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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 212 Press Mis.

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No. 87. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th April 1857, No. 12044.

SIR,

Extract Minutes Consultation 29th Jany. 1857, No. 223.
Do 19th Febry. 1857 No. 337.
Do 16th March 1857 No. 479.

With reference to the orders of Government noted in the margin* on the subject of the Establishments of Cochrane's Canal, and the Shediancoopum Lock, I have the honor to submit the letters*, in original, addressed to me by the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal, the Collector of Madras, and the Civil Auditor, the whole accompanied by the Tabular Statement, called for by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 29th January last No. 228.

* From Superintendent E. C C. 17th March 1857, No 453.
From Do. 28th Do. No. 465.
From Do. 10th April 1857, No. 477.
From Collector of Madras 12th Febv. 1857. No. 7.
From Civil Auditor 11th March 1857. No. 3001.

2. The Tabular Statement alluded to above contains the proposed revisions to the Toll office, and the proposed permanent Establishment for working the Shediancoopum Lock, I regret to observe that in making a revision of the Toll office Establishment no reduction in any quarter was found practicable to meet in full the proposed augmentation to the Superintendents salary, and that of the writer from Rupees (24½) twenty four and half, to Rupees (30) thirty. The only decrease which Lieutenant Sankey has proposed is in the number of peons from 5 to 4 and from Rupees (7) seven, to (6) six each; this again I have considered may be reduced to 5 Rupees each, to correspond with the pay of the Lascars proposed for the Shediancoopum Lock, and another small item from Rupees (2-8) two, and annas eight, to Rupees (2) two, but these reductions I do not intend should affect the present incumbents. In fact the whole Toll office Establishment is so very limited that the Government will see how impracticable it is to make any great reductions in it, and still to maintain the efficiency of the Department, I beg to refer to Lieutenant Sankey's letter of the 17th March last, No. 453, especially para. 6 of the letter, and to express my full concurrence in the sentiments expressed therein.

1 Goomastah from Rupees 12 to 10
1 Head Lascar " 7 to 7
4 Lascars instead of 5) at 5 Rupees each 25 to 20
From Rupees 44 to 37

Proposed Establishment of the Toll office Rupees 167.
Do. for working the Shediancoopum Lock. 37
204

3. In the Establishments proposed by Lieutenant Sankey for working the Shediancoopum Lock. I have made a few alteration thereby reducing the amount proposed from Rupees (44) forty-four, to Rupees (37) thirty-seven, and I would beg to suggest that both this and the Toll Establishment be under one Superintendent, and considered as forming one office or Establishment at an aggregate charge of Rupees (204) two hundred and four, per mensem.

4. In reference to the 3rd para. of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 29th January last, I beg to observe that the salary of the Establishment is not paid out of the collections, and only the net sum brought to account. Lieutenant Chambers was mistaken in stating such to be the case. The Government will see from the letters addressed to me by the Collector of Madras, and the Civil Auditor, on the subject, that the pay Abstracts are regularly passed by the latter Officer, and that the amount is debited under the proper head of Charge.

5. I may take occasion to mention with reference to the observations of Government in para. 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation of 16th March last, that it appears from information given in forms of certain Financial Statements called for from the Central office by the Accountant General, that in his Books and Financial Statements the Collections from Cochrane's Canal, and the Establishment and other charges, are entered under the head "Local Funds." under which head they are to be exhibited in the statements which the Accountant General requires to be furnished from this Office for the Current official year.

No. 38. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 6th June 1857, No. 983.

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer in charge of the Office of the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal forwarding the form No. 1, showing the proposed increase to Toll Office at Cochrane's Basin filled up as requested in Extract Proceedings No. 161, of the 7th May 1857.

(Here enter 21st May 1857, No. 36.)

Resolved to forward to the Deputy Secretary to Government, the statement received with the foregoing letter No. 36, dated 21st May 1857, as called for in a Memo from that Officer dated 4th Instant.

(Signed) B. O'CONNELL, Lieutenant,
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, No. 1212; dated 23rd June 1857.

Ordered that the Tabular Statement be submitted to the Government of India with the following recommendation.

"The object of this application is to raise the pay of the Superintendent and writer of the Toll office attached to Cochrane's Canal, on the ground of the labor and great responsibility entailed on them by the recent large increase* of traffic, and to employ an Establishment for working the Shadiencoopum Lock. The increase in question, it must be remarked, is likely to be progressive, for extended facilities for water communication are being afforded, and improvements in the existing Canals are being undertaken.

* Collections Revenue.
1854-55 17,774
1855-56 24,095
1856-57 25,352

2nd. The salary of the former Superintendent from 1837 to 1845 was Rupees 105 per month, but this was reduced when the present incumbent was appointed, to Rupees 70. It is now proposed to restore to the office the pay originally attached to it.

3rd. The writer's present pay is 24½