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From P. W. D. No 607

The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D,
Madras

No. 1761 T. J.
Dated 26th
Received 30 January 1882.

Encls: 3.

B No 293 Way 2d Feby 1882.

Repairs to Pattukkota
Cutcherry.

Reports that there is
no objection to the Revenue
department doing the
repairs.

With order
Entd. in Receipt Regr.

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Superintending Engineer's Office 6th Circle

No. 176 I.T.J. Camp Sheukarayur 26th January 1882.

From

Colonel J. Beatty R.E.,

Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle.

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B., R.E.,

Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,

Madras.

Encls: 3.

1. Chief Engr's Endt. No. 97 12-1-82

Sir,

Adverting to your endorsement No. 97 of 12th instant regarding certain repairs to the Pattukottah Cutcherry, I have the honor to report that the Collector has manifestly misunderstood the nature of the objections raised by the Executive Engineer, as will be evident to you from a perusal of the enclosed two letters.

2. Ex: Engr's No. 148 21-1-82

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2. The Executive Engineer's objections had reference to the proposal of the Revenue Department to carry out certain additions and improvements

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to the Cutcherry, and it was in regard to these that Captain Smart directed the attention of the Collector to G.O. No. 647W of 11th March 1881, and para 1181 of the Public Works Code.

3. No objection was raised to the Revenue Department carrying out repairs to the Cutcherry. The estimate of Rupees 480 was for repairs only. It was prepared at the request of the Revenue Department, but the execution of the work should be left with them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant,

R. Beatty Colonel R.E,

Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
14 JAN 82
6TH CIRCLE

No. 97 a/12 Jany/82.

Referred ~~to the~~
Supt.g: Engr. 6th
circle for remarks.
(By order)

Lt. Col. Ql.
Asg. Dy. Chief Engr.
P. W. D.

1881.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To P. W. C. No. 424

The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

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Rect: 16 Jany: 82.

Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 9
January 1882. No. 113

Subject.

Submitting for the orders of Govt. letter from the Collector of Tanjore requesting sanction to the excess allotment of Rs 230 for repairing the Taluq Cutcherry at Pattucottah as well as for the transfer of the amount already sanctioned & the P. W. D.

Referred

the departments concerned,
and there is nothing to show
that the repairs of any class
of civil buildings were intended
to be retained on the list of
the P. F. W.

3. Should the Government
consider the Executive Engineer's
objection to be valid, the Board
request that the necessary
funds may be provided
from the P. F. W. Budget.

(True copy & Extract,

C. Gibbon
Ag sub Secretary

To The Secretary to Govt P. W. D.
with copy of Bd's Proc: 7 May 1881
No 4740 Misc:

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 9 January 1882.

No. 113 Miscellaneous.

READ the following letter from D. Buick Esquire Ag collector of Tanjore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 12 December 1881 No 7047.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7 May 1881, Miscellaneous No 4740, sanctioning Rs 250 for the repair of the Taluq Cutcherry at Pattucottah, I have the honour to report that when the work was about to be commenced by the Tahsildar the Executive Engineer, Negapatam Division, objected

objected to its execution by the Revenue Department without the sanction of the superintending Engineer on the ground that it pertains to a state building borne on the returns of the Public Works Department. That officer being thereupon requested to take the necessary steps to have the work carried out has now sent an estimate for Rs 480 (i.e) Rs 230 in excess of the original estimate, and requests that the amount be placed at his disposal. I have the honour therefore to request that the excess amount above referred to may be sanctioned and ordered to be placed at

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at the disposal of the D.P.W. I request sanction also for transferring to that department the amount already sanctioned and now held at the disposal of the Assistant Collector in charge of the Pattucottah Taluq.

Submitted for the orders of Government in the D.P.W.

2. It is not clear on what ground the Executive Engineer has taken exception to the repairs being executed by the Revenue department. G.O. dated 25th September 1879 No 2435 W. P.W. transfers the execution of all ordinary repairs to Civil buildings to the

a special allotment to enable me to have the work carried out at an early date.

