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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1878, No. 3,763 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 277. Telegram from Colonel W. T. F. FAREWELL, Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated 3rd August 1878.

WANTED forthwith Officer for Vizagapatam. DeMorgan unfit. Maclean, Cuddapah, extra recommended. One other Supervisor; Mathews, Cuddapah, good. With these, extra establishment sufficient for present.

No. 277-A. From Colonel W. T. F. FAREWELL, Deputy Chief Engineer and Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vizianagram, 10th August 1878.

IN reply to your telegram of the 3rd August and with reference to my own telegram on the same subject and date, I have the honor to report that, in communication with the District Engineer, Vizagapatam, I have carefully inquired into the present condition of the Engineering and Subordinate Establishment of his district.

2. The list enclosed shows in black ink the strength of the establishment as it is, and the proposed temporary increase (entered in red ink) now very much wanted to allow of the thorough expenditure of the budget grants for 1878-79, and to admit of prompt payments so very necessary in these times of high prices to meet the immediate wants of the laborers of the district.

3. The District Engineer tells me it is next to impossible locally to obtain respectable and competent persons to fill any but the lowest posts in the department, i.e., those of Sub-Overseers; and even for this grade he has at the present moment five vacancies, and it is with the utmost difficulty that suitable candidates for this position can be had. Such persons as a matter of course must be provided locally, the salaries being too low to attract them from other districts, and therefore no aid can be given in this direction from head-quarters.

4. The district contains three divisions, viz., Golconda, Vizianagram, and Jeypore. The most important being that of Golconda, which consists of two Government taluks with an area of 1,200 square miles, in which several irrigation works have to be attended to, and two Zemindari taluks of an area of 850 square miles, the roads in which are kept in repair by the Public Works Department. The Divisional Officer, Mr. Sub-Engineer Seton, is an intelligent upper subordinate, and works fairly; during the past year he suffered severe domestic afflictions, which have tended to make him less useful than usual. The District Engineer notes his improved energy of late, and he will no doubt work his division more satisfactorily hereafter. He is assisted by two Imperial Overseers, three Local Fund Sub-Overseers; two of the latter, however, are still to be supplied to him; these the District Engineer hopes soon to be able to arrange for.

4. To this division is also attached the Neeranikura Establishment entered in the list. In order to strengthen the Divisional Officer's hands it is proposed that one of the Zemindari taluks of this range with an area of 400 square miles be temporarily removed from his immediate charge and arranged for as proposed in another paragraph of this letter.

5. The Vizianagram Division contains seven Zemindari taluks and two Military stations, with an area of 2,190 square miles; though the number of works in it in comparison to most of the divisions in the south are small, the distance to be travelled over is very great. The Divisional Officer, Mr. DeMorgan, an Assistant Engineer of four years' standing, has proved himself to be quite unequal to the charge. He was formerly employed in the Salem District, where he tells me he received no help or instruction whatever in his duties as a Divisional Officer, which is fully borne out by the utter want of system in all he does in his present charge. While at Vizagapatam complaints were made to me by workmen that wages due to them so far back as March last were still unadjusted; this matter I instructed the District Engineer at once to attend to. The District Engineer submitted for my inspection a list of numerous memoranda he had been compelled to address to Mr. DeMorgan; several of them I called for and read; most of them contained detailed instructions, but these the District Engineer informed me produced no good effect as they received but little attention. When Mr. DeMorgan is directed to do any special work the District Engineer says he shows no want of professional ability and completes such work satisfactorily. It is in carrying out the general duties of a Divisional Officer that his utter failure is most marked. I have spoken to him most seriously on the subject; he frankly confesses his faults and attributes them to want of systematic instruction in his first district and ignorance of the language of the people. Having in a measure obtained some little experience in this district, I think it would be a pity to remove him from it, and I believe that if he is posted to the Jeypore Division, one of much less importance than his present one, and removed from the attractions of the Military Cantonments of Vizianagram and Waltair, he will in all probability turn over a new leaf, learn the language of the district, and carry out the few works he will have in his charge there with closer attention, more systematically, and with greater credit to himself than he has hitherto acquired.

