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2ND JUNE 1884, No. 1374 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

READ again—

Letter from Government of India, dated 16th July 1883, No. 983 G.
Do. do. 20th September 1883, No. 1254 G.

ORDER—dated 2nd June 1884, No. 1374 W., Public Works.

The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India :—

(Here enter No. 1375 W., dated 2nd June 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

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Govt. of (1884) Madras,
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G.O., 2nd June 1884, No. 1374 W.

JUNE.

Madras Engineer Establish-
ment

*Ordered that the Government of India be
addressed on the importance of seeing that, in
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2ND JUNE 1884, No. 1375 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

LETTER— from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In your letter, dated 16th July 1883, No. 983 G, it was stated that "the Govern-
ment of India would not object to applying to the Secretary of State or otherwise
providing for a permanent addition of three Executive and six Assistant Engineers
for the supervision of expenditure on improvement and development of the irrigation
tanks in the Madras Presidency;" and in your subsequent letter, dated 20th
September 1883, No. 1254 G, it was explained, with advertence to this promise, that
"all that the Government of India can undertake to do is to gradually increase the
Madras establishment within the next four years, by either transferring officers who
may become available from its own lists, or by increasing the number of recruits for
Madras, out of the total number arranged for the whole of India." It was added:
"Any officer transferred now, or in the future, will carry his own rank in the graded
list with him, the Madras list being increased and the list from which he is taken
being reduced by one post corresponding to the rank of the officer. It is anticipated
that the arrangements consequent on the re-organisation of the Engineer establishment
now under consideration will provide that under this arrangement neither the
promotion of the officer himself nor of the other officers on the Madras establishment
will suffer."

2. What the proposed arrangements were, to which allusion was made, is not
known to this Government; but I am directed to state that, unless the interests of the
officers now on this establishment can be safeguarded, His Excellency the Governor
in Council would prefer that the promised increase to the Public Works Department
of this Presidency should be effected by adopting the second of the alternative measures
quoted above. Without altogether objecting to the transfer of efficient officers
from other lists, an arrangement which might occasionally be convenient, I am to
state that this Government, looking to the fact that promotion in its Public Works
Department is already very slow, and to other considerations, would greatly prefer to
receive the promised additional aid in the shape of a larger proportion of the recruits
sent out from England.

3. I am directed to add that, in the event of its being found necessary to transfer an officer to this Presidency from another part of India, it would, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be desirable that the name of such officer should be retained in his old list for purposes of promotion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

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

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2nd June 1884.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated: June, 2nd.

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2nd June 1884, No. 1375 W.

JUNE.

Madras Engineer Establish-
ment

Bringing to notice the importance attached to seeing that, in augmenting the strength of the —, the interests of officers already in that establishment are not in any way allowed to suffer.

10TH DECEMBER 1883, No. 1014 I., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Irrigation), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 7th November 1883, No. 116 A.I.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 814 I., dated 9th October 1883, forwarding the schedule of demands for Imperial funds for the Irrigation Branch, Madras, for the year 1884-85.

2. With reference to the demand of Rs. 5,15,000 under "F—Famine Relief and Insurance, 34—Protective Works, Irrigation," I am to say that the Government of India is unable, with the limited means at its disposal, to sanction a larger grant under this head than a sum of Rs. 3,50,000, which may be distributed as noted in the margin. If, on the actuals for the current

Rashikulya project	Rs. 2,49,000
Buckingham canal	1,01,000
Total	3,50,000

official year being known, there are lapses which will admit of the grant for the Buckingham canal being increased to Rs. 1,50,000, the increase will be made. The demand of Rs. 1,16,000 on account of "Project divisions" has been disallowed by the Government of India, as it is thought more desirable to finish works already sanctioned and commenced than to spend money on surveys of projects which may never be carried out; and, moreover, with the heavy demand that now exists for works outlay from this grant, it is considered that any further outlay on surveys should be met from Provincial Revenues.

3. The demand of Rs. 24,95,000 under "H—Expenditure on Public Works not classed as Productive, 46—Irrigation and Navigation," has been reduced to Rs. 24,45,000; the difference of Rs. 50,000 being the anticipated lapse on the special grant for 1883-84 for tank restoration, which cannot be allowed to be brought forward. Endeavours should be made to utilize the sum during the current year.