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Sanctioned. The Charge will be met from Savings under Petty Construction and Repairs in other districts.

(Sd) R Gibson
Asst Secretary

To The Collector of Tanjore
Copy to the Accountant General.

(True copy)

R. Gibson
Asst Secretary

V. de Rozario
Asst Commissioner

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Enclosure in
Board's Proceedings to the
Secretary to Govt P. W. D.
dated 9th January 1882
No. 113 Misc:

Copy of Board's
Proc: 7th May 81 No
4740 Misc:

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 7th May 1881.

No. 4746 Miscellaneous.

READ ~~The~~ following letter from E. F.
Webster Esquire, Collector of Tanjore
to the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue dated 22nd April 1881
No 2212.

In continuation of
my letter No 1602 dated 25th March
1881, I have the honour to report
that the Taluq Cutcherry at
Pattucottai has been damaged
by the late storm. The estimate
Cost of repairing it comes to
Rs 250. I beg to request—
that the Board of Revenue
will be pleased to sanction
a

P. W. (1882) Department.

No. 124

From

The Board of Revenue

Rec'd No. 113

Dated 9 Jany/82

Recd. 10—

Subject.

Submitting letter from the Coll^r of Tanjore requesting sanction to the excess allotment of Rs 230 for repairing the Taluq cutcherry at Pattucottah. Tanjore Dt.

Disposal.

Cir No 97 a/12 Jany/82

Referred to the Supty: Engr 6th circle for remarks.

(By order)

S/d R. T.

Asy. dy. Clr.

Regd 12/1/82

Entd in Receipt Regr.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 11th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 11th March 1881, No. 647 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 29-30.

Sea Custom House, Madras.—The Collector of Sea Customs to place himself in communication with the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, as to the best mode of guarding against any danger caused by the alterations recently made to the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1881, No. 647 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 29. From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintendent of Works, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 7th March 1881, No. 4,477.

WHILE inspecting works near the Custom House a few days ago, I observed that a wooden verandah was being put up on the upper-story of the Sea Custom House, on the east side of the Collector's room. I am not sure that I am called upon to interfere, but being uncertain on this point, I think it as well to draw your attention to it. A plan of the verandah is enclosed. It will be seen from this that the new verandah rests on the terraced roof which is supported on large beams. These beams have at some former time sagged and are propped up by cast-iron posts. As the south-east corner of the verandah is a masonry pillar, some 3 feet high, built on the terraced roof and supported by a joist only, I hardly think it was advisable to build the verandah in this way. The amount of the estimate is below Rs. 1,000, but nearly amounts to that sum. It was passed by the Collector of Sea Customs about the middle of January.

2. It seems to me that estimates for all new work to a building in the charge of the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, should be sent to him for an opinion as to its advisability. I beg to request instructions on this point.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1881, No. 647 W.

THE Collector of Sea Customs will be directed, in the Revenue Department, to place himself in communication with the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, who will advise him as to the best mode of guarding against any danger caused by the alterations recently made.

2. With regard to the general question raised by the Superintendent of Works, the Government consider that wherever practicable, the opinion of an officer of the Public Works Department should be obtained before alterations are made to existing Government buildings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, with the Plan.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public, &c., Departments.
„ Military Department.
„ Superintendents of Works, Godávari and Kistna.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Arthitect to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1879} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIFTH CIRCLE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 25th.

Issued

Read. Encl.

G. O., 25th September 1879, No. 2,435 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 63 A—63-B.

Reductions in the Fifth Circle, Public Works Department.—Orders regarding the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1879, No. 2,435 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No.63-A. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 2nd September 1879, No. 1,240 T. J.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum No. 2,832, of the 27th ultimo, indicating the method in which work is to be cut down to suit the reduced scale of departmental establishment ordered by the Government of India.

2. In this circle no division being abolished and two only, viz., Dindigul and Madura, being amalgamated, it is in the Madura District alone that the operations of the department will have to be restricted in the manner directed. Fortunately it is easy to eliminate certain portions of the Madura District. I would therefore propose to give up charge of all work in the Melur Taluk and in the Zemindaris of Shivagunga and Ramnad. In Melur the irrigation works though numerous are relatively unimportant.

