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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1878, No. 4,009 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 192. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1878.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 30th August 1878, No. 2,432.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Shembaganur, 7th August 1878, No. 121:—

With reference to the Court's Proceedings, No. 1,674, dated 18th June 1878, I have the honor to inform you that the Special Assistant Collector, Ramnad, states that he cannot spare the services of Mr. E. Lowry to look after the maramut works of the four other estates under the management of the Court of Wards, as the maramut works of that estate have greatly multiplied owing to most of the tanks having seriously breached by the disastrous floods of last year, and as his attention will be wholly occupied in supervising them. Besides, Mr. Lowry states, that he cannot afford time for the same for a year and a half to come.

2. Under these circumstances I applied to the District Engineer and asked him whether one of his Assistant Engineers could be entrusted with the duty of checking estimates and general supervision of works when necessary, and enclosed is the copy of his reply. The Court will observe that the District Engineer is himself ready to undertake the work which will be greatly to the advantage of the estates.

3. I therefore recommend that a monthly allowance of Rupees 100 hitherto paid to the Assistant Engineers of the Ramnad estate and sanctioned in Court's Proceedings, No. 4,939, dated 7th November 1877, may be paid to him, and that the establishment specified in the margin may be sanctioned. I propose to apportion the sum of 50 Rupees among the four estates in the same rates as Rupees 100.

4. I beg leave to add that a Draughtsman on Rupees 40 was entertained for the Bodinayakanur and Gantamanyakanur estates with reference to Court's Proceedings, No. 682, dated 24th January 1876, and was doing duty in the Public Works Department, and when the connection of that department with the estate works ceased, his services were also dispensed with on the 10th April 1878 as being no longer necessary.

From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 2nd August 1878, No. 130.

In reply to your No. 130 of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to state that all the Executive Officers of the Public Works Department employed in this district have, as it is and as has been more than sufficiently proved, more work both in the field and the office than they can get through. I could not therefore advocate any extra and extraneous work being given to any one of them; all the Zemindaris named by you* are moreover not in one taluk, two being in Pariyakulam and two in Tirumangalam, and

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the absence from his legitimate duties which an officer might make more or less prolonged and frequent as it suited him, would be very hurtful to the former; another very important consideration is that even if one of my Executive Officers were entrusted with checking the estimates for, and inspecting occasionally or at any rate after completion, some of the works carried out in the Zemindaris, my countersignature would still be needed to the certificates, at least I presume so.

2. I am not aware what Overseers are at present employed in the Zemindaris named, or if they are certificated and able men as I submit they should be; but I suppose that some controlling and engineering head is required over such an executive staff as may exist, and I might find it easier and more advisable to be this in my own person, an allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem being made to me for additional and incidental expenses which it would be necessary to incur plus Rupees 50, viz., 35 for a good Estimate-maker and Accountant and Rupees 15 for a writer; these men would work in my own office and one or both might accompany me when I visited any of the works. Moving about all parts of the district as I must, it seems to me that I might find it less difficult to meet your wishes in this way than in any other, failing of course a more expensive staff which I conclude the Zemindaris could not afford. I would of course endeavor to give you every assistance in my power by personal visitations, and estimates and bills would at any rate be properly checked and regularly kept in my office, a monthly progress report being sent to you.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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3. The arrangement proposed would meet the views of the Court of Wards if the Government see no objection to sanctioning it as an exceptional case.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

FORWARDED for the remarks of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 192-A. Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 18th June 1878, No. 1,674.
From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 5th June 1878, No. 90:—

ADVERTING to the Court's Proceedings, dated the 1st June 1878, No. 1,465,

Estates.

1. Bodinayakanur.
2. Gustamanayakanur.
3. Oothappanayakanur.
4. Sundiyoer.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1878, No. 4,009 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council regrets that he is unable to sanction the proposed arrangements. The District Engineer has ample work and must not have his attention or time otherwise occupied.

(True Extract.)

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

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
,, Court of Wards.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
MADURA.

cc. do.

Dated October 15th.

Issued

Recd.

G. O., 15th October 1878, No. 4,000 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 182-193.

Maramut works in estates other than
Ganad under Court of Wards in Madura
District—Declining with remarks to state
then the proposed arrangements for the
superintendence of the — by the District Engineer.

No. 2,432.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 30th August 1878.

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to give you every assistance in my power by personal visitations, and estimates and bills would at any rate be properly checked and regularly kept in my office, a monthly progress report being sent to you.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 18th June 1878, No. 1,674.
Copy to the Collector of Madura.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Marginal Works — in estates other than Ramnad, under Court of Wards, in Madura District. Submitting to Government arrangement proposed by Collector to give the District Engineer a special office establishment on Rupees 50 a month and a personal allowance of Rupees 100 to supervise the —

No. 2,432.

AUGUST.

PROCEEDINGS, 30th August 1878, No. 2,432.

Printed Sept. 9th.
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Dated August 30th.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

Court of Wards.

1878.

No 4109.

Revenue Department

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madura.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Endorsement in the Revenue Dept. dated
17th Sept. 1878 on Pro. of the Court of Wards
No. 2432 of 30th August 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

The Chief Engineer
sees no objection to the
work being undertaken
by the District Engineer,
and the extra allowance
being received by that
officer.

Edw. Smith Col. R.E.

I don't much like the
arrang. about whether
it will be under the
new organization - but
if the Ch. Eng. is satisfied
I will not object. The Stat. Secy. to Govt.
cannot apparently approve
have separate Engineer - R.E.
1st October 1878.

I think it is not
R.E. be sanctioned - The R.E. has no objection to
my action in this matter
some of the arrangements
being made.

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Court of Wards,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 18TH JUNE 1878, No. 1,674.

Encl.

Received

No. 4109/78.

JUNE.

No. 1,674.

Mr. Lowry—recently appointed as Assistant
Engineer of Rannam Estate under Court of
Wards in Madurai District.—Passing orders on
letter from Collector inquiring whether — is to
do the engineering of the other estates under
the Court's management in the district on the
pay recommended for him.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. W. H. Jackson
His Grace the Premier
The Hon. R. B. Johnson R.C.S.I.
The Hon. S. F. Cairns M.P.

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Nos. 192 to 193

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