6. I have already recommended that Mr. Assistant Engineer A. D. Maclean be posted to the Vizianagram Range, *vice* Mr. DeMorgan to be provided for as noted above; and in order to reduce the charge to within more workable limits, with the concurrence of the District Engineer, I propose that, as a temporary measure, the Vizagapatam Taluk, with an area of 200 square miles in which the Military Cantonment of Waltair is situated, should be removed from the Range, and with the taluk of Ankapilly noted in paragraph 8 of this letter formed into a separate temporary charge, the accounts of each taluk being submitted as sub-divisional accounts to the divisions they have hitherto belonged to, and thus necessitate no complications with the Examiner. For this sub-division I recommend Mr. Supervisor Mathews, A.C.E., B.C.E.; for reasons mentioned in my letter dated 3rd August 1878. If his services cannot be obtained an Assistant Engineer or good upper subordinate should be sent as early as practicable to take up the sub-division.

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9. The two First-Grade Overseers alluded to in my letter, dated 3rd August 1878, I hope to be able to obtain for Major Wood from other districts. They are Local Fund Overseers, and have already been sanctioned though not yet entertained, as suitable candidates have not been procurable locally.

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1878, No. 3,763 W.

RECORDED, the staff having been sufficiently strengthened.

(True Extract.)

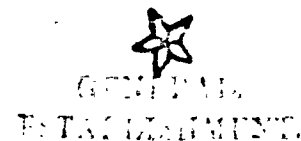
(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
" District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.

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SEPTEMBER
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Enclos. to No. 1014 of 3 Aug 1878
from D. E. Vizagapatnam to D.
Chief Eng. P. W. Department

Distribution of Establishment

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Name	Rank	Rate of Salary	Allotment for 1878-79	How Employed	Remarks
Major H. W. Wood R.E.	District Engineer	1260-14-00		In charge of District	
<u>Office Establishment</u>					
C. Varda Row	Head Clerk	70-11-00			on leave
R. Sreenavasa Row	Draftsman and Estimator	65-11-00			
P. Divasikhamany	Accountant	40-11-00			
Mr. J. G. Barnett	Writer	30-11-00			
Mr. J. Venkatachellum	do	25-11-00			
Vacant	Copyist	20-11-00			
M. Chendriah	Quartermaster	15-11-00			
J. Gomannah	do	12-11-00			
G. Appadoo	Moskee	10-11-00			
1. Head Peon		8-11-00			
6. Peons	Each	7-11-00			
Conductor C. Seton	Sub Engineer 3 ^d Grade	250-11-00		In charge of Hyderabad Division	
<u>Office Establishment</u>					
Vacant	Head Accountant	50-11-00			
R. Narsimah Row	Draftsman and Estimator	40-11-00			
M. Narsimham	Second Accountant	25-11-00			
3 Lascars	Each	7-11-00			
C. Ramannah Pantulu	Overseer 3 ^d Grade	60-11-00			
G. Appalamorthy	Writer	15-11-00			
2. Lascars	Each	8-11-00			
					Ninety miles of Roads, Tanks & Channels in the Surra-Siddi Taluk Buildings, &c

Name	Rank	Rate of Salary	allotment for 1878-79	How employed	Remarks
Pirak T. Reardon	overseer 3 ^d Grade	60-0-0	4,915.8	70 miles of roads tank & channels in the Hyderabad Family. Built by	
T. Ramachondrudoo	Writer	15-0-0			
2 Lascars each		6-0-0			
Hermitage Establishment					
Ramamoorthy	Clerk	12-0-0			
Gurannah	do	12-0-0			
Vencatareddy	do	12-0-0			
13 Lascars each		5-0-0			
10 do do		4-8-0			
Ch: Yetirajiah	L.F. Sub. overseer 3 ^d grade	20-0-0			
Vacant	do	20-0-0			
do	do	20-0-0			
Office Establishment					
W.C. DeMorgan Esq.	Asst Engineer, 3 ^d Grade,	350-0-0		Exchange of the Hyderabad Com. Division	
W. Gashachellum Naik	Asst Accountant	60-0-0			
Mr W. J. Smith	Draftsman and Estimator	40-0-0			

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P. Varhaloo	Second Accountant	30-0-0	3763 1/4		
R. Papiak	Writer	20-0-0			
3. Lascars each		7-0-0			
Mr. E. M. Gill	Overseer 3 ^d grade	60-0-0	60,742	100 miles roads built - ing - 3000 - apatam & Saltau	
N. Kambiah	Writer	15-0-0			
2. Lascars each		6-0-0			
M. Madhava Row	L.F. Sub. Overseer 1 st grade	60-0-0	60,742	N. Trunk Road in construction 90 miles roads built by	
M. Gurannah	do Writer	15-0-0			
1. Lascars		6-0-0			
R. Narayanasamy	L.F. Sub. Overseer 3 ^d grade	20-0-0			
Vacant	do do	20-0-0			
Mr. A. R. Pichow	L.F. Sub. Overseer 1 st grade	60-0-0	60,742	Bunkipatam under overseer Mr. Gill	
G. Vijayaragavachary	L.F. Writer	15-0-0			
1. Lascars		6-0-0			

