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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th October 1881, No. 2472 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 31. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd September 1881, No. 1250 G.

I AM directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 1697 W., dated 9th July last, relative to the normal strength of the Establishment of the Public Works Department in Madras and other subjects.

2. The Governor-General in Council desires me to point out that the despatch of business is much impeded by the treatment of more than one subject in the same letter, as in the case of your letter under reply. The present communication will be confined to the one subject of the strength of Establishment.

3. In Public Works Department letter, No. 681 G., dated 5th May, the Government of India accepted the following :—

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75 Executive and Assistant Engineers.

One of the Superintending Engineers holds the rank of Chief Engineer till the post of Consulting Engineer for Guaranteed Railways is vacated, and one of the First-grade Executive Engineers, the Consulting Architect, is a Superintendent of Works on the special pay of Rs. 1,200 per mensem until the present incumbent vacates the post.

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6. Though the Government of India is not able to accept these proposals as economical, yet, in consideration of the representations of the Government of Madras, and with the view of settling a question which has been more or less under discussion for many years, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction them provisionally, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, who has lately taken occasion to remark on the apparent extravagance of this class of expenditure in Madras. But I am directed, in conveying these orders, to state that the strength of the Engineer Establishment now sanctioned must be regarded as the maximum, and that provision for the superintendence of any works that may hereafter be taken in hand must be made without any increase of the present staff.

7. The division of the staff into classes and grades given in paragraph 7 of your letter is correct, except that the number of Assistant Engineers in the first and second grades may be 27 and 20 respectively.
8. The proposed number of Upper Subordinates, 185, is accepted.
9. With reference to paragraph 18 of your letter, I am to state that the assignment of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs from the fund for Protective Public Works was for the purpose of providing establishment for the preparation of projects for such works, and cannot be reappropriated to Works without the special sanction of the Government of India, on the submission of a completed project; and even as regards this, no pledge can be given.
10. Other subjects of your letter will be dealt with separately.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1881, No. 2472 W.

COMMUNICATED to the officers concerned in continuation of G.O., No. 1729 W., dated 14th July 1881.

2. The Government of India will be separately addressed in regard to the alleged excessive charge for Establishment (paragraph 6 of their letter).
3. With reference to paragraph 9, the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, will expedite the submission of the complete estimates for the Pottinghy Ghat, which were returned for final revision, and meanwhile the precise effect of the sanction accorded of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs additional for Establishment as a grant-in-aid from Imperial will be considered by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and the Examiner.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
 „ Superintending Engineers.
 „ Superintendents of Works.
 „ the Consulting Architect to Government.
 „ the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
 „ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 „ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
 „ the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
 „ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 8th.

Issued

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G. O., 8th October 1881, No. 2472 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 31-23.

*Revised Scale of Establishment for the
Public Works Department of the Madras
Presidency.—Sanction of the Government of
India to the —, communicated to the officers
concerned.*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 2473 W.

No. 33.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

SIR,—With reference to the observations contained in paragraph 6 of your letter, No. 1,250 G., dated 23rd ultimo, as to the uneconomical character of the establishment now provisionally sanctioned, and your allusion to the remark of the Secretary of State as to the apparent extravagance of the one which it is intended to replace, I am desirous to invite a reference to the despatch of

No. 41, dated 16th July 1881.

this Government marginally quoted, from which it will be observed that the percentage of 84.4, to which His Lordship not unnaturally took exception, did not agree with the figures given in the Public Works Budgets of this Presidency, and was therefore based on a misapprehension.

2. Convinced as this Government is that the opinion still held by the Government of India as to the uneconomical character of the establishment lately sanctioned is equally based on a misapprehension of the facts, they would now, in the hopes of ending a long and undesirable controversy, suggest that if the Government of India think fit a review of all the charges involved may be undertaken.

3. The charges shown in the Public Works Accounts in Upper India on Capital Revenue Works are believed to be arbitrarily confined to 25 per cent. for Establishment, and that no less than 16 per cent. on an average is debited to Revenue, whereas in this Presidency no charge of any kind for Public Works purposes is made against the latter. All comparisons, therefore, of the relative cost of establishment with the present incidence of the charges are thus necessarily fallacious and misleading.

4. It is held by this Government that if accurate figures could be given for all similarly situated Productive Works in other Provinces under the following heads, the economical administration of those in Madras would be established beyond fear of controversy :—

I.—Charges for Civil Administration under—

- (a) Law and Justice ;
- (b) Revenue.

II.—Charges in the Public Works Department under—
Establishment—

- (1) as debited to the Works;
- (2) as debited against Revenue.

III.—Revenue of the Works under all heads.

IV.—Areas—

- (a) commanded by the Works;
- (b) actually irrigated.

V.—Population.

5. The figures could probably be given for eight or ten late years excluding, of course, any very exceptional ones.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th October 1881.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of [1881] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated October, 8th.

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G. O., 8th October 1881, No. 2478 W.

OCTOBER.
No. 33.

EXPLANATION of the excessive nature of
the Establishment charges in the Madras
Presidency.

