jail at Do.	1500	1500	"	"	
4. Quarters for Hospital at Vizagapatam	1395	1395	1395	"	

R. J.
15/3/78

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L. W. A. S.
No. 1401 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th March 1878
Read the following:— 1401/9

From the District Engineer, Vizagapatam (H.E. No. 2751 of 9 March 1878)

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W.H.
15.3.78
E.C.F.

W.E. Vizagapatam
Jno. W. W. W.
Dated 27.3.78

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To
The N. S. Vijayapattam

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G. O. 19 Mar 1878, No. 1481 W

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