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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th February 1865.*

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department :—

Communicating, for information, Proceedings of
the Supreme Government regarding the trans-
fer of Royal Engineer Officers from the Madras
Presidency to the Government of India. } (Here enter 13th February 1865, No. 614.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1865, No. 343.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 614.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 20th January 1865, No. 958 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to transmit to you, for information and guidance, the accompanying copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, No. $\frac{1234 \text{ E.}}{5521}$, dated 23rd November 1864, regarding the distribution of Royal Engineer Officers to the several Presidencies, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to cause arrangements to be made for the transfer of 4 Engineer Officers for service in Bengal, and to favor Government with his opinion as to the mode in which the transfer of 30 Officers from the Madras Presidency to the Government of India can be most conveniently effected, with reference to paragraph 16 of the Resolution.

No. $\frac{1234 \text{ E.}}{5521}$

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Establishment.

Distribution of Royal Engineer Officers to the several Presidencies.

Read—

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. , dated
 „ from Secretary of State, No. 37, dated 30th July 1864.

RESOLUTION.—The Secretary of State having assented to the principle put forward by the Government of India that the Royal Engineer Officers serving in India should be distributed in proportion to the number of Public Works charges, and having authorised the Government of India to call on the Governments of Madras and Bombay to transfer a small number of their Officers, receiving in return some of the Civil Engineers now employed under the Government of India, it becomes necessary to take definite measures to carry out these views.

2. A Statement has been prepared (annexed to this Resolution), shewing the main facts of the present distribution of the Public Works charges under the various Governments, and of the Royal Engineer and Military Officers holding them.

3. The general conclusions to be drawn from the facts may be briefly stated as follows :—

I.—Public Works appointments of the Engineer grade, including Secretariat, Public Works proper, Accounts, Civil Engineering Colleges and Railway.

	Actual number.	Per cent.
Government of India.....	360	71
„ of Madras.....	61	12
„ of Bombay.....	87	17
Total...	508	100

II.—Stations at which European Troops are quartered.

	Number.	Per cent.
Government of India.....	70	73
„ of Madras.....	12	13
„ of Bombay.....	14	14
Total...	96	100

III. Miscellaneous appointments held by Royal Engineer Officers not under the Public Works Department, including Civil and Military duties, Survey, Mint, &c.

	Number.	Per cent.
Government of India.....	27	60
„ of Madras.....	8	18
„ of Bombay.....	10	22
Total...	45	100

IV.—Military Officers, not Royal Engineers, in the Public Works Department.

	Number.	Per cent.
Government of India.....	72	73
„ of Madras.....	10	11
„ of Bombay.....	15	16
Total...	97	100

4. The foregoing figures take into account the recent transfer to the Government of India of the Military Stations in Rajpootana.

5. A review of these figures sufficiently shews, without any lengthened discussion, that the present distribution of the requirements of the several Governments for Royal Engineer Officers may fairly be taken as follows :—

	Per cent.
Government of India.....	70
„ of Madras.....	12
„ of Bombay.....	18
Total...	100

6. Excluding the Colonels Commandant, who are essentially non-effective, the total Royal Engineers' Establishment for all India is 7 Battalions, at 47 Officers each, in all 329 Officers. If this be distributed in the above proportions, the numbers will be,—

Government of India...	230
„ of Madras...	39
„ of Bombay...	60
Total...	329

7. The actual numbers are—

	Public Works.	Other duties.	Absent and vacant.	Total.
Government of India.....	109	27	22	158
„ of Madras.....	38	8	31	77
„ of Bombay.....	55	10	29	94
Total.....	202	45	82	329

8. The 109 Royal Engineer Officers shewn as serving under the Government of India, include the Officers of the Madras and Bombay Establishments serving under the Government of India.

9. The vacancies and absentees, which amount in all to 82, comprise 24 vacancies, and 58 absentees; the latter including all Officers of the old Indian Corps now out of India, excepting the Colonels Commandant.

