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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 40. Read the following Circular from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 14th August 1857, No. 3911.

Public Works Department,
Public.

Sir,

Whenever Convict labor is employed in the execution of Public Works, the value of such labor shall be duly charged for in the accounts of the work, and a corresponding credit allowed in account to the Civil Departments by which the Convicts are supplied.

2. The charge for Convict labor will be fixed at two-thirds of the usual rate paid for free labor of a like description.

3. No actual money payments will be made by Executive Engineers on account of the charge for Convict labor, but a Memorandum in duplicate will be prepared, countersigned both by the Engineer and the Civil Officer, one copy to be rendered by the former with his accounts, the other by the latter, in order that the necessary adjustments may be made in account.

4. Where materials prepared by Convicts, the value of which would be credited to a Jail Fund placed at the disposal of a Magistrate, or on which a commission is allowed to the Jailor, are supplied to an Officer of the Public Works Department, they shall be paid for in cash and dealt with in his accounts as though they had been purchased from any other source.

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 41. Order thereon, No. 1155; dated 7th September 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons, and Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Hon. Colonial Secretary
7th September 1857

Copy to Inspector of Prisons
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