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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 16th June 1857.

No. 112. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 14th May 1857, No. 14.

SIR,

The Chief Engineer in a letter* dated 24th Ultimo, intimates that the expenditure on account of Public Works in the Mysore Division, does not come under his Cognizance, agreeably to the order† of Government, dated 8th August 1856, and that he supposes that the accounts of the Mysore Division should be rendered to me direct, as in the case of the Hydrabad Works.

* No. 12038 copy herewith sent.

† No. 1375.

The advances for Works to be performed in Mysore, were sanctioned by Government, in Extract* Minutes of Consultation, dated 28th January last. The advances thus ordered were made payable by the Paymaster in Mysore, and as the question of the entire transfer of Public Works, to the Mysore authorities and the executive arrangements to be made in the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force appear from the Extract† Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th March 1857, to be still pending the decision of the Supreme Governmsnt; it occurs to me that Government may perhaps consider it necessary that pending such decision the accounts should be furnished to the Central office at Madras by the Superintending Engineer Mysore Division, I have therefore the honor to submit the question for the Orders of Government.

* No. 215.

† No. 559.

From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General, dated 24th April 1857, No. 12038.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 30th Ultimo No. 2548, Public Works Department, I have the honor to acquaint you that the Superintending Engineer in Mysore has ceased to render accounts of expenditure on Public Works in the Mysore Division, to the Central office, since, the 31st July 1856. Funds for Public Works have been since that period obtained by him through the Chief Engineer of Mysore who is not Subordinate to the Central office, and to whom the charge of the works in the Mysore Division has been made over. The Government have directed in para. 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, 8th August 1856, No. 1375, that the expenditure in Public Works in Mysore, after their transfer to the Mysore Commissioner should not be taken cognizance of, in any way by the Chief Engineer Madras; and from this direction it is evident that the expenditure on works in Mysore in the Current Official year, out of the sum allowed for this purpose in Extract Minutes Consultation, 28th January 1857, No. 215 alluded to by you, is not to be accounted for to the Central office of Public Works at Fort Saint George and through it to your office. Perhaps it is intended that accounts of expenditure in the Mysore Public Works are to be rendered *Directly* to your office, as would seem to be the intention in the case of the Hyderabad works which were transferred to the charge of the Chief Engineer* in Hyderabad from the 1st January 1857, accounts of which are directed. (Vide Extract Minutes Consultation 20th February 1857, No. 345, copy of which is herewith forwarded) to be transmitted to you instead of to the Accountant to the Government of India.

* Vide Extract Minutes Consultation 11th November 1856, No. 2095 P. W. D.

2. The foregoing circumstances will account for my having applied to you for instructions being issued for the payment of the Bills alluded to in your letter now under acknowledgement and from the Chief Engineer in Mysore having himself applied for the amount of those Bills, it appears to me that he does not feel himself justified in paying Bills for works performed prior to the transfer of the Public Works in Mysore to his charge.

3. The Bill for Boundary stones for marking the Military limits of the Cantonment of the French Rocks, which you consider to be a purely Military charge unconnected with Public

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Works should when passed as such by the Military Auditor General. I believe be disbursed by the Paymaster in Mysore under your instruction.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. H. ARBUTHNOT,
Ag. 2nd Assist. Accountant General.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, No. 1160; dated 16th June 1857.

Pending the decision of the Government of India on the reference made to them by this Government on 3rd October 1856, in regard to the transfer of Military buildings in the Mysore Country, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to direct that all the accounts connected with the buildings above referred to, shall be rendered direct to the Central office by the Superintending Engineer Mysore Division.

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

Public Work Department

No. 112. Read the

Fort Saint George
Account Gen.l Office
14 May 1857

No 14

From, G. L. Prendergast Esq.
The Accountant General,
To
The Secretary to Government

dated 13 May 1857 No 42

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
E. Prendergast
Accountant General

Conf.
C. Whitehead

Public Works Depart

No 1160

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 16th June 1857

Read the following

letter from the Accountant

General.

(Hereunder 11th May 1857 No 14)

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Central Office by the

Superintending

Public Works Dept
Con 16 June 1857
No 1160

The Accountant General

Public Works Dept

Dated 11th May 1857
No 1014

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the
C. E. Superintendent may be directed to render
to this Office direct all the accounts
connected with the Buildings
above referred to, and that the Executive
Engineers may be instructed to render
their Monthly Accounts to the Accountant
General direct, instead of to the Superintending
Engineer as at present.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
(Signed) A. Stirling
Accountant General

Superintending Engineer
Mysore Division

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons 16th June.

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