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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

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Resolution.—In supersession of the above-mentioned orders the Government of India are pleased to decide that the following procedure shall be observed to ensure that Royal Engineer officers shall always be employed when it is necessary to design or construct fortified and frontier posts and also to inspect these annually :—

(1) When any defensive works chargeable to Imperial funds have to be constructed, under peace conditions, at places not under the administration of the Director-General of Military Works, the designs will be prepared by an officer of the Royal Engineers, and will be submitted, through the military authorities, to the Chief or Superintending Engineer of the Command for approval by the Lieutenant-General Commanding and for transmission to the Director-General of Military Works, who, after examining the projects, will take the necessary steps to obtain the sanction of the Government of India thereto.

(2) The works, when authorised, will be carried out under the superintendence of an officer of the Royal Engineers. If no Royal Engineer officer of the Public Works Department establishment concerned is available for the design or construction of the work, application will be made to the Government of India for the services of a Royal Engineer officer for the purpose.

(3) Defensive works required during the progress of field operations will be designed and constructed by the Royal Engineer officer with the field force.

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

(True Extract.)

Signed T. DAY, Major, R.E.,
for Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded, for information, to—

The Public Works Department.
The Quartermaster-General in India.
The Director-General of Military Works.
The Secretary, Defence Committee.

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Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.

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SUBJECT.

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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Defences.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

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