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No. 52. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th July 1864, No. 2016.

Communicate the remarks of the Government of India, on the papers submitted regarding the Dowlaishweram Workshop, and their sanction to the modified scale of establishment suggested for the same. } (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 13th July 1864, Nos. 210 & 211.)

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1864, No. 371.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th July 1864.

No. 210. Read the following letter from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 10th June 1864, No. 306c/2,496:—

SIR,

1. The papers regarding the Workshop at Dowlaishweram, forwarded under cover of your letter No. 1,107, dated the 18th April 1864, having been laid before the Governor General in Council, I am directed to communicate the following remarks.

2. Two distinct points are involved in the reference:—
First.—The position of the Dowlaishweram Workshop.
Second.—The arrangements for the Store and Workshop at Madras.

3. As regards the former, both the views entertained by the Government of Fort Saint George and the action taken on the matter seem to be quite proper, and I am desired by the Governor General in Council to forward the accompanying extract* from a letter recently addressed to the Government of the North Western Provinces in regard to the Workshop at Roorkee, to show what the general views of the Government of India are on the subject of such Establishments.

* Paragraphs 5 to 8, letter No. 166c/2,002, dated 14th May 1864.

4. The modified scale of Establishment now suggested for the Dowlaishweram Workshop is sanctioned in substitution for the higher scale sanctioned in Financial Department, Resolution No. 4,198 of 29th August 1863, (Vide Public Works Department, Docket No. 2,348, G. G., dated 25th September 1863), and the Financial Department has been informed accordingly.

5. I am further desired to add, that the Governor General in Council hopes the Workshop buildings at Dowlaishweram will continue to be kept in such order and so arranged as to admit of future extension, should the requirements of the Godavery Navigation hereafter call for it. If the shops are allowed to be crowded up by other buildings, &c., it might seriously affect their future utility, or the chance of the Government being able to dispose of them to private persons, should it seem expedient hereafter to sell them.

Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government, North Western Provinces, Public Works Department, No. 166c/2,002, dated Simla, 14th May 1864.

Paragraph 5. But there appears to His Excellency in Council to be no reason why under an active and intelligent Superintendent these Workshops should not be of great value both to the Government and to private persons.

6. In the first place, however, it is essential that the actual price charged to customers shall cover not only the actual outlay for labour and materials, but also a proper share of the cost of supervision, and of the Accounts Office, and a fair return on the capital sunk both in the buildings and machinery, &c., and in the stock of materials laid in for current use.

7. In the next place it appears to the Governor General in Council that the Superintendent ought to seek for work, and to see that the means at his disposal are fully applied to the ends for which they were intended. It will not suffice for him to wait for work to come to him; but he should ascertain what Public Establishments require work such as he can execute; he should consider and enquire how he can make these Workshops of the greatest practical utility to the Government, and should try to bring work to the shops until full occupation be obtained for them. He should act, in short, as the manager or owner of a private establishment would do under the circumstances, and all needful liberty should be given to him to visit public establishment within reach, or to send agents to them for these purposes. He should represent to superior authority any want of co-operation with him on the part of Government Establishments, in bringing the Workshops into active and useful employment, bearing in mind that the basis of all confidence on the part of customers must be found in punctuality, good work, and moderate prices on the part of the Workshops.

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8. It has occurred to His Excellency in Council that if the emoluments of the Superintendent were made to depend in part on the quantity of work done, or profits realized, a healthy stimulus would be given to the operations of the Workshops, which could hardly be obtained in any other way. To the adoption of this course, which it is understood has been previously suggested, there seem to be no objections so far as work for private persons is concerned, though care will have to be taken that there shall be no tendency to draw private work to the shops at the expense of Government work, and a careful scrutiny into the actual cost of the work will be necessary to ensure the calculated profits on the operations being real.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1864, No. 2,016.

Paragraphs 1—5 will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with reference to Proceedings dated 18th April 1864, No. 1,106. Colonel Chambers' particular attention is drawn to paragraph 5.

(True Extract.)

J. Mac Stewart

Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Financial Department.
„ Store Department.

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