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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment

READ—the following papers —

From Colonel H L PRENDERGAST, R L, Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Chempauk, 27th June 1883, No 1246

I have the honor to forward a copy of letter, No 359, dated 29th May 1883, from the Executive Engineer, South Arcot, proposing a redistribution of the limits of the charges of his executive staff.

2 I submit this for approval, because the arrangement involves the temporary withdrawal of the department from some portions of the district. The Executive Engineer has frequently stated that his establishment is not capable of working up to the requirements of the district, and, in fact, the strength of five Upper Subordinates is that which was introduced on the reduction of the general establishment in October 1881, while no increase has subsequently been allowed.

3 Major Smith proposes to give up the Tiruvannamalai Taluk of the Tindivanam Sub-division, though he has to carry out the Chengam Anicut Work. There will then be two Overseers for the Tindivanam and Villupuram Taluks. Major Smith has at present two taluks—Cuddalore and Tirukoilur—under his own charge, with only one Overseer, and he wishes to confine work to the several anicut systems.

Likewise Major Smith would give up the Kallakurchi Taluk and a portion of the Vriddhachalam Taluk, one Overseer to belong to the Pelandora Project Sub-division, with the minor anicut works, in Vriddhachalam Taluk, and the remaining Overseer to have the Chidambaram Taluk.

4 Consequent on this arrangement, the head quarters of the Pelandora Sub-division may conveniently be at Vriddhachalam, and Porto Novo may be the head-quarters of the Chidambaram Sub-division.

5 I have detained this letter, in order that I might ascertain the extra cost of moving the head-quarters of the Chidambaram Sub-division to Porto Novo, and Major Smith says this "will be only Rs 10 to 15 per month on account of rent for Sub-divisional Office. Among the houses at Porto Novo, one can be obtained as a residence and office combined for Sub-divisional Officer, and if Government are willing to pay part rent, they will have to bear only the above additional cost."

ENCLOSURE

From Major A C SMITH, R E, Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated Cuddalore, 29th May 1883, No 359

In continuation of my Nos 152 of 8th March and 265 of 20th April 1883, and of my special remarks on the Administration Report for the past year, I have the honor to inform you that, with your approbation, I propose making the following modifications in the distribution and working of my present staff in this division.

2 I have so repeatedly pointed out the inability of my present establishment to cope with the requirements of the division, that it is needless to say anything more on this point, but merely observe that, owing to this inability, I see no other course to pursue, but to reduce the area of work, thus I propose to do as follows.

3 To commence with the north of the division. The present Tindivanam Sub-division consists of the three taluks of Tiruvannamalai, Tindivanam and Villupuram, and these are in the inverse order of importance. To look after these three taluks I have only two Overseers under the immediate orders of the Sub-divisional Officer Mr Heimg, Sub-Engineer. I propose abandoning Tiruvannamalai entirely, with the exception of completing any works that may be going on therein, and commencing and completing the Chengam Anicut, an important work lately sanctioned, this I shall, however, arrange to carry on by employing a special temporary Sub-Overseer, who will remain on this work principally. Of the remaining two taluks, Tindivanam is not so important, by any means, as Villupuram, but I think I can manage to look after this fairly well, and also relieve the Taluk Overseer of Villupuram, who has more than he can do, by attaching all the east portion of Villupuram adjoining the French territory to Tindivanam Overseer's charge, in this way I shall have one Overseer only to watch our interests, and I hope the Tindivanam charge being, though scattered, of not such importance, he will be able to devote some time to these questions.

4 In Villupuram there are several works of importance, and many questions long since set aside for want of the men to investigate them, or prepare the necessary estimates, so the western portion, or remainder of this taluk, will be quite sufficient for one Overseer.

