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Calcutta, the 22nd February 1888.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, ^{Upper} Assam and ^{Lower} Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers marginally noted, for information and guidance.

By Order,

R. B. BUCKLEY,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract, paras. 3 and 4, of letter from Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 91 B., dated 22nd February 1888, to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department.

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4. The Government of India, however, having taken the matter again into consideration, is of opinion that the powers at present possessed by Superintending Engineers may, in the case of selected officers, be advantageously expanded, so as to enable them to sanction estimates to the extent to which they may now finally approve designs and details. I am accordingly directed to state that when, in the opinion of a Local Government, any Superintending Engineer can, with due regard to his qualifications and business-habits, be entrusted with the power, the Local Government may, in supersession of existing rules, confer upon him authority to sanction estimates for individual Civil Works or parts of Irrigation projects, up to a maximum of Rs. 10,000. It must, however, be distinctly understood that no work thus sanctioned can be commenced without a specific appropriation of funds sanctioned by the Local Government, or such other authority as may be necessary in each case.

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