3. This would leave a large but manageable division, comprising the Madura, Tirumangalam, Periakulam, Dindigul and Pulney Taluks, with an area of about 5,600 square miles, and containing all the more important irrigation works of the district.

4. At present the Madura and Dindigul Divisions are both third-class. I request the favor of instructions as to the class in which the new Madura Division is to be placed.

5. The most important line of road in that portion of the Madura District which I have proposed to give up is that from Madura to Ramnad. I do not, however, see any special reason for retaining charge of this. The works at Paumben have already been handed over to the Marine Department.

6. As regards the future execution of works, within those tracts to be withdrawn from the operations of the department, roads will, I conclude, be managed by the Local Fund Boards, who will provide their own special staff. There are but few Government irrigation works situated in the Zemindaris, and for these no special provision is required. In the Melur Taluk there are innumerable small tanks, and Government would gain by handing these over at reduced assessments to the ryots. On this point, I think, the Revenue officers are also agreed. As regards buildings, I would suggest that all ordinary repairs be carried out by the officers of the department which uses and has charge of the building. As regards new buildings, Government will be able, when sanctioning them, to determine whether they should be constructed by the local officers, or whether any particular building should be carried out under professional superintendence, in which case the Executive Engineer would have to detach a subordinate, and occasionally inspect the work himself.

7. With regard to your paragraph 7, I have already submitted a list of the Upper Subordinates in this circle, whose services should be dispensed with in order

to effect the required reductions: as regards office establishment, under the orders conveyed in your memorandum under reply, if the new Madura Division is placed in the third-class there will be a third-class establishment to dispense with.

8. With regard to paragraph 10, I beg to state that with a view to lessening the work of the reduced establishments as much as possible, and enabling all hands to devote more time to the more important of their professional duties, in the improvement and efficient maintenance of irrigation works, I would suggest that ordinary repairs to buildings (other than Military) be carried out by the officers using them. The aid of the Executive Engineer and his establishment being called for only when the officer concerned thought that professional advice or superintendence was needed. It would probably be advisable, as a check on rates, for estimates to be countersigned by the Executive Engineer. In order to relieve the Superintending Engineer's office, the funds for these repairs should be placed directly under the control of the district head of each department.

9. I feel it would be an enormous advantage for Superintending Engineers to have less office work, but do not see in what way it is to be lightened as long as a Superintending Engineer is in correspondence with officers of all departments in four or more districts, and with six or seven Executive Engineers. The introduction of a complete Code, more perfect acquaintance with its provisions, and the use of standard specifications, will probably help to reduce work. My own time, since I have been in this circle, has been principally occupied with routine work, and I have found myself quite unable to take up one or two subjects, very important in themselves, but requiring continuous attention. The scale of establishment sanctioned for Superintending Engineer's offices is utterly inadequate. No Accountants are given to keep the Appropriation Registers; there was formerly an Accountant in each District Engineer's office. This matter was reported in my No. 1,147, dated 14th January 1879.

10. With regard to paragraph 12, I have the honor to state that, I think, Uncovenanted Assistants might take the place of the present Engineer Assistants. If the Engineer Assistants had first of all, at least two years' practical work, and if these officers were likely to remain as Office Assistants for any length of time, they would be of more use. Whenever a new man comes into the Superintending Engineer's office he would practically be of little use for some time; whereas a permanent Uncovenanted Assistant would not, it is to be hoped, be frequently changed. Moreover, if, as is suggested by you, officers for this post could be selected from among those whose services are to be dispensed with in the executive branch, having technical knowledge and experience, the arrangement would probably be found better than the present one. The Executive Engineer at head-quarters would, when present, often be able to give an Uncovenanted Assistant advice in urgent matters during the Superintending Engineer's absence. With regard to technical clerks, it would doubtless be an advantage to have one or more men in the Superintending Engineer's office who had passed through the Civil Engineering College, and who had gained some practical experience. The weakness of the sanctioned scale of office establishment is in the lower grades. There are not enough clerks for registering, copying, keeping the records systematically, and picking references. For all of these duties men on Rupees 20 to Rupees 30 can be obtained. Unless these duties are punctually performed work cannot go on.

