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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
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To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Bangalore, 14th October 1885.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

SIR,

Enclosures.

In reference to para 2 of G. O. No 2316 W dated 6th October 1885, I have the honor to report that the valuation for the purposes of Municipal Taxation is now with a few exceptions [owing to the Municipal Commissioners requiring more time for investigation] completed.

The delay in arriving at the valuation on each of the many Government Buildings in Madras has arisen from the want of any guiding principles being furnished to the Executive Engineer to assist him in making his assessments. No directions in fact were issued until receipt of G. O. No 2038 W dated 2nd September

September 1885 containing the direction in para 2 of Government Order No. 378 M Financial of 10th August 1885.

Consequently in the first instance in November 1884 I as Executive Engineer proceeded to assess the Value of all Government Buildings at Madras in accordance with the principle laid down in para 1229 P.W. Code which prescribes the mode of fixing a rent on any public building used as a residence. Moreover also the Madras Municipal assessments had been always based on exactly the same principle viz on the amount spent on each building & not on any arbitrarily assumed letting value - for instance when additions were made to any public buildings as to the Bank P.W. Offices, Gun Powder Factory Buildings &c the Municipality increased their assessment by an addition to the former one of a certain per centage on the cost of the additional buildings -

Accordingly prepared and sent to the Collector on the 27th March 1885 my assessment of the buildings based on the actual cost of each so far as it could be ascertained & on the estimated value of each where no actual figure of cost could be found.

On receipt of this assessment to which the President Municipal Commission enquired of the Collector "how I had made it?" I informed the latter officer & my method of procedure was at once pronounced to be contrary to the Municipal Act & therefore probably untenable in a law Court. Consequently I have since made an entirely new & arbitrary assessment - viz one based on what I think would be the letting value of each property supposing each was offered to the public for