

P.W.C. No 2026

the Examiner as
one. Two Europeans in
these grades. It is exceedingly
difficult to get Europeans, of a
suitable class, for the rate of pay
allowed for the 5th. grade, hence the
proposal to appoint Mr. Salt in the
4th. grade.

3. Mr. Salt has passed the test
qualifying for an Assistant Examiner
and has good testimonials in proof
of his qualifications for the
appointment.

R. 1. 3. 88

to 758 w a p 6th March 88

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N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

[C. No. 2.]

From

Major C. H. B. Christie R.E.
EXAMINER

PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

Madras, 5th January

1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to reconsider the resolution communicated in G.O. No. 3476 W. dated 20th. December 1887, and that the Government of India may again be moved to sanction the additional Establishment asked for in my letter No. 60 W. dated 6th. September 1887.

2. In their letter No. 2165 G. dated 31st. October 1887 the Government of India requested that the proposals for additional establishment might be reconsidered with reference to the remarks in para 7 of their P.W.D. No. 1721 G. dated 2nd. September 1887, which began as follows: "The number of accountants (58), including two temporary men for test audit work, sanctioned in Public Works Department letter No. 867 G. of 4th. May 1887, was based on the requirements of 29 divisions including Coorg; as it appears that the number of divisions including Coorg has now been reduced to 27, a proportionate reduction in the staff should apparently be made and a revised scale submitted for sanction".

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20-12-87

3. In my office note No. 867^X dated 13th. December 1887 I pointed out that, as a matter of fact, the number of divisions has not been reduced at all; that, on the contrary, including the new Periyar Division, the introduction of which led to the application for increase of establishment, the number of divisions has been increased to 30 including Coorg. It seems therefore quite clear that the request of the Government of India for a reconsideration of the proposals was due to a complete misapprehension of the circumstances of the case.

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4-10-87

4. In para 7 of their letter of the 2nd. September 1887 No. 1721 G. the Government of India said that a revised scale should be submitted for sanction in accordance with the proportionate reduction properly due to a certain supposed reduction of the number of divisions. It is true that ~~they~~ they went on to make further remarks as to the apparent possibility of considerable reductions in the establishment of this office; but it seems quite clear^A that, pending consideration of this larger question, they were fully prepared to sanction an establishment based upon the actual number of divisions according to the rule hitherto in force; and therefore there seems no reason to doubt that, on their mistake being pointed out, they will be prepared, pending the consideration of the other question, to sanction a proportionate increase of staff in accordance with the actual increase of the number of divisions.

5. In any case it is my duty to state plainly that, if the so-called increase asked for — which in point of fact, and with reference to the work to be done, is no increase at

all, but simply a re-adjustment of the establishment to the work in accordance with a sanctioned sliding scale — should not be sanctioned I cannot undertake to provide accountants for additional divisions now sanctioned or hereafter to be sanctioned. The number of divisions is already one (Periyar) in excess of that on which the staff of accountants is calculated; in G.O. No. 3208 W. dated 24th. November 1887 Government have sanctioned^a a second additional division (Rushikulya); and I understand that one, if not two, more additional divisions will be sanctioned for the Periyar Project Works.

6. I shall of course do what I can, and if the Government of India should sanction the proportionate increase required by the additional divisions, it is very possible that I may not find it necessary to entertain the whole, or even any part of, the additional staff sanctioned; and, in any case, any additional staff that may be entertained, will be entertained temporarily, and without prejudice to any reduction ultimately found feasible in connection with the general proposals which I hope to submit very shortly; but I respectfully submit that, if I should find an increase of establishment really necessary, in consequence of the creation of additional divisions, I cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience that may be caused by refusal of the necessary sanction.

7. I would further point out that the present scale of establishment, that is the scale^A relatively to the number of divisions for the time being in existence, has been in force for some 7 or 8 years; and that during 6 of these years my immediate predecessor was in continuous charge of the office;

and I venture to think that, under the circumstances, Government can hardly expect me after a few months' experience, to be prepared, at a moment's notice, with proposals for a wholesale reduction of the establishment of accountants.

8. I hope shortly to be able to submit proposals which will combine a substantial reduction of expenditure with an ultimate increase of efficiency; but the question cannot be satisfactorily dealt with without very careful consideration, and I venture to hope that, in the meanwhile, Government will see fit to recommend the maintenance of the staff of accountants, for a few months longer, on the general sliding scale hitherto in force, modified as before to suit the ^{five}~~5th~~ graded Madras establishment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.



Major R.E.

Examiner P. W. Accounts Madras
and Coorg.

P.W. Department.

Read the following.

G.O. dated 20th December 1887. No. 3476 W.

Letter from the Examiner P.W. Accounts No. 109 Wd/5.1.88.

— FOR ORDERS —

In para 7 of their letter received with G.O. 2610 W dated 4th October 1887, the Government of India drew attention to the excessive expenditure on the staff of accountants of the Madras Presidency and the clerical establishment of the Examiner's office. They pointed out that the number of accountants (58), including two temporary men for test audit work, was based

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

No. 109 R 10220

Dated 5th January 1888.

