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Communicating, with remarks, to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards, Government Order sanctioning increases to the Office Establishments of the Chief and Superintending Engineers on account of plans and estimates for Local Fund Works to be scrutinized by them.

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Proc. of the Madras Govt. Financial Dept.
Read the following:-

BOARD OF REVENUE, 12TH JANUARY 1883, No. 88.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 27th December 1882, Mis. No. 2043, Financial.

Read—the following G.O., dated 6th December 1882, No. 3211 W., Public Works:—

Order—dated 6th December 1882, No. 3211 W., Public Works.

In Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department, No. 609, dated 22nd March 1880, it was decided that the examination of plans and estimates of such Local Fund Works as might be of too important a character to be left altogether for disposal by the Local Fund Boards should devolve upon the Chief Engineer, who would be aided by an Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department to be attached to his office.

2. All *New Works* estimated to cost Rs. 2,500 and upwards and all *Repairs* estimated to cost upwards of Rs. 10,000, as well as such other works as might require special professional scrutiny, were required to be submitted for examination by the Chief Engineer.

3. To meet the cost of the establishment requisite for undertaking the work thus devolving on the Public Works Department, a contribution from Local Funds of Rs. 21,250 yearly was sanctioned.

4. Temporary arrangements were accordingly made by the Chief Engineer for undertaking the work, and these were sanctioned in Proceedings, No. 918 W., dated 10th April 1880.

5. The arrangements thus approved were, however, objected to by the Government of India, who considered (*vide* paragraph 5 of their letter recorded with G.O., No. 2387 W., dated 16th October 1880) "that the Madras Provincial Establishment should be so organized as to permit the Chief Engineer's Office, or the offices of Superintending Engineers of Circles, to examine all important Local Fund Projects; that for conducting these duties no special allowance should be made to any officer, but a fixed contribution sufficient to cover the services performed should be credited to the source from which such establishment is paid; and that the full contribution of Rs. 21,250 should be accepted, and the duties distributed as the Madras Government may consider desirable."

6. After some correspondence with the Government of India, the principal of the proposed arrangements was agreed to, and the decision recorded in G.O., No. 1729 W., dated 14th July 1881, paragraph 10.

7. Since then the details of the scheme have been, under consideration, and it has now been finally determined that the work shall be distributed between Superintending Engineers and the Chief Engineer in accordance with the principle of the Public Works Code Rules.

8. All Local Fund Projects therefore requiring in future to be scrutinized by the Public Works Department will in the first instance be sent to the Superintending Engineer of the Circle, who will be authorized to deal finally with the professional details of *New Works* estimated to cost above Rs. 2,500 and up to Rs. 5,000. Those costing above this amount will be sent forward by Superintending Engineers to the Chief Engineer after undergoing the same examination as ordinary Public Works. All *Repair* estimates above Rs. 10,000 will be dealt with by Superintending Engineers as in the case of Public Works Repairs. Any estimate may however be sent on to the Chief Engineer should either the Superintending Engineer or the Local Fund Board concerned desire the opinion of that officer.

9. To admit of these arrangements being carried into effect, it will be necessary to slightly augment the offices of Superintending Engineers and the Chief Engineer, while improving the position of the senior Clerks in the offices of the former. Extra Draftsmen on a rate of pay superior to that hitherto provided for in the Public Works Department are also allowed. It is very desirable that men of superior attainments should be encouraged to qualify for the position of Draftsmen, and it is hoped that the enhanced rate of pay now sanctioned will act as some inducement.

Should the general standard of efficiency hereafter increase, the Government will be prepared to consider the propriety of still further augmenting the scale of pay in the higher appointments open to men of this class.

10. The following increases are now sanctioned to the offices of Superintending Engineers and the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, the cost being covered by the contribution of Rs. 21,250 from Local Funds which the Accountant-General will, under orders in the Financial Department, arrange for bringing to account with effect from the current official year:—

Superintending Engineer's Office.

	RS.	RS.
(1.) Difference between present salary of Head Clerk and that now sanctioned, viz., between 2nd Class, 1st Grade, and 2nd Class, 3rd Grade, = $180 - 110 = \dots$	70	
(2.) Difference between present salary of Second Clerk and that now sanctioned, viz., between 2nd Class, 3rd Grade, and 3rd Class, 2nd Grade, = $110 - 70 = \dots$	40	
(3.) Extra Clerk, 3rd Class, 3rd Grade, Rs. 50 to 60—mean.	55	
(4.) Extra Draftsman from Rs. 80 to 100—mean	90	

Total per mensem ... 255

Total per annum (Rs. 255 $\times$ 12) = ... 3,060

For six Superintending Engineers (Rs. 3,060 $\times$ 6) = ... 18,360

Chief Engineer's Office.

(1.) Extra Clerk, 3rd Class, 3rd Grade, Rs. 50 to 60—mean.	55
(2.) Extra Draftsman (to supervise Technical Section) from Rs. 200 to 250—mean	225

Total per mensem ... 280

Total per annum (Rs. 280 $\times$ 12) = ... 3,360

Total of Chief Engineer's and Superintending Engineers' Offices ... 21,720

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Financial Department.

Order—dated 27th December 1882, Mis. No. 2043, Financial.

The Accountant-General will proceed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

RESOLUTION—dated 12th January 1883, No. 88.

Communicated to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.

2. The Board observe that the total number of estimates submitted for the scrutiny of the Chief Engineer since the issue of G.O., 22nd March 1880, No. 609, has been as follows:—

	No. of Estimates.
1880-81	35
1881-82	85
1882-83 (9 months)	51

The cost of the scrutiny for each estimate is therefore very heavy.

3. It may be, however, that Presidents will avail themselves more freely of the services of Superintending Engineers, and that the number of estimates forwarded to them will be greater. After the expiration of the current calendar year, Presidents will report to the Board the number of cases in which it has been found expedient to consult the Superintending Engineers.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To all Presidents, Local Fund Boards.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Order thereon 5 February 83 N. 210

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

True Extract

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Ag Under Secretary

Exd. A. Raiff.

The Public Works Dept