5 With regard to the next sub-division (or central). This consists of two taluks—Tirukonur and Cuddalore—and under existing arrangements I only have one Overseer to look after these two taluks, and none but myself to check his work. Considering that I have executive charge of the whole district, I cannot find time properly to check the works in my own sub-division, and I am afraid I shall constantly have to make full and complete payments on my Overseer's reports. To reduce the work, therefore, I propose surrendering all works but those immediately connected with, or in the close neighbourhood of, the Tirukonur Anicut System and the Gudalur Anicut Systems. To all calls beyond these I must turn a deaf ear until my hands are strengthened.

6 Next we come to the Chidambaram Sub-division. At present this consists of the Kallakurichi, Vriddhachalam, and Chidambaram Taluks, with the exception of that portion occupied by the Pelandora Project, and has only two Overseers under the immediate orders of the Assistant Engineer in charge. I propose to remodel these as follows—

To surrender Kallakurichi altogether after completion of the few works now going on there. To give up also outlying portions of the Vriddhachalam Taluk and retain only those affected by, or adjacent to, the Katumylore, Mehmathur and Vinnachalam Anicut Systems. To attach Vriddhachalam so curtailed to the Pelandora Sub-division, and so give this last a Taluk Overseer, which, under existing arrangements, it does not possess. By this means the Vriddhachalam Taluk Overseer, who has, in addition to the Vriddhachalam Taluk, that of Kallakurichi, will be relieved of the latter taluk, and be given charge of Pelandora Project Works in its stead, and the Pelandora Sub-division will then consist of Pelandora Project *plus* the Vriddhachalam Taluk curtailed as above. I would not propose this were it not for the fact that the estimates for Pelandora Project are all finished, and all the heavy masonry works are built, and the actual work, viz., branch channels and distributaries remaining to be done, will be comparatively light to what it has been in the past two years.

7 The Chidambaram Sub-division will then consist of one taluk only, viz., Chidambaram, less the small portion affected by the Pelandora Project Works. But the works in this taluk are so heavy, the annual expenditure being Rs 74,400,* that merely to account for this expenditure is alone a troublesome matter, and the very complex system of accounts now obtaining renders it impossible for one officer and his very limited staff of one Overseer and one Sub-divisional Office Writer to undertake to do more. The Chidambaram Taluk will be quite a sufficient charge for the Sub-division Officer, with only one Overseer to assist him.

8 The above arrangements will necessitate a little alteration in the head-quarter stations. The Pelandora Office will be shifted to Vriddhachalam, and the Chidambaram Office from Vriddhachalam to Chidambaram, or, as there is no building for an officer or office at Chidambaram, to Porto Novo (where several buildings exist), which is only 7 miles by rail from Chidambaram, by these means both officers will be pretty central to their works.

9 It is with much regret I find myself obliged to propose the abandonment of any portion of the district but I find I am quite unable to look after the whole. I think it is better to endeavour to carry out a portion of the works well than to make a failure of the whole. Moreover, the area now proposed to be retained will be equal to, if not greater than, that laid down for the existing establishment as reduced in G Os, Nos 265 W, 3rd February 1880, 67 I, 3rd February 1880, and 2472 W, 8th October 1881.

Year	Rs
* 1878-79	52,171
1879-80	33,720
1880-81	55,323
1881-82	1,24,073
1882-83	1,08,752
Total	3,72,044
Average five years	74,409

10 In conclusion I wish it to be understood that the above proposals merely entertain the upkeep and repairs of existing works. No extensions or remodelling of projects now incomplete can be entertained, nor can any fresh projects be investigated, in fact, the establishment and distribution now proposed will merely suffice to prevent the portions of the division retained from actual deterioration. No improvements can be contemplated.

Office Note from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 14th July 1883, No 192

The Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, proposes really to abandon certain portions of the division on account of the staff of the division being too weak to deal with the whole of the work. Under existing circumstances it seems improbable that any permanent addition to the staff will be sanctioned, and while acknowledging that there is a vast amount of work to be done in South Arcot, I am unwilling to abandon any portion of the division. The only way in which relief can be given, I think, is to appoint temporary establishment until the Pelandora Anicut Works are completed, and the Superintending Engineer might be called on to make proposals for the establishment he requires, showing the work to be done. I would not *abandon* any portion of the division, but the Executive Engineer will not, of course, take up any works which, with the establishment at his disposal, he is unable to deal with satisfactorily. It must be remembered that the division has at present two Upper Subordinates in excess of the sanctioned establishment besides one on privilege leave.

