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Passing orders on letter from the Sanitary Engineer submitting for consideration certain points in connection with the rules issued for conducting the business of the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 1698 L., dated 18th September 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Reconstituting the Sanitary Board, issuing revised rules for conducting its business and making certain alterations in the rules sanctioned in G.O., No. 79 L., dated 16th January 1891, regarding the scrutiny of plans and estimates for sanitary works.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. A. JONES, Esq. MEM. INST. C.E., F.R.S.E., Sanitary Engineer to Government, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 13th October 1896, No. 3047.

With reference to G.O., No. 1698 L., dated 18th September 1896 (but received only on 10th October 1896), I have the honour to inquire whether the Board is to be reconstituted *at once* as no date is mentioned; until the notifications at the end of the above order become law plans and estimates will continue to come to the Sanitary Engineer, but these can, of course, be transferred to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board if, as I presume, the order is intended to have force at once.

2. I have also the honour to direct attention to the following points:—

Unless Rule No. 13 refers solely to works costing between Rs. 200 and Rs. 500 it appears it is not quite consistent with Rule No. 16 wherein it is laid down that the Sanitary Engineer is to design *all* works above Rs. 500. With reference to this latter rule, it is presumed that the rule does not include repairs with which, over an area of 141,189 square miles, it would be impossible for the Sanitary Engineer to deal.

3. Even in regard to original works the design of these will, it is thought, not be so satisfactory as if designed by persons conversant with local wants, needs, manufactures, materials, prices, soils, &c. The transfer of this work will moreover require a large increase to the office staff. The amount of work over Rs. 500 estimated for during 1895 by Municipalities and Local Fund Boards amounted to Rs. 1,96,897 for new works and Rs. 65,513 for repairs, and to overtake even the former, which is in every sense additional to that now being done in the Sanitary Engineer's Office, the following staff will be required:—

	Average.
One head draftsman on Rs. 80 to 100	RS.
Two draftsmen on Rs. 50 to 70	95
Two estimators on Rs. 50 to 70	130
Two tracers on Rs. 25 to 35	130
	65
Total	420

This is only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the estimates and the tendency is for sanitary works to increase in number not decrease.

4. I doubt if Government realised this increase of work when passing orders, and I therefore do not send forward a proposition statement until Government is pleased to pass orders on this letter. Government may perhaps intend Local Fund Boards and Municipalities to contribute to this as they will be relieved of a large amount of work.

5. May I be permitted to suggest that in order to keep the Sanitary Commissioner and Sanitary Engineer acquainted with what orders are being passed by the Board, the Secretary, Sanitary Board, should be directed to send copies of all proceedings to the Sanitary Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer for information only.

ORDER—No. 2163 L., dated 14th November 1896.

The reconstituted Sanitary Board will be considered to have entered upon its duties from the 24th October, the date of the Government order nominating the Civilian member of the Board.

2. With reference to paragraphs 2 to 4 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter, it is observed that No. 13 of the Sanitary Board Rules refers to the particular works mentioned in Rule 12, for which standard plans are issued, and obviously excludes repairs, while Rule 16 relates to new sanitary works for which there are no standard plans. The rules are, therefore, not inconsistent, nor does the Government see at present any reason for thinking that additional establishment will be needed.

3. The suggestion made by the Sanitary Engineer in the last paragraph of his letter will be disposed of by the President of the Sanitary Board.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Board.

„ the Sanitary Engineer.

„ the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Public Department.

„ the Financial Department.

„ all Collectors.

„ all Presidents of District Boards.

„ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.

„ the Surgeon-General.

„ the Accountant-General.