4. The demands under "G—Expenditure on Productive Public Works (Revenue Account), 39—Irrigation and Navigation (Working and Maintenance)," and "N—Expenditure on Productive Public Works, Capital Account, 54—Irrigation and Navigation," are sanctioned in full.

ORDER—dated 10th December 1883, No. 1014 I., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned.

2. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will prepare the Irrigation Budget Estimates for 1884-85, Preliminary Issue, so as to work up to the amounts assigned by the Government of India.

3. As the Government of India have disallowed the amount applied for on account of the Project divisions, the investigation of those projects which have not yet been commenced will not be undertaken. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will see that the

investigation of the projects now in hand is carried out as fast as possible, and will report—

- (1) what projects will be left incomplete at the end of February next; and
- (2) the cost of establishment required for completing the investigation of these projects.

4. The tanks in the Periyakulam taluk of the Madurai district, where the operations of the Tank division are intended to commence, are full of water, and work cannot be begun until the north-east monsoon is over, which will be by the end of December. Owing, moreover, to the unavoidable delay which occurred in appointing the establishment required for the Tank division, the investigation of the requirements of the tanks, and the preparation of the necessary estimates, have not advanced sufficiently to admit of the current year's grant being fully utilized. The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Tank Maintenance Scheme has therefore surrendered Rs. 50,000 from the grant for expenditure on works in the Tank division, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts has estimated the cost of establishment at Rs. 13,600 less than the budget grant. These amounts are available for reappropriation, leaving Rs. 86,400 for expenditure in the Tank division, as shown below:—

	Rs.
Works	32,000
Establishment	52,000
Tools and Plant	2,400
Total	86,400

The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Tank Maintenance Scheme will see that this amount is fully utilized before the close of the current year.

5. The total amount surrendered by the Superintending Engineer, Tank Maintenance Scheme, Rs. 63,600, is available for expenditure on the restorations of tanks in other divisions, and will be appropriated as follows:—

Irrigation and Navigation Works for which neither Capital nor Revenue Accounts are kept.

	Rs.
Repairs	51,084
Establishment	11,750
Tools and Plant	765
Total	63,600

6. As reductions of the existing allotments in certain divisions have already been made to meet the demands made from the Nellore, North Arcot, Salem, and Coimbatore districts, Superintending Engineers, who still require additional allotments, will, on receipt of this order, submit applications for such modifications of allotments as may be found necessary, after careful consideration of the reports of progress and expenditure up to the latest date for which information may be available.

7. Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 1015 L., dated 10th December 1883.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial "

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IRRIGATION.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of 1883 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 10th.

Recd.

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G.O., 10th Dec. 1883, No. 1014 I.

DECEMBER.

Schedule of Demands for
1884-85

Passing orders on the remarks of the
Government of India on the — for Imperial
funds for the Irrigation Branch, Madras.

10TH DECEMBER 1883, No. 1015 I., PUBLIC WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
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LETTER—from

COLONEL J. O. HASTED, R.E.,

Acting Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

Irrigation Branch.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(IRRIGATION).

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 116 A.I., dated 7th November 1883, I am directed to forward herewith copy of Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1014 I., dated 10th December 1883, and to state that arrangements will be made to expend the balance of the special grant made for tank restoration, which cannot be expended, for the reasons stated, in the tank divisions recently constituted, on works of the same character in other divisions.

2. I am to observe that this Government deprecates the reduction of the grant from Famine Protective Funds for the Buckingham canal, considering that the work is of great importance, and is likely to be of considerable benefit to the country from a protective point of view. The necessity of pushing it on to completion as rapidly as possible has been strongly urged by the mercantile community, as is shown by a memorial which has been addressed to this Government by the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, deprecating the expenditure being restricted to 3 lakhs per annum, and by letters, from merchants using the canal, complaining that, in its present state, they experience great difficulty in bringing produce from the Kistna district to Madras. I am therefore to request that the Government of India may be moved to reconsider the matter, and to increase the grant, if possible, to 1½ lakhs, the amount which has been provided for the work from Provincial funds.

