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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieut.-Colonel R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 22nd September 1891, No. 501/W.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, No. 5642, dated 20th instant, bringing to notice the great size of the division as at present constituted and the large amount of official work entailed thereby.

2. The Coimbatore division was constituted as such in the year 1884 and has been held successively by Messrs. J. P. Davidson, A. G. Romilly, Captain D. McNeil Campbell, Captain O. V. Boddy, S. Subharayachariyar, A. T. Mackenzie, G.B. Lambert, J. W. Martin, and J. C. Larminie.

3. It was increased by the addition of the Nilgiri sub-division of the late Nilgiri division in April 1890. Prior to this there appears to have been no difficulty in working the division, but since then and in view of the improvements of the Kalingaroyen channel, which will be undertaken next year, the work of the present division is abnormally large. I would deprecate the Kalingaroyen channel being taken away from the Coimbatore division and would suggest that the Salem district only be constituted into a separate division in charge of a junior Executive officer.

4. A tank restoration party is now working in the upper taluks of the Salem district and estimates are rapidly being sent in, and for some years to come there will be sufficient work to occupy the attention of another Executive Engineer. When the Kalingaroyen work has been carried out the two districts may be once more amalgamated.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Ootacamund, 20th September 1891, No. 5642.

I would again invite your attention to the question of re-organizing this division, and in this connection please see my letters Nos. 4794, 4961 and 5086 of 9th, 16th and 22nd August 1891, respectively, on the subject.

2. For ready reference I shall again note the various circumstances which call for and render some re-arrangement essentially necessary, and that too at no distant date.

3. The division, as now constituted, is abnormally large, comprising as it does the Coimbatore, Salem and Nilgiri districts, which for Public Works administration are divided into five sub-divisions.

4. The result is a mass of correspondence and work of accounts, which alone are far more than sufficient to occupy the daily time of the Executive Engineer, *Sundays* included, and when through any cause, *e.g.*, rapid marching or inspection work for two or three days running, little time can be devoted to office work, the result is an appalling accumulation which may take a two or three days' halt to clear off.

5. Much of this office work is of the most petty and irksome character and reduces an Executive Engineer to the level of a clerk and wastes time which could far better be devoted to his more legitimate work. Of course, some share of such work must be expected and gone through in the management of a division.

6. But I submit that not alone in the interests of Government, as also in fairplay to the Executive Engineer himself, he should not be hampered to such an extent as to reduce his professional supervision to the narrowest and most superficial extent.

7. The recent sanction of the estimates, amounting to Rs. 8,25,000, for the improvements of the Kalingaroyen channel promise to increase, in a very material degree, the Executive and office work of the division. Projects of smaller extent have been constituted *separate* divisions.

8. So does it, under the foregoing conditions, seem an unreasonable request that, before undertaking a large and important project like the Kalingaroyen channel, the details of which require careful reconsideration and revision, some reduction should be made in the work of a division already abnormally heavy.

9. If I may be allowed to make a suggestion, it seems to me that the easiest way out of the difficulty is by the detachment of the Salem district.

10. If there are insuperable difficulties preventing its formation as a separate division, I may from personal experience suggest that as the Trichinopoly division is a small and light one, it (Salem sub-division) might be attached thereto. Salem is actually only 20 miles further from Trichinopoly by rail than is Coimbatore, so there is no practical difference and the districts are contiguous to a great extent. This proposal would involve no change that could not be made on paper.

11. The other alternative of forming the Kalingaroyen channel into a separate division I would deprecate, as by itself it would be a light division, while the arrangement would not benefit this division as now constituted.

12. A more preferable plan would be the formation of Salem and the Kalingaroyen channel into one division, but this would detach the latter from Coimbatore.

13. I may mention that I have personally brought these matters to the Chief Engineer's notice, when he was good enough to state that if the circumstances are laid before him they should have full consideration. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will be good enough to forward this letter with any remarks you may consider necessary.

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. The Coimbatore division as at present constituted, though not actually beyond the powers of a really energetic officer with a good capacity for business, approaches very near the limit of those powers, and any addition to its duties, either by the opening of relief works on a large scale or the undertaking of a large work, such as the improvements to the Kalingaroyen channel, will certainly cause it to go beyond that limit.

3. Work on the Kalingaroyen channel will be begun next year, and the undersigned agrees with the Superintending Engineer in considering that the time has come when a reduction in the area of the division is necessary.

4. The most obvious course would be to form the Salem district into a separate division, but the objection to this is that in ordinary times the work of this division would be insufficient to occupy the time of an Executive Engineer and his establishment.

5. If relief works on any large scale have to be opened, this objection will disappear and Salem may be made a division by itself, but if not, the undersigned considers that the best arrangement would be that indicated in para. 12 of the Executive Engineer's letter, viz., to attach the Kalingaroyen channel to Salem, which with it would form a respectable division.

6. There is a certain amount of inconvenience in this as the channel is in the Coimbatore district, but it is close to the Salem boundary and for all practical purposes as easily accessible from Salem as from Coimbatore. Mr. Walch concurs with the undersigned that the arrangement proposed is the best.

The suggestion to attach Salem to the Trichinopoly division does not commend itself to the undersigned.

7. Orders have already been issued for the posting of Mr. Manson to the Coimbatore division on his return from furlough during the current month, and it is therefore proposed that he shall at once proceed to organise Salem as a separate third-class division, leaving for settlement, after the north-east monsoon, the question whether the Kalingaroyen channel improvements shall be added to it or remain attached to Coimbatore.

8. The new division should, in the opinion of the undersigned, be considered a permanent one for the appointment of office establishment.

TRICHINOPOLY,
1st October 1891.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 22nd October 1891, No. 2783 W., Public Works.

The Salem district will, as proposed by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, be at once organised into a separate Public Works division of the third class under Mr. Manson, the scale of the office establishment being fixed accordingly. The question as to whether the Kalingaroyen channel project shall be added to the new division thus constituted or remain under the charge of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, will be resubmitted for decision after the north-east monsoon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

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Dated October, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd Oct. 1891, No. 2783 W.

OCTOBER.

Salem District

The proposed organisation of the — into
a separate Public Works division under Mr.
Executive Engineer Manson, sanctioned.

No. 9
From
5th January 1892

Lt Col. R. R. Drake Braekman R.L.
Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

Sir,

I have the honour to re-
quest you will be good
enough under para 277 of
the P.W. Code to obtain sanc-
tion of Government fixing
Salem as Head quarters of the
Executive Engineer of the Salem
Division lately formed under
G.O. dated 22nd October 1891, No. 2783 W.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Ruedra. Braekman Lt Col. R.L.
Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

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The Supg. Engrs.
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