10. It will be seen that the Government of India has 72 Officers short of its proper quota; the Government of Madras 38 in excess; the Government of Bombay 34 in excess. The above figures suppose that the fixed Establishments are completed, but as there are 18 vacancies at Madras

and six at Bombay, the actual excess at the former Presidency is 20, and at the latter 28. Also, supposing the whole of the 24 vacancies were filled up, and the young Officers posted to the Government of India, the deficiency would be reduced to 48.

11. On the whole it seems to be a convenient way of settling the distribution of the Royal Engineer Officers to work on the Battalion unit which consists of 48 Officers, or excluding the Colonel Commandant of 47, as follows :—

2 Colonels.
5 Lieutenant Colonels.
8 Captains.
8 2nd Captains.
24 Lieutenants.
Total... 47

12. It would then suffice for practical purposes to assign 1 Battalion of 47 Officers as above to Madras; 1½ Battalions, say 70 Officers, to Bombay, and 4½ Battalions, or 212 Officers, to the Government of India. This would give Madras 8 Officers in excess of its proper share, and Bombay 10 in excess; the Government of India getting 18 short.

13. Bombay should have 2 Lieutenant Colonels with the half Battalion, and the Government of India 3 Lieutenant Colonels. All the other grades can be equally divided.

14. The proportion before named to the Secretary of State was, Madras 1, Bombay 1, Government of India 5. It is now seen that this was not quite exact, but the variation has in some degree been caused by the increase of the Establishments that has lately taken place at Bombay. As, however, the excess of Officers at Madras and Bombay will be certain to subsist for some time to come, the proposed distribution of young Engineer Officers in the proportion of 1, 1, and 5, which has been adopted by the Secretary of State, may properly continue for the present.

15. It would further appear to be the most convenient course to adopt for the future that the old Bengal, Madras and Bombay Establishments of Royal Engineers should henceforth be kept up solely as cadres, for purposes of promotion and regulation of Indian Pension, and so forth. That the Royal Engineer Establishment for the several Presidencies should be fixed as above proposed, and adjusted as soon as practicable by the transfer of Madras and Bombay Officers to the Government of India. All Madras and Bombay Officers now under the Government of India should be at once declared to belong to the Establishment of the Bengal Presidency.

16. The Madras and Bombay Governments should be requested to state their views as to the manner in which the needful transfers of Officers should be made to complete the adjustment of the proportions as above laid down. One ready way of doing this might be to make, say, half the Officers returning from leave to England come to the Government of India. Also Volunteers might be called for to begin with. The two Governments should further be invited to name for immediate transfer any Officers who can be spared. It might likewise be stated that, under the orders of the Secretary of State, the Government of India will expect say, 4 Officers to be transferred at once from each Presidency. As before noted, the excess is 20 at Madras and 22 at Bombay, so that this will only be taking one-fifth of what the strict calculation would require. In return for these eight Officers the Government of India will transfer eight Civil Engineers to those Presidencies.

No. of Stations where European Troops are quartered.	Bengal Presidency.												Total for all India.	All other duties in India.	Absent from India.*	Vacancies.	Supernumerary.	Total fixed R. E. Es- tablishment.	Remarks.	Total Bengal Presi- dency.
	Direct control of Government of India.																			
	Government of India.	Bengal.	North Western Provinces.	Punjab.	Oudh.	Central Provinces.	Burmah.	Light Houses.	Mysore.	Straits Set- tlements.	Rajapoo- tana.	Hyder- abad.								
Madras Presidency.	12	14	...	9	21	21	4	3	3	...	2	6	1	92				See reverse of paper.	19	
	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	1	22					8	
Secretariat.....	55	77	...	72	80	72	15	24	17	3	13	5	449						93	
Engineer Branch.....	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	17					5	
Accounts.....	1	*	†	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6				† The Executive Engineer, Poona Districts, super- intends the Poona En- gineering School.	1	
Civil Engineering Colleges...	2	5	...	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14					107	
Railway.....	61	87	6	80	89	78	19	27	4	13	7	508								
Total...				3	15	33	23	5	4	2	...	1	...	90	20	22	...		16	
				...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...		2	
Bengal.				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	4	13	...		12	
{ Indian.....				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...		2	
{ Royal.....	37	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	49	7	23	...		2	
Madras.				...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	...	...		1	
{ Indian.....				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
{ Royal.....	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Bombay.				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
{ Indian.....				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
{ Royal.....	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Total.	37	49	3	15	34	24	5	11	5	2	1	2	1	191	31	58	...		29	
{ Indian.....				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	14	...	...		4	
{ Royal.....	1	6	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Grand Total...	38	55	3	15	34	24	7	12	3	1	2	1	2	202	45	58	24	...	33	
Total Military Officers other than R. E. in the P. W. Department.	10	15	...	11	15	18	2	12	5	...	4	1	1	3	97	...	...	Inclusive of absentees.	28	
1st July 1864.																				

