

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	970	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th April 1868.*

No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on letter from Superintending
Engineer, 3rd Division, regarding such petty
establishments as may be required for general
duties in connection with Imperial works, and
stating, with respect to works undertaken from
Local Funds, that orders will be issued in
Revenue Department. (Here enter 7th April 1868, No. 1,093.)

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1868, No. 970.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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7th April 1868.

No. 123. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Bellahoonsy, 31st March 1868, No. 3,545 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 663, of 27th February 1868, I have the honor to request you will inform me if it is proposed to entertain a class of men like the Sub-Overseers that were in the department between 1857 and 1863, and if a per-centage is to be added to all repair estimates for subordinate supervision. A class of men of this kind on salaries ranging from Rupees 15 to 40 is very much wanted, as a Talook Overseer requires some assistance in looking after the repair of the irrigation and road works in his talook. Besides this, since the introduction of the road cess, so many surveys and estimates for roads have been called for that, either the Overseer has had to neglect his other work in order to prepare the survey, or else the preparation of the survey, &c., have had to be deferred until an opportunity occurs to carry it out.

2. The Board of Revenue seem to be under the impression that surveys, &c., for Local Fund roads should be submitted soon after the call for them has been made, because Government, in their Order of 10th October 1867, authorized Superintending Engineers to incur such expenditure as might be unavoidably necessary for the preparation of surveys, &c., for local roads. This order of Government was passed on an application from me, and the expenditure I referred to was for coolies to assist the person surveying, for lockspitting the line, &c., &c., this expenditure would not be incurred if the Overseer had not an opportunity of commencing the survey.

3. As I am not able to complete the permanent establishment, I am not likely to get Overseers to come temporarily, and so until this department is strengthened, the preparation of surveys, &c., must depend on the time the Overseer can spare from his other duties.

G. O., No. 83 of 9th January 1866.
" " 810 of 10th March "
" " 3,770 of 27th November "

4. In the Orders as per margin, deductions have been sanctioned from maintenance grants for Petty Establishments; as the amounts thus deducted were

for the pay of Maistries, whose employment ceased when the allotment was expended, I would request that the monies thus deducted should be added to the maintenance grants for expenditure.

5. In this Division the only persons who, by the ruling laid down in paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 663, of 27th February 1868, can be included under the head "Petty Establishments" are the Maistries in the Cantonments of Bellary and Raman-droog. In the former, numerous works, new and repairs, are constantly in progress, and it would not be possible to debit each petty work; and in the latter, though the number of works is few, there is always some work going on.

6. I would beg to propose a permanent Petty Establishment of Sub-Overseers, on monthly salaries ranging from Rupees 15 to 40, according to their ability, and would allot one, two, or three to each talook, according to its size or amount of work. I take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government the size of some of the talooks in this Division; it is true that a great deal of the country is hill and waste, but still the Overseer has to travel over it, and much of his time is lost

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in travelling. I specially refer to the Durmaveram and Gooty talooks, in the Bellary District, and the Nundikotkoor and Pattikonda talooks in Kurnool.

7. The number of Sub-Overseers I would propose is as follows :—

Bellary	20
Cuddapah	12
Kurnool	10
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	42

and allowing an average of Rupees 30 per mensem, the annual cost would be—

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Bellary	7,200
Cuddapah	4,320
Kurnool	3,600
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	15,120

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1868, No. 1,093.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

1. The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division will enter in the statement called for in G. O. No. 63, dated 27th February 1868, such Petty Establishments as in his opinion may be required for general duties in connection with Imperial works.

2. With regard to works to be undertaken from Local Funds, Major Moberly's attention will be called to the Proceedings of Government of the 21st March 1868 No. 925, and he will be informed that further orders upon this subject will be issued in the Revenue Department.

3. Adverting to paragraph 4, the Controller of Public Works Accounts will submit a statement of the sums which should be deducted from the allotment for Petty Establishments and added to the maintenance grants for the various Imperial lines of communication in this Presidency.

4. As the outlay on establishments for the purposes of subordinate supervision over works undertaken from Imperial funds will be very trifling, the Controller is authorized to pass any expenditure which may be incurred on that account provided the sanctioned estimate in each case is not exceeded by more than five per cent. In future estimates, allowance will be made in the rates for these charges.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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