

Public Works (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Private Engineering & Architectural Work: Every Indian
Resolution on the subject of the employment of
Govt officers on — and their remuneration
for such work Comd^d to officers of the
P.W.D. for guidance.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

Resolution from the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), dated Calcutta, the 30th December 1896, No. 3231 G.

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Government of India, Public Works Department, Circular letter No. 1482 G., dated 21st May 1895, and the replies of Local Governments and Administrations thereto.
Article 91 of the Civil Service Regulations.

Observations.—In the Circular letter read above, it was said that whether Government officers undertake private work in their so-called leisure time, or in their working hours, their doing so must often be to the detriment of Government work. For these reasons the Government of India considered it undesirable, as a general rule, to permit the employment of Government officers on private engineering or architectural works. In special cases, however where, after full consideration of the objections, it was deemed expedient to allow the employment of a Government officer, the Government of India considered that the full professional fees should be charged and paid to Government, and that the officer concerned should be allowed to receive, as an honorarium, a suitable sum, usually not exceeding two-fifths of the sum received from the private employer.

Before coming to a final decision on the question the Government of India asked Local Governments and Administrations for an expression of their opinion as to the advisability of permitting officers to take up private engineering and architectural work either in their leisure time, or otherwise; and as to the remuneration they should be allowed to receive when permitted to do so.

Resolution.—The Local Governments, with practical unanimity, express concurrence in the above-stated views of the Government of India, so far as they affirm the desirability of restricting the employment of Government officers on private work.

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Order.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations, and Officers named on the margin for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that copies be forwarded to the Home and Finance and Commerce Departments, for information.

(Signed) M. W. BISSET, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 148 W., dated 19th January 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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SUBJECT.

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C. S. for Rev ✓
Sub. Insp ✓
S. S. on the spot ✓
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S. S. Light House ✓
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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.

To The Secretary Govt of Madras
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