3. With regard to the withdrawal of the grant for establishment employed on the preparation of projects, I am to observe that this establishment is employed not only in the preparation of estimates for works for the purpose of protection from famine, but also in view of having ready to hand works of ascertained permanent utility for the employment of labor, diverted from its usual course during seasons of scarcity. The want of precaution in this direction, when the late famine declared itself, resulted not only in much suffering amongst the unemployed poor, but also in much wasteful expenditure of the funds granted for relief. In connection with the subject, I am to invite the attention of the Government of India to paragraph 128 of the Report of the Famine Commissioners, where the responsibility of arranging to have a programme of works ready to put in hand without delay on an emergency arising, is distinctly imposed on local Governments, and to observe that His Excellency in Council cannot be expected to accept such responsibility if the necessary

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means of preparing the projects are withheld. I am to add that, so far as investigations have proceeded, only four or five projects promise to be suitable for the employment of famine labor, so that much remains to be done before this Government can feel itself prepared to meet the abnormal demand for employment, which is the earliest symptom of distress resulting from scarcity in an agricultural population.

As the investigation of projects is undertaken to determine—

- (1) whether they will serve to protect the country from the effects of famine, and
- (2) whether they will afford the means of suitably utilising the superabundant labor thrown upon the State during a season of scarcity.

I am to say that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is quite unable to accept the suggestion, conveyed in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, that any portion of the outlay involved in the inquiry should be met from Provincial funds. At the same time, it is recognised that the works actually in process of execution throughout the Empire must cause a drain on the Protective grant, such as to materially curtail the margin for outlay on the investigation of new projects. As, however, the prosecution of such inquiry appears to His Excellency in Council to be of vital importance in this Presidency, I am to invite the attention of the Government of India to the fact that projects, taken up for protective purposes, not unfrequently prove suitable to be classed as Productive, when the cost of investigation is recouped to F—Famine Relief and Insurance, as was recently done in the instance of the Barur tank. There is little doubt that this course will have to be followed in the case of the Periyar project, and I am therefore to express the hope that the Government of India will be able to sanction the continued employment of, at least, two divisions in the preparation of projects, leaving the cost of investigation to be adjusted against each work according as it is classed when the inquiry is completed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th December 1883.

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IRRIGATION.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

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Dated December, 10th.

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10th Dec. 1883, No. 1015 I.

DECEMBER.

Schedule of Demands for 1884-85

RELIVING to the orders of the Government of India on the — for Imperial funds for the Irrigation Branch, Madras.

24TH OCTOBER 1883, No. 3012 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

Resolution of the Government of India, dated 6th September 1883, No. 1194 G.
" " " " 20th " " " 1254 G.

ORDER—dated 24th October 1883, No. 3011 W., Public Works.

The effect of the above Resolutions on the permanent scale of the engineering establishment of this presidency is a reduction of the marginally-noted classes and grades by one appointment each.

2. The sanctioned scale of the engineering establishment will now be as follows:—

Chief Engineer, 1st Class	...	...	...	...	...	1
Do. 2nd do	...	...	...	...	...	1
						2
Superintending Engineers, 1st Class	...	...	...	...	...	2
Do. do. 2nd do.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Do. do. 3rd do.	...	...	...	...	...	2
						6
Executive Engineers, 1st Grade	...	...	...	...	...	9
Do. do. 2nd do.	...	...	...	...	...	11
Do. do. 3rd do.	...	...	...	...	...	11
Do. do. 4th do.	...	...	...	...	...	4
						35
Assistant Engineers, 1st Grade	...	...	...	...	...	27
Do. do. 2nd and 3rd Grades	...	...	...	...	...	20
						47
Total	...	...	...	...	...	90

3. It is observed, however, that in the later letter above recorded the Government of India, in adding one officer to the Madras Establishment, apparently overlooked the reduction of three officers made in the earlier Resolution. Paragraph 7 of letter, No. 1254 G., dated 20th September 1883, should therefore apparently read: "The sanction for the Madras Establishment is now increased from 89 to 90 Engineers" &c.

4. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3012 W., dated 24th October 1883.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 24th October 1883, No. 3012 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Ed. E. Fernandez.

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GENERAL
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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October 24th.

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G.O., 24th Oct. 1883, No. 3012 W.

OCTOBER.

Madras Engineer Establishment

Pointing out that the scale of the — is increased from 89 to 90 instead of from 92 to 93 as stated by the Government of India in their letter sanctioning an increase of one engineer to that establishment.

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V. 1374 w of P. June 1884

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