Name	Rank	Rate of Salary	allotment for 1878-79	How employed	Remarks
M. J. Fouraces	Sub Engineer 1 st Grade	400--			In charge of the Junction 9th & 10th
Office Establishment					50 miles Road Buildings Personal Salaries, Bobs, & Expenses
B. Appalamasick	Head Accountant	50--			
R. Vankatarao	Draftsman & Estimator	40--			
T. Vankataswamy	Second Accountant	25--	26,901.		
3. Lancers	Each	7--			
Vacant	L. F. Sub. Overseer 1 st Grade	60--			
G. A. Gummaz	L. F. Writer	15--			
Vacant	L. F. Sub. Overseer 3 rd Grade	20--			
Mr. W. Gifford	Overseer	60--			Under Mr. Fouraces
P. H. Brown Esq.	En. Engineer 4 th Grade	600--			

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Proposed changes in Staff.

In para 5 Col. Farnwell proposes
the transfer of Mr. De Morgan from
the Virginian Division to the Japanese
Divⁿ.

In para 6 Mr. A.D. Maclean is
recommended for charge of the Virginian
Range.

Mr. W. Mathews^{BCE} recommended for
charge of a new Range comprising the
Virginian Range & Annapolis Saluzo -
if his services cannot be obtained an
Aptt. Engr. or good Upper subordinate
to be sent for charge of the sub Divⁿ.

In para 8 the employment of Supervisor
Venestramiah BA & B.C. in the Annapolis
Saluzo is proposed. He is to work under
the orders of the new sub Divⁿ Officer.

Two 1st Grade Overseers to be obtained
from other Districts by Sg C.E.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH. 127		Local No. 116
Class S.	FROM (Station) 376 ³ / ₈ Vijayapattanam	
TO (Station) OOTACAMOND	OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT	
Words. 28	Time (Standard time.) Day. 3 H. 12 M. 55	
TO (Person) Works	FROM (Person) Colonel Farewell	

Wanted	forthwith officer	
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From

Colonel Farewell

By Chief Engineer, and
Under Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.

To

Colonel E. A. Foord. P. E.

Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

Colonel
Camp - Vizianagaram
10th August 1878 - 3
By Chief Eng^r & Under Sec^y to
Govt. P.W. Department.

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From
M. G. Chief Engineer, U.S.
P. W. D.

To
The Chief Engineer &
Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Reports on the
Engineering Establishment
of the Vizagapatnam
District, and proposed
additions.

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For orders.

Telegram from the Deputy Chief Engineer
on Special duty at Vizagapatnam dated 3 August.

Col. Forward
recommends that the
Executive Establishment
of the Vizagapatnam
District shall be
strengthened by the transfer
of Mr. Macken, Arch.
Engineer, and Mr. Withers
Superintendent from Cuddapah.

The Local Fund
Board have also con-
sidered the inadequacy
of the Vizagapatnam Dis-
trict Establishment. The
Chief Engineer recom-
mends that it be in-
creased to the extent
proposed, which meets
the existing
pressure.

Edm'd Cal. R. B.
Chapman
P. W. Sept.

I could not find you yet
from London - and 2
5th Aug/98.

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures]

Two of the Bengal
Suzerain have been
ordered to join him.
They will not I think
now be needed in that
district & might be
transferred to Vizagapatnam.

1/2 C.E. Hunter,
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Telegram from Colonel Farewell dated
3rd August 1878.

3rd August 1878.
Letter from Colonel Farewell dated
10th August 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Arrangements
have already been made
to strengthen the Vizaga-
patam District Establish-
ment by posting two of
the Assistant Engineers
from Bengal.

from the
Superior Veneta-
namiah has also been
retained for work in the
District.

The District staff
will be further strengthened
by the posting of two

1st Grade Overseers.

FOR ORDERS.

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Adm'd Col. R.E.

Chief Engineer

S. M. T.

Aug 10/8

Yrs I would
appear to attend,
supplied by Col F
to the Range to
eliminate charges
and expense to C.S. &
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carry them out —

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Prepared additions to the
Engineering Establishment,
Vizagapatam District

Col. Fawcett's Telegram
and letter regarding the —
wounded, the staff having
been sufficiently strengthened.