

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th January 1884, No. 6 W.

With reference to G.O., No. 3291 W., of 17th November 1883, I have the honor

- 1 Statement of proposed changes.
- 1 Proposal for re-arrangement.
- 1 List of sanctioned and existing establishment.
- 2 Sketch maps.
- 2 Statements of expenditure.

to propose a change in regard to three of the divisions of this circle, with a view to the equalisation of work and expenditure in Coimbatore and Salem, and the better supervision of works on the West Coast and North-West Wynaad.

2. The Coimbatore division now includes three districts—Coimbatore, Malabar and South Canara—divided into five sub-divisions, viz. :—

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| 1. Coimbatore. | 4. Cannanore. |
| 2. Erode. | 5. Mangalore. |
| 3. Calicut. | |

The Salem division is not sub-divided, but is supervised by the Executive Engineer with the aid of an attached officer.

Again, the north-west portion of Wynaad, *i.e.*, that part of Wynaad which belongs to the Malabar district, is nominally attached to the Nilgiri division; but owing to want of establishment and the difficulty of reaching it from Ootacamund, the Executive Engineer has been practically helpless for carrying out any work there. Moreover, owing to the unwieldy size of the present Coimbatore division, as it now stands, combined with the difficulties of travelling in West Coast districts, it is impossible for the Executive Engineer to visit the works in progress on the West Coast as often as is desirable.

3. My proposal is to form a new division, to be called the West Coast division, with head-quarters at Calicut, and to comprise the two districts of South Canara and Malabar with North-West Wynaad, and to do this by transferring the present Executive Engineer of Salem and his office establishment to Calicut, making Salem a sub-division of the Coimbatore division, and moving an Assistant Engineer from the present Coimbatore division to Salem.

4. According to the sanctioned scale of establishment, Coimbatore is entitled to three Assistant Engineers, and Salem has none; under the proposed arrangement Coimbatore with Salem would be allowed two Assistants, and the West Coast one.

5. I send, herewith, sketch maps and statements of expenditure, which, I hope, will make my proposal and the expediency of it perfectly clear. The maps show the unwieldy size of the present Coimbatore division, and that my proposal is to form two divisions of pretty nearly the same size; while from having a railway running through them, the officer stationed at Coimbatore could readily reach any part of Salem.

The statements show that the average outlay per annum in the present Coimbatore division has been Rs. 3,18,718 and the cost of establishment about 22 per cent.; while

in Salem there has been an average outlay of Rs. 85,714 only and establishment has cost about 31 per cent.

6. By the change I propose the outlay of the two divisions would be nearly equalised, and the cost of establishment become about 25 per cent.

This no doubt is a high percentage, but the great areas over which the works are scattered have to be considered; and at the present moment works at Kalpathi and Manantoddy have to stand over for the want of a subordinate to superintend them.

7. The only increase in cost of establishment I think indispensable to make the new arrangement fairly effective is that the new West Coast division should be allowed the establishment of a first-class division. It will be remembered that, when Calicut was formerly the head-quarters of a division, there were great difficulties with the office establishment, and as a consequence all the office work fell into arrears and confusion. Not only is living and carriage expensive at Calicut, but most of our office servants dislike the West Coast; and frequent changes are highly detrimental to efficiency.

I would propose to overcome the old difficulties by giving a first-class establishment, and by a special selection of the men to be sent there.

8. I propose making Calicut the head-quarters of the new West Coast division instead of Cannanore or Mangalore—(1) because it is easily reached from Coimbatore, and it is desirable that the division office should be readily accessible at all times from the circle office; (2) because there is now a Government building at Calicut which was built for a division office; and (3) because it is the head-quarters of a district, and a convenient point of departure for the Wynaad, Malapuram, Trichúr, Cochin and Quilon.

9. There are troops stationed at no less than six places in the proposed new division, viz.:—

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| 1. Quilon. | 4. Calicut. |
| 2. Trichúr. | 5. Cannanore, and |
| 3. Malapuram. | 6. Mangalore. |

The expenditure in 1883-84 in the West Coast sub-divisions on military works and repairs will be Rs. 92,235; or about 38 per cent. of the total expenditure in those sub-divisions, which is Rs. 2,40,278.

It would therefore be convenient that the divisional officer should be a Royal Engineer; and in any case it is desirable that the frequent changes of officers that formerly occurred should be avoided as far as possible. To this end I venture to suggest that, if practicable, an officer who has lately returned from furlough should be given the post and expected to remain there three years at least, if his health remains good.

10. The only arrangement I have to suggest is that Mr. Bell should have the new temporary Barur division including the Hosúr and Krishnagiri taluks, and that Captain Boddy, R.E., shortly expected from England, should go to Calicut. In that case there would be no difficulty in making the change of divisions at once; but if Mr. Bell is to be moved to Calicut I think it better the change should take place from 1st May.

P.S.—This letter is accompanied by lists showing the sanctioned, existing and proposed scales of establishment as regards assistants and upper subordinates.

From the same officer, dated Coimbatore, 8th January 1884, No. 10 W.

