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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 6th October 1857.

No. 55. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 29th September 1857, No. 1848.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 7th September 1857, No. 1155.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. It is to be observed that the charge for Convict labor has been fixed by the Government of India at two-thirds of the usual rate paid for free labor of a like description. This rate will be charged hereafter, instead of one half which was determined in the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th November 1856, No. 2074. In the latter part of para. 3 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 30th January 1856, No. 145, Government decided, as a more convenient plan, that the labor of Convicts supplied to the Public Works Department should be paid for; but the Government of India having directed otherwise, their instructions will be carried into effect; the Officers of the Public Works Department will be directed however to exhibit in their accounts the cost of the Convict labor employed by them, and send a Memo. thereof to the Session Judge or other Officer in charge of Convicts, so that he may send it with his countersignature to the Collector of the District for the necessary adjustment in his accounts. The Accountant General will see that these instructions are properly attended to.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1291; dated 6th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 7th September 1857, No. 1155.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Judicial.

No. 1848.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 29th September 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 7th September 1857, No. 1155.

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

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 were 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.

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

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department. 30th

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