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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. ⁵⁰ 2,017 W.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—In continuation of our despatch No. 14, dated 15th March 1881, and with advertence to paragraph 9 of our subsequent despatch of the 16th July 1881, No. 41, we have the honor to forward, for your Lordship's information, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Government of India, No. 681 G., dated 5th May 1881, in which sanction has been accorded to a revised scale of establishment calculated, we consider, to meet the normal requirements of our Public Works Administration.

2. The Presidency will now be divided into six Circles, each under a Superintending Engineer, the former Superintendents of Works, with the exception of the Consulting Architect to Government whose functions are of a special character, being absorbed.

3. Besides providing for the executive control of ordinary works in progress, we are now in a position to set on foot projects of a Productive or Protective character which have, for want of adequate engineering staff, remained for many years in an inchoate condition, and should the Government of India provide, as from the nature of our representations we trust they will, adequate resources for the future, we shall be in a position to carry on these projects to completion.

4. The preparation of a well-devised programme of works ready to be taken up in case of famine or other emergency will also receive our special attention, and due provision will be made, by the promulgation of Code Rules, for the proper regulation and economical administration of Famine Relief should we again be compelled to resort to such a measure.

5. Your Lordship will observe from our letter to the Government of India, No. 1,697 W., dated 9th July 1881, that the question of an equitable distribution of establishment charges is still under discussion, but the Government of India have so far recognized the justness of our contention for relief to Provincial as to sanction a contribution from Imperial Funds equivalent to one-eighth of the estimated cost of the establishment charges in consideration of the staff which will be employed exclusively for the preparation of projects for famine relief works. It now remains to provide a fair contribution for the large proportion of establishment engaged in

the distribution of water for irrigation and other revenue purposes. When this has been settled, the proportionate cost of establishment to works, will be more in accordance with actual facts, and will be reduced to a percentage which will, we are convinced, be regarded as moderate; having in view the actual conditions to be dealt with in this Presidency, involving numerous small works scattered over a very extensive area.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord Marquis,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON.

(") DAVID F. CARMICHAEL.

(") H. E. SULLIVAN.

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17 August 1881.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Most Honorable the
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Dated *th* August.

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~~The Hon. the Governor~~

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