GOVT.
OF MADRAS. }

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P. W.
DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk,

30th Sept

1881.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

[Signature]

From India Des

1250 G. O. 23rd Sep.

The complaint in
para 2. is a little un-
reasonable, but it
is not worth while to
disturb it any further.

With regard to para 6
it will be as well to
take care that this
premier may have oppor-
tunity of stating its views
to the Secretary of State
before any decision is
come to; we are prepared

to show that the
"extraneous" is only
"apparent" and that
in reality our works are
far more economically
managed than those
elsewhere -

I have ordered you
to send me ^x down at
once a complete list
of the present posts,
of officers; I also ~~will~~
think it will be necessary
to publish the whole
of them in the Gazette,
but only the transfers and
new posts due to the
formation of new Divisions.

* Sent as far as
possible

* yes

I propose to publish
(a) a list of the new
posts, and I am

yes

yes -

yes -

yes -

new Circles, with the
Divisions included in
each, the newly formed
Divisions being shown
in italics -

(b) The necessary noti-
fications regarding pro-
motions and appointments
of individuals

(c) ditto regarding
transfers and postings
A list of the promotions
is enclosed for approval
it will be sent to C.

In check before is made -
The list of promotions
among subordinates has
already been approved
by you, and I am

about to send up a
supplemental list
based on further recom-
mendations from S. E.

I suggest that
all provisions based
upon these orders date
from the 1st October,
except of course where
they depend upon
assumptions of charges.

It will probably be
sufficient to direct
the S. E. concerned
to proceed with the
formation of the new
Divisions as quickly
as circumstances permit.

I have not prepared
any draft J. O. on
the letter from India,

* order will issue
here /

2/10/97

as you will doubtless
desire to do this
yourself -

If we can only
get the Migration
contribution question
satisfactorily settled
we shall have good
reason to congratulate
ourselves on the result
of our long controversy
with the J. J. I.

D. W.

Will do as a
first instalment
no doubt.

Att

2/10/97

Letter to the President

7th order 7/17

In substance of the
annexed letter the
terms of the loaning advance
have been communicated by
telegram, and action
as far as possible taken
in reference to the
positions of Officers de-
pendent thereon it
appears unnecessary
to note at length the
contents

It will be for the
Government to decide
whether notice shall
be taken of the remarks
as to the excessive
nature of the salary
clauses in the new
para 6

In reply I cannot have
read the dispatch
sent to the D. of S. ex-
plaining the same

For explanation
of our explanation

SD

Oct 30/9
Enc. 13.10.9

list of the new

to which the India
Office had fallen
conceding the charges
although a copy was
sent — nor are they
at all abnormally anxious
that owing to the
manner in which so
much of the charges
in India is written off
as against revenue
indeed all told
is the more economical

Perhaps without
any other object than
that of placing all
such charges on a
well recognized
footing so as at once
to put an end to
controversy, and be
prepared for such
objections as may yet
be raised by the S. of I.
the Estab. would
"provisionally" sanction

I strongly suggest
that if S. of I. do think
fit to ^{cancel} such
a review & be made
be believed that the
economy for
Adminis. of the
administration is apparent

L.R.
4/6

it might be as well
to ask the S. of I. to
review the outlay
in all similar
situated Capital
works in other Provinces
during say in a
certain number of
years in the directly
affected tracts

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Administration
under

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(a) Commanded
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(b) actually

- Population
 (a) of the land
 commanded
 (b) of the irrigated
 lands

If the figures could
 be got for say ten
 years, excluding
 those of an exceptional
 character, in the
 Punjab, N.W.P., Bengal,
 and Bombay the
 elements necessary
 for forming a true
 comparison would be
 present; till this
 is done however it
 is to be feared that
 the discussion must
 remain involved &
 be decided on matters
 by erroneously held
 opinions

With reference to
 para 9 it is hoped
 that the Committee
 for the Pottingli

about which was
 returned some time
 ago ^{to the final revision} for final revision
 will soon be ready
 for submission to the
 Govt., and in the
 meanwhile the
 increase of the
 sanction accorded
 2½ lakhs additional
 in Estab. as Grant
 aid from Imperial
 will be considered
 with the Government

If treated as a
 contribution to our
 Provincial Estab.
 the Govt. will have
 power to transfer
 such surplus as may
 be feasible from Estab.
 to works (Provincial)
 and in this way
 the same objective
 be gained as by obtaining

Prints in the
are asked for
Rs 1,75,000 in Salab
and Rs 75,000 in the
Patil's Bank as a
Protective work (Annual)

As several Sanctions
in works are now in
progress the whole
financial position as
funds Provincial
are now to be reviewed

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 1250 G.

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W. S. Sampson

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 8th Oct 1881
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6/10/82

C.E. & W. Dept. ✓
Supergr. ✓
Supt. of Works ✓
Eng. Architect. ✓
Genl. Supt. P.W. ✓
Chief Eng. for I ✓
Ex. P.W. Accts ✓
Chief Eng. for Rep. ✓
Genl. Dept. ✓
Per. 11-10-82

No. 2473 W

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the Govt.
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Calcutta 8th Oct. 1882.

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27/11/00
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Explanation of the respective
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in the Madras Presidency

Subd. in Madras P.W. Dept.

23/10/06