Recd. 6.1.88

Additional Accounts
Establishment for the Periyar
Project Works. Requesting to move
the Govt. of India to sanction----

- No. 2665 Wd/22.9.83
- " 630 Wd/9.3.86
- " 879.20 Wd/16.3.87
- " 1339 Wd/16.5.87
- " 1945 Wd/6.6.87
- " 1622 Wd/16.6.87
- " 2038.9 Wd/29.7.87
- " 2314.5 Wd/29.8.87
- " 2610.11 Wd/4.10.87
- " 2612 Wd/4.10.87
- " 3208 Wd/24.11.87
- " 2503.4 Wd/21.9.87
- " 3048 Wd/11.11.87
- " 3476 Wd/20.1.88

on the requirements of
29 divisions including
Coorg, but that as the
number of divisions including
Coorg had been reduced
to 27, a proportionate
reduction in the staff
should be made.

"22. The Examiner now
explains that the Gt of
India were under a
misapprehension as to the
number of divisions, that
including Coorg and the
new Seriyana division,
there are really 30 divisions
to be provided for, and
that if this fact be
properly explained to the
Gt of India there seems
no reason to doubt that
they will be prepared,

pending consideration
of the larger question of
reductions generally, to
sanction a proportionate
increase of staff in
accordance with the actual
increase of the number of
divisions.

3. The question for
consideration is whether
the proposed increase
should now be again
referred for the consideration
of the Gt of India or
the Examiner's arrangement
for providing the additional
accountant from the
surplus staff of his own
office, as reported in para
4 of his letter No 60 W dated
6th September 1887, continued
for the present.

4. The Madras Gvt have, as pointed out by the Gvt of India, a larger number of accountants than is allowed by rule, the extra men being almost wholly employed in the Examiner's office, ~~that~~ and instead, of some 14 accountants, the Examiner's office has 27 or 28, which, with the clerks, bring up the strength of the establishment to the very high figure of at least 90 men; ~~and that~~ Notwithstanding this large staff, which is supposed to relieve divisional offices of accounts work, there has been

been no corresponding reduction of Establishment in those offices.

5. The Gvt of India are thus of opinion that the Establishment in the Examiner's office is susceptible of considerable reduction without practically impairing the efficiency of the office.

6. There seems no reason to question the correctness of this opinion, and it would perhaps be inadvisable to sanction any increase to the Examiner's Estab^l while probable reductions are pending.

7. It may be remarked that

that, although under
a S. W. Code rule subsidiary
to the general financial
ruling under which the
Local Gvt have full power
to deal with Provincial
appointments costing less
than Rs 250/- in each
case, the sanction of the
Gvt of India is made
necessary to the revision
of Accounts Establishments,
still the Local Gvt
are primarily responsible
for Provincial expenditure,
and the orders of this
Gvt should therefore be
binding in a matter of
this kind.

On consideration I think it will
be advisable to point out that the
L of I are incorrect in their estimate
of the number of Divisions & ask
for sanction of the increase required
by C - 'pending the settlement of
the larger question' - as we must
have accounts for Raskhara
& Pannier -

Done
9/1/58

I quite agree. Major Christie
is not a man to come in
not really necessary & it is
quite right for I having time
to go into the larger question
fully

ppH
16 Jan

The Hon. Mr. H. C. S.

For Orders. —

H. C. S.
B.

No. 268 W. P. W. Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 23^d January 1888

Read the following:—

Letter from the Examiner P. W. A. (H. C. No. 109 W. A. 5. 1. 88):

Ordered that the

Govt of India be addressed.

(H. C. No. 269 W. A. 23^d January 1888)

To, The Secretary to the
Govt of India, P. W. D.

Sir,
In your letter No. 2165 G
dated 31st October 1887 it is
requested that the proposals
submitted by the E. P. W. Sects.
for additional accounts
Establishment in connection

E. P. W. Sects. ✓ 20/11

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with the Seriyar Project
division, should be recon-
sidered with reference to
para: 7 of the P.W. Dept
N^o 1721 G dated 2^d Sept. 1887.

The Examiner P.W. Accounts
in the accompanying letter
points out that the
remarks of the G^{vt} of
India in their letter of
2^d Sept. last are based
on a misapprehension as
to the number of divisions
for which Accounts
Establishment should be
provided, and that, instead
of there being only 27
divisions including Coorg,
as supposed by the
G^{vt} of India, the actual

number, taking the Seriyar
Project division into
account, is 30. A detailed
list of these is attached.

2. Under these circum-
stances, the Examiner requests
a reconsideration of the
decision of the G^{vt} of
India, and that, pending
report on the larger question
of reductions generally
which is now engaging
his attention ^{but will occupy considerable time,} sanction
may be given to a
proportionate increase of
staff in accordance with
the sanctioned sliding
scale now in force.

3. I am ^{directed} to support
the recommendations of