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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th January 1884, No. 172 W.:—

With reference to G. O., No. 551 W., dated 21st February 1879, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a statement showing the detail of establishment of Public Works Department of this Presidency as it stood on 31st December 1883, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India.

2. Attention is specially drawn to the note at foot of the statement in respect of certain changes made in the present list in the classification of upper subordinates as "European" or "Native" as compared with the previous lists submitted.

3. There is room for doubt as to the correctness of the classification of the members of the department between "European" and "Natives" in this return. If, as I understand the case, every person born in India of parents domiciled in the country, and not merely residing there for a temporary purpose, has the standing, before the law, of a native of India, and this is the distinction to be drawn in this return, probably a large number of the names now shown under the designation "European" should have been included under "Native."

4. If, on the other hand, the term "Native" is to be used in the restricted sense of pure "Asiatic" descent, several names now classed under it should be transferred to the "European" column. The basis adopted in the present return is neither the one meaning nor the other.

5. All persons of pure Asiatic descent are classed as "Natives," and persons with European names are classed as "Natives" or "Europeans" according to their own choice.

ORDER—dated 22nd January 1884, No. 198 W., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, whose orders will be again requested as to the method of classification to be adopted.

(Here enter No. ²/_{198 W.}, dated 22nd January 1884.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of 1884 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd Jan. 1884, No. 198 W.

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Public Works Department
Establishments

The return of the —, up to 31st December 1883, ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.

No. 192 W.

From

THE EXAMINER,

PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Madras, 19th January

1884.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 551 W. dated 21st. February 1879, I have the honor to forward herewith a statement shewing the detail of Establishment of P.W. Department of this Presidency as it stood on 31st. December 1883, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India.

3. Attention is specially drawn to the note at foot of the statement in respect of certain changes made in the present list in the Classification of Upper Subordinates as "European" or "Native", as compared with the previous lists submitted.

3. There is room for doubt as to the correctness of the Classification of the members of the Department between "Europeans" and "Natives" in this Return. If, as I understand the case, every person born in India of parents domiciled in the country and not merely residing there for a temporary purpose, has the standing before the Law of a Native of India, and this is the distinction to be drawn in this Return, probably a large number of the names now shown under the designation "European" should have been included under "Native".

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Return is neither the one meaning nor the other.

5. All persons of pure Asiatic descent, are classed
as "Natives" and persons with European names, are classed
as "Europeans" according to their own choice.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

D. C. Parsons

Examiner P.W. Accounts,

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From,
The Examiner P.W. Accounts,
Madras.
To,
The Secretary to Government,
P.W. Department.

No. 192W

Dated 19th January 1884.

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Statement of the details
of the P.W. Department Establishment
as it stood on 31st. December 1883.
Forwards for transmission to the
Secretary of State for India.

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S.W. Department.
No. 198W
Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 22^d January/84
Read the following.

Letter from the Examiner P.W. Accts. (H.E. No. 192W of January 19th/84)

Ordered to be
forwarded to the Secretary
of State for India, whose
orders will be again requested
as to the method of
classification to be adopted.

(H.E. No. 198W of 22^d Jan'y/84)

To,

The R^t. Hon^{ble}
The Secy. of State for India.
Examiner P.W. Accts.

My Lord,

We have the honour
to forward herewith the
Return, made up to 31st Dec^r
1883, of the Establishments
of the Public Works Department
of this Presidency, as prescribed
in Lord Cranbrook's

Despatch of the 30th January
1879. N^o 3 Public Works.

We would again invite
your Lordships' ^{special} attention
to the questions raised by
the Examiner P.W. Accounts
on the subject of classification,
the same difficulty having
been experienced in the
preparation of the present

returns as was felt in
making up those of the
previous year - vide our
Despatch N^o 6
2684 of 24th January
1883.

2. In the absence of
precise instructions as to
the method of classification
to be adopted, the Returns,
based in many cases on
the uncertainty of individual
choice, cannot be regarded
as correctly representing
the numbers which should
be placed under each

nationality.

3. The Return of
State Railway Establishments
is being forwarded separately.

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Mr D Estab.

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