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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 670.

Extract from the Minutes of Committee under date the 12th April 1859.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Engineer-in-Chief of the Public Works Department, the duty of inspecting, repairing, and keeping in good order all Public Buildings in the Colony. (Here dated 11th March 1859, No. 6519.)

In a letter of the 10th June 1857, para. A, the C. of E. recommended that the putting up and repairing of Punks and other structures on Public Buildings should be performed by the Public Works Department, the object being to prevent such work being done by the District Engineers. In this recommendation the Government assented to para. B of District Minutes Consultation of March 12th 1858, No. 646, and directed that the charges of work to be done among the contingent charges of the Department for the benefit of work they ought to be undertaken.

In a subsequent order of August 12th 1858, No. 1509, Government assented to a recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer that as the District Master of the Department had not sufficient funds to undertake the putting up and repairing of Punks, the work of this kind should be done by the Civil Architect and Engineer, in the Districts who did their charge respectively, provided that the cost should be included among the contingent charges of the Department concerned.

In a present letter the Chief Engineer recommends that as respects Punks, the provisions contained in the order of March 12th 1858, has not been beneficial, the unprofessional persons were entrusted with the duty of erecting, keeping up, and repairing Punks, being without the necessary training. He recommends therefore that the work, passed as it was on his recommendation, may be assigned as far as respects Punks.

It has been already noticed that the order has been reserved as respects the Provisional Committee to consider how to modify it to the extent proposed by the Chief Engineer as respects the Provisional Engineer Officers and give them and when necessary, the necessary repairing and putting up, as well as in the repairing, of Punks in Public Buildings the charges will be included among the contingent charges of the Department concerned, and will not be debited to the Public Works Department.

Now Punks in private premises, repairs will be executed immediately, subject to the general rules.

The District Engineers of North America will act on this order in the matter of the Punks for the Victoria Church, if no maintenance is wanted for by the local authorities concerned.

(A true Extract.)

*John Macdonald*

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

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