

Public Works (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanitary Works: Pres. Ltr. to Dept. approving
the suggestion of the Chief Engineer that the
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P.W.D. to accord professional sanction to the
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Sanitary Works.

Approving the suggestion of the Chief Engineer that the Local and Municipal Department should simply approve a project and give orders for financing it, leaving it to the Public Works Department to accord professional sanction to the estimates.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Office-note from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Madras, 29th March 1897, No. 1770-C.

The Revenue Department having forwarded extract from the fortnightly narrative of the Collector of Vizagapatam for the period ending 28th February 1897, in which delay in commencing the Vizagapatam water-supply project was complained of, it became necessary to explain to His Excellency the reasons which led to the delay.

2. The chief cause of the delay was that, after the estimate for the project had been sanctioned in G.O., No. 22 M., dated 11th January 1897, it was found that the Sanitary Engineer had not commenced the preparation of the detailed specifications without which no progress could be made, and that he required the sanctioned plans to be returned to him to enable him to draw up the specifications.

3. The same difficulty has occurred with regard to the Tirupati and Cocanada water-supply schemes, for which specifications can only be drawn up by the Sanitary Engineer after he completes those for the Vizagapatam project.

4. The following extract from a note on the subject which was submitted by the undersigned to His Excellency, with copy of His Excellency's rescript, is now forwarded for consideration in the Local and Municipal Department :—

Extract from Public Works Note.

"There is another point which may be noticed here. In all these sanitary projects which have lately been transferred to the Public Works Department for execution, the sanction to the plans and estimates have been given in the Local and Municipal Department. There seems no reason, however, why in the case of sanitary projects, the practice in the case of other works to be carried out by the Public Works Department should be departed from. The Local and Municipal Department should, it is submitted, approve a project and give orders for financing it, but the professional sanction to the estimates should be left to the Public Works Department.

No. 1616 C., dated 20th March 1897.
 „ 1540 C. „ 17th „ „

If this were done, the Chief Engineer's office would see that the project was complete in all its details, including specifications and schedules, before it was prepared for Government sanction, and subsequent correspondence with local officers on some points at least would be saved."

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
 Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

ORDER—No. 933 M., dated 21st April 1897.

The Chief Engineer's suggestion in paragraph 4 of his note read above is approved.

(True Extract.)

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For Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
 „ the Sanitary Board.
 „ the Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ the Sanitary Engineer.
 „ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ all Presidents of District Boards.
 „ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. A. Raiff.