

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	25 8.	1857

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 25th August 1857.

No. 9. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 10th August 1857.

(*Vide* Diary Nos. 78 and 79.)

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 513; dated 25th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor, with reference to para: 10 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 23rd June last, No. 363.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Financial.

No. 1554.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 10th August 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department.

Communicating an Extract of a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors relative to the system of Audit of Public Works expenditure. } (Here enter 23rd June 1857, No. 363.)

The Honorable Court state in their Despatch of the 17th April last, of which an Extract has been communicated from the Financial Department, that they have informed the Government of India, that the system of Audit of Public Works expenditure by the Chief Engineer is very objectionable, and that the Civil Auditor is the proper Officer to whom the duty of checking these payments should be entrusted.

2. Under the orders of the dates noted in the margin, the auditing of the accounts of expenditure appertaining to the Public Works Department devolves at present on the Chief Engineer, but in a letter to the Government of India dated 4th December 1856, No. 2253 para 13, this Government have strongly recommended that the Central Office should be altogether relieved of this duty, and that it should be placed under a separate Officer on the plan adopted with so much advantage with respect to the Commissariat Department of this Presidency. No answer has been received to this reference. The attention of the Government of India has been lately drawn to the subject, and until the question has been finally decided by that authority, either according to the proposal of this Government, or according to that suggested by the Honorable Court, this Government are not enabled to take any steps in pursuance of the Honorable Court's present intimation.

(A true Extract.)

B. G. S. S. S.

Acting Secretary to Government.

The Financial Department.

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Effecting that there are unable
to take any steps in furtherance
of the above mentioned
from that the system of audit
of Public works expenditure
by the Chief Engineer is very
deficient in that the time
taken is the large expense
to whom the duty is due
is made in consequence of
the law. Receipts are rightly
shown the expenditure is not
a reference made to them
in the subject by this
form.

With an Order

Rs 573

Attest to be con.

Presented to the Civil Auditor
with reference to the above
of the dated 25th June 1857

27th June 1857
25th August 1857

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to the Civil Auditor

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