11. I do not understand from your memorandum under reply that I am called on to submit detailed proposals, either for my own office or for the future establishment of Upper and Lower Subordinates for each division.

12. No instructions with regard to the future numbers and constitution of the Lower Subordinate Establishment have yet reached me.

13. On the re-organisation, in October last, no members of the petty and office establishment in excess of the scale then sanctioned were dismissed; paragraph 28 of G.O., No. 3,674 W, of the 18th September 1878, directed that there should be no immediate reductions. Is it intended that these excess hands shall be at once dismissed? Kindly instruct me on this point.

14. Please also inform me whether the scale of pensions laid down in the Resolution of the Government of India, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, of the 19th August, is applicable to Clerks and Accountants, as well as members of the executive branch.

No. 63-B. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1879, No. 2,435 W.

THE Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, will take immediate steps for the amalgamation of the Madura and Dindigul Divisions, the amalgamated division, the head-quarter of which will be at Madura, being placed under the charge of Mr. Hutchings pending the appointment of a permanent incumbent.

2. The accounts of the amalgamated divisions will be dealt with in accordance with the instructions issued at the time of the re-organisation of the department under the terms of G.O., No. 3,674 W., of 18th September 1878.

3. The new Madura Division will have an office establishment of the 2nd class, and the Superintending Engineer will take immediate steps for reducing the cost of the office establishments of his circle to the amount allowable for the divisions which it includes, on the scale fixed by the order quoted above.

4. It is not desired that the number of individuals should be reduced, or their pay raised, to correspond with the above scale, but merely that the total cost of the establishments is to correspond with it. It will be left to the Superintending Engineer to select the individuals whose services are to be permanently retained under the new arrangements, but he will be guided in his selection by the following principles:—

First, all men over 55 years of age and, second, all incompetent men should be at once given one month's warning of the intention of Government to dispense with their services.

All men not included in either of the above classes, but for whom room cannot be found in the new permanent establishment, should be warned that Government reserve to themselves the right of dispensing with their services without further notice, on such terms as may hereafter be decided on.

5. The men thus warned for discharge should be by preference those who have been but a short time in the service, and who have no claim to pension, but competence and good conduct must in all cases be taken into consideration.

6. The Superintending Engineer will submit, for the consideration and final orders of Government, a list showing the numbers of the office establishment to be—

(*a*) permanently retained,
(*b*) warned for immediate discharge,
(*c*) warned for discharge at the pleasure of Government;

his reasons for the selection being briefly stated in each case, but action in the matter need not be deferred until the orders of Government are received.

In separate orders instructions have been given regarding the transfer to "other agency" of the charge of Local Fund Works.

Rules will be framed hereafter regarding the charge of irrigation works; for the present these must be dealt with by the Public Works Department.

7. From and after the 31st December next the execution of ordinary repairs to civil buildings, and the construction of petty or temporary buildings of all classes limited to 1,000 rupees in each case in all districts, will be entrusted to the departments concerned, the balance of the budget grants for the year being placed at the disposal of the local heads of departments, and in future years these petty construction and repair works will be provided for in the Civil budgets, and not in those of the Public Works Department.

8. Improvements, new works and special repairs, will, as a rule, be carried out by the Public Works Department.

9. The Superintending Engineer will submit definite proposals for the strength and distribution of the Upper Subordinate Establishment of his circle, but the total strength of this establishment will not exceed eleven Sub-Engineers and Supervisors (together) and twenty-nine Overseers.

10. The Government desire to get rid, as soon as possible, of the permanent petty establishment, and every endeavour should be made to induce its members to retire, but they are not at present prepared to order the dismissal of any individual; no new appointments are to be made to this establishment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial, &c., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Department.

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