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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd December 1879, No. 3,072 W.

Buildings and Roads.
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Read the following paper :—

No. 11. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Tinnevelly, 18th November 1879, No. 1,032 T.N.

I HAVE the honor to forward a memorandum regarding the transfer of Local Fund works in the Tinnevelly District to "other agency."

2. The Collector informs me that he does not wish to introduce any change in the present system; but as it was clear, from reductions already ordered, that the Srívilliputur Sub-division would have to be abolished, and two Overseers reduced, I proposed that the Local Fund Board should take all works in the two taluks in which there were but few irrigation works, and that the Public Works Department should retain the works in the rest of the district. I also stated that it would not be possible for us to supervise Local Fund Works efficiently, if the staff of the district were reduced below the following scale :—

One Executive Engineer and two Sub-division Officers for the Tinnevelly Division.

One Executive Engineer and one Sub-division Officer for the Sátúr Division.

3. In your memorandum No. 3,092, of the 3rd October 1879, you informed me that, at present, the Tinnevelly and Sátúr Divisions would not be amalgamated, but if this is eventually to be done it would be better that we should introduce the change at once, and let the Local Fund Board arrange for a proper establishment. I am convinced that the Government interests would suffer by the amalgamation of the divisions and the reduction of qualified Engineers.

4. I forward the memorandum drawn up by the President and myself, and request the favor of your orders as to whether the arrangements proposed can be carried out, on the understanding that the Public Works staff is maintained at the strength mentioned in my second paragraph.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1379, No. 3,072 W.

THE Government are unable to promise that the Public Works Establishment shall be maintained at any particular strength, but there is no objection to the proposed arrangements generally.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIFTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 2nd.
Issued
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G. O., 2nd December 1879, No. 3,072 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 11-12.

Transfer of Local Fund Works, &c., in the Tinnevelly District to "other agency."—Orders on reports regarding the —.

No. 1032 T.N.   Superintending Engr's office 5 Circle
Tinnevelly 18th November 79
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Buildings & Roads.

From

J. W. Rundall Esquire
Superintending Engineer 5 Circle

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer. P.W. Departt.

Encl: 1.

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1 Executive Engineer and 2 Sub Division Officers for the Tinnevelly Division
1 Executive Engineer & 1 Sub Division Officer for the Sattur Division

3 In your memo No. 3092 of the 3d October 1879 you informed me that at present the Tinnevelly and Sattur Divisions would not be amalgamated but if this is eventually to be done it would be better that we should introduce the change at once, and let the Local Fund Board arrange for a proper establishment. I am convinced that the Government interests would suffer by the amalgamation of the Divisions and the reduction of qualified Engineers.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

J. W. Rundall
Superintg Engr. 5 Circle.

G.O. No 3092—3—10—79

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Buildings & Roads

From.
The Supdt Engineer
5th Circle
To,
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
G.O. 2-12-79 No 3072 W
No 1032 T.N
Dated 18th Novr/79.

Enclo: 1.

Local Fund works &c in the Tinnevelly District. —

Reports regarding the transfer of — to "other agency"-

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Cir: 24-11

Memo on proposed transfer of Local Fund works to "other agency" in the Tinnevelly District. 3092/4

Agreed that the roads in the Satur and Ottapidaram Taluqs be handed over entirely to "other agency", and that the Public Works Department retain charge of the whole of the rest of the District, on the understanding that the Tinnevelly Establishment remains at its present strength, and that the Staff of the Satur Division consist of an Executive Engineer and a Sub Division Officer.

2 As to the Shermadevi Circle, as the irrigation works are very numerous and important, it would probably be found impossible to reduce the present staff materially, even if the roads were all handed over to other agency; and it is the general opinion that no change

should

should be made in the present system of management.

3 In the tracts handed over if any special estimates are required it will be understood that they will be prepared by Public Works Engineers as part of their ordinary duty without extra charge to Local Funds.

4 No doubt the Shermadevi Board could provide itself with a Competent Engineering Staff for less than the Rs 1000 a month which may be taken to represent (roughly) what they pay for Public Works Supervision; but as the main object of the change is understood to be the relief of the imperial finances we consider ourselves bound to consult Imperial as well as Local interests; and it is quite obvious that not much more than $\frac{1}{10}$th of that amount would be saved by any possible reductions in the Imperial Staff; so that it is evident how much Imperial resources would suffer by any change, and it is not certain that Local Funds would gain much. One thing only is clear that a great deal more on the whole would be spent on establishments in proportion to works, and that is clearly bad economy. Moreover if one result of the change should be a further reduction in the Irrigation Staff of the District, (as it most likely) Local interests would ultimately suffer far more than they do now by paying perhaps somewhat extravagantly for supervision of roads. It is quite worthwhile, in our opinion, for the District to pay a little too much for roads for the sake of keeping a thoroughly competent staff of supervising

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missing Engineers; and we are strongly of opinion that it is now as low as it can be without serious danger of injury to the irrigation works of the District. It is not less but much more trustworthy supervision that is required in this matter of Irrigation.

5 The arrangements as to handing over charge of the two Taluqs to be same as arranged for between the President and Superintending Engineer in the Madura Circle.

J. B. Pennington
Collr.

Tinnevelly
18th November 1879 }

J. W. Arundall
Supdg. Engineer
5th Circle

G. O. No. 307 2/8

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Letter from the Supdg. Engr. Fifth Circle No. 1032 I. N. d/18th Novr. 1879.

FOR ORDERS.

Circulated for information and orders.

[illegible] Col: R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Novr. 1879.

I presume it is to be made in the Rd. matters continue as they are [illegible] always [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Other agency

I do not think Govt can give any promise as to strength of Establishments

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FOR ORDERS.

Do: 24-11-

No 3072 W

P. W. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS *of the* MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2d Dec/79 READ the following

From the Supg Engr. 5th Circle (P.E. No. 1032 T.R. d/18 Nov/79)

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S. E. 5th Circle

Finl. Dept

Dated 4-12-79

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Transfer of L. F. works &c in the Tinnevelly Dt to "Other Agency" Orders on reporting report regarding the —

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