* This includes absence on duty.

1st July 1864.

List of Stations in India where European Troops are generally quartered.

Madras—

1 Bangalore.
Bellary.
Saint Thomas' Mount.
Fort Saint George.
5 Cannanore.
Trichinopoly.
Waltair.
Wellington.
Palaveram.
10 Vizagapatam.
Poonamallee.
12 Ramandroog.

Bombay—

1 Ahmednuggur.
Kirkee.
Ahmedabad.
Dessa.
5 Hyderabad.
Sholapoor.
Kurrachee.
Belgaum.
Baroda.
10 Poona.
Aden.
Bombay.
Sattara.
14 Aboo.

Bengal—

1 Fort William.
Dum-Dum.
Barrackpoor.
Chinsurah.
5 Berhampoor.
Darjeeling.
Dinapoor.
Hazareebaugh.
9 Debrogurh.

N. W. Provinces—

1 Benares.
Chunar.
Jounpoor.
Azimgurh.
5 Cawnpoor.
Allahabad.
Gwalior.
Seepree.
Jhansi.
10 Bareilly.
Moradabad.
Shanjehanpoor.
Meerut.
Futtehgurh.
15 Agra.
Muttra.
Roorkee.
Nagode.
Nowgong.
20 Nynsee Tal.
21 Landour.

Punjab—

1 Delhi.
Umballa.
Jullundur.
Phillour.
5 Kussowlie.
Subathoo.
Dugshai.
Lahore.
Kangra.
10 Ferozepoor.
Sealkote.
Mooltan.
Umristur.
Peshawar.
15 Rawul Pindce.
Cambellpoore.
Attock.
Nowshera.
Dera Ismail Khan.
20 Abbottabad.
21 Murree.

Central Provinces—

1 Saugor.
Jubbulpoor.
3 Kamptee.

Oudh—

1 Lucknow.
Seetapoor.
Roy Bareilly.
4 Fyzabad.

Hyderabad—

1 Secunderabad.

Burmah—

1 Rangoon.
Tonghoo.
3 Thayet Myoo.

Straits Settlements—

1 Singapore.
2 Penang.

Rajpootana—

1 Mhow.
Nusseerabad.
Neemuch.
Asseerghur.
5 Ajmeer.
6 Indore.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department for further consideration and orders.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, } (Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
FORT WILLIAM, 23rd November 1864. } Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department.

ORDER, No. 644, 13th February 1865.

Communicated to the Public Works Department and to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Before calling for Volunteers from the Officers of the Corps of Royal Engineers serving in this Presidency, to meet the present requisition for four Officers to be transferred to the Bengal Establishment, where it is observed, fourteen Officers of this Presidency are already serving, the mode in which the transfer of Engineer

Officers to the Government of India, as required in the foregoing papers, can be most conveniently effected, will be considered in the Public Works Department, with reference to the special requirements of this Presidency in that Department in connection with Revenue.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will also be requested to favor Government, as early as practicable, with his views on the proposed transfer, with reference to Military considerations.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M.

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

„ Adjutant General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Revenue Department, for information. *With 5 spare Copies.*

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Proceedings of the
Sancho's Court in
the Building D^{ts} 11th

Dated 13th 3rd July
Revenue 15th 1865.
N^o. 644.

Communicated
for information, Geo:
of the Supreme Court
regarding the transfer
of Royal Suppl^y Office
from the present
residence to the Court
of Justice.

N^o. 343.

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue

From W. L. George
17th July 1865

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