I have the honor to submit a revised statement showing proposed changes of establishment in place of the one which accompanied my letter, No. 6 W., of 5th instant.

2. The temporary establishment sanctioned for the Coimbatore division would eventually have to be made permanent, should the present arrangement of divisions be left undisturbed.

3. Consequently, the redistribution of establishment proposed in my letter under reference would cause a net saving of Rs. 27½ instead of an increase.

REVISED STATEMENT SHOWING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IV CIRCLE.

PRESENT SCALE.			PROPOSED SCALE.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.		Grounds of Proposition.	Remarks.
Number.	Designation.	Amount of Pay.	Number.	Designation.	Amount of Pay.	Number.	Amount of Pay.	Number.	Amount of Pay.		
1	Salem Division, 3rd Class.	Rs. 55	1	New West Coast Division, 1st Class.	Rs. 70	4	87½	..	..	..	Net savings Rs. 27½.
1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 3rd grade	55	1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	70	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Clerk, 4th class, 2nd grade	35	1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	45	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	30	1	Do. do. 2nd do.	35	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Draftsman, 2nd class	42½	1	Clerks, do. 3rd do.	50	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Do.	25	1	Draftsman, 1st class	60	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Storekeeper	15	1	Do. 3rd do.	25	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Accountant	..	1	Storekeeper	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Executive Engineer	..	1	Accountant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Upper subordinates	..	1	Executive Engineer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	Upper subordinates	..	1	Assistant Engineer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14	Coimbatore Division, 1st Class.	222½	18	Upper Subordinates	310	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	70	1	New Coimbatore Division, 1st Class.	70	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	45	1	Head clerk, 3rd class, 2nd grade	45	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Do. do. 2nd do.	35	1	Clerk, 4th class, 1st grade	35	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	Clerks, 4th do. 3rd do.	60	2	Do. do. 2nd do.	50	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Draftsman, 1st class	25	1	Clerks do. 3rd do.	60	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Do.	30	1	Draftsman, 1st class	25	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Storekeeper	..	1	Do. 3rd do.	25	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Accountant	..	1	Storekeeper	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Executive Engineer	..	1	Accountant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Assistant Engineers	..	1	Executive Engineer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12	Upper subordinates	..	2	Assistant Engineers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Clerk	30	10	Upper subordinates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	Clerks at Rs. 15 each	30	..	Total ..	310	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Draftsman, 1st class	50	..	Deduct increase ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29	..	425	22	Net Decrease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

8th January 1884.

From the same officer, dated Coimbatore, 24th March 1884, No. 167-E.W.

I have the honor to inform you that if no change is to take place in the limits of Coimbatore division, the continued employment of the clerks sanctioned in G.O., No. 2108 W., of 1st August 1883, will be needed in 1884-85 to enable the Executive Engineer to carry on the heavy office work of the division. This extra establishment is needed to assist the permanent establishment.

2. I have therefore the honor to request sanction as follow :—

2 Clerks on Rs. 20 each	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	RS.
2 Do. on „ 15 do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
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								70
For one year...								840

ORDER—dated 28th April 1884, No. 1058 W., Public Works.

In the letters recorded above the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, proposes a re-arrangement of divisions in order to facilitate executive duty and to distribute more equitably the cost of working.

2. Under existing arrangements, the circle comprises the following divisions :—

Nilgiris.	North Arcot.
Coimbatore.	B Project.
Salem.	Barur (Temporary.)

3. It is now proposed to reconstitute a West Coast division, with head-quarters at Calicut, and to transfer to it the Executive Engineer of Salem with his establishment, the present Salem division being worked as a sub-division of the Coimbatore division.

4. Including the temporary office establishment now employed in the Coimbatore division, the new arrangements will result in a net saving of Rs. 27½ per mensem, as shown in the statement which accompanies the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 10 W., dated 8th January 1884.

5. For the reasons advanced by the Superintending Engineer, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the changes, from such date as they can be conveniently carried out.

6. The proposal of the Superintending Engineer to post a Royal Engineer officer for charge of the new West Coast division will be kept in view. Captain Boddy has already been posted to the Barur Project division.

7. The sanction to the revised scale of office establishment accorded in these proceedings has been registered as Provincial No. 6 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Establishment, Permanent.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Military Department.
„ Financial Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 28th.

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G.O., 28th April 1884, No. 1058 W.

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Executive Divisions in the
IV Circle

Sanctioning, with remarks, a re-arrange-
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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Endorsement of the Under Secretary
by Government P. W. Department dated
29th May 1884 N^o 205 E. transferring
for consideration papers connected with
the case of P. Rajah praying that
he may be entitled a pension for his
service under Govt.

Order thereon 2^d July 1884 N^o 588.

The petitioner is informed
that the question of his eligibility
for pension cannot be taken into
consideration so long as he remains
on the public service.

True Extract

L. R. R. R.

Ag Under Secy. to Govt.

To

The Public Works Department.

205. E of 29-5-84
3039. W of 26-10-83

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No. 1729 W of 12th July/84
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