ORDER—dated 14th September 1883, No 2477 W, Public Works

The Government fully concur in the views expressed by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and desire the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to submit proposals for such temporary Upper Subordinate Establishment as will obviate the necessity for abandoning any portion of the South Arcot Division.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts

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G O., 4th Sept. 1883, No. 2477 W.

SEPTEMBER.

The Superintendent Engineer, Fifth Circle,
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Statement showing the percentage of present employed in the South-West Division with distribution.

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No 1246

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepank, 27 June 1883

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

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Enclosures /

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own charge, with only one Overseer
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Let it be known Major Smith would give
up the Kalla Karahi Salug and a por-
tion of the Virudhachellum Salug, one
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4. Consequently on this arrangement
the Head Quarters of the Pandurani
Sub. Division may conveniently be at
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the Head Quarters of the Chidambaram
Sub. Division.

5. I have delayed this letter in order that
I might ascertain the extra cost of moving
the Head Quarters of the Chidambaram Sub.
Division to Porto Novo and Major Smith says

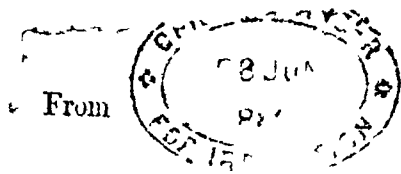
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as a Residence and Office, combined for
Sub Divisional Office, and if Govern-
ment are willing to pay rent they
will have to bear only the above addition
- at cost -

How the house to be
let.

Your Most Obedt. Servant

Wm. Pendergast J. R. R.

Asst. Engineer & Co.



From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

R3572 5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Dated

27th

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June 1883

ENCLOSURES /

No 1246

South West Division -
Submitting a proposal
for modification in the
distribution and working
of the present staff of the

South West Divisional Office
Filed at 27 May 1883

From

Wm. Green, Engineer

South West Division

To

The Superintending Engineer

5 Circle

For

Continuation of my report of

8th March, and 26th of 20 April 1883

and of my official remarks on the

organization. Report for the past

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making the following modifications

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I have repeatedly pointed out

the inability of my present establishment

to perform the requirements of the

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observe that owing to this inability,

Yours truly,
Wm. Green

I see no other course to pursue but to
reduce the amount of work: this I
propose to do as follows.

3. To commence with the
North of the Division - The present
Tuduwannu Sub Division consists of
the three Taluqs of Trimmallee, Tu-
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portant, by any means as Villupuram;
but I think, I can manage to look
after this fairly well, and also relieve
the Taluq Officer of Villupuram, who
has more to do than he can do by attending
all the other portions of Villupuram, and
attending the District Treasury, &c. &c.
Tuduwannu (the more important) will be
attended by an overseer, and over him, I intend
not to be stopped. I have the Tud-
uwannu ^{change} Taluq, though I am not
so much interested in it, so will be able
to devote some time to these questions.

4. As Villupuram, there are some
real works of importance, and many
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the Gudalur & Gundalane Taluqs.
So, all works beyond these (I must
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are strengthened.

6. What we come to this
of Gudalur

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8. The above arrangements are
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 where it is now building for an
 Officer's Office, at Chidambaram, at
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 21.15), which is only 7 miles by Rail
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From S.E. n° 1246 of 27 June 1883.

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Kurnool Canal } for
 14 Aug 83 }
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 4th Sept 83

Read the following

From the Supg. Engr.
 to the Chief Engr. - N. E. No. 1246 of
 27th June 1883
 Office Note from the
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24th September 1877

Letter to the Director

The Director of the
Circle to submit, before
the Local Committee
of the Subordinate
Establishment as
well as to the
necessity for
maintaining any portion
of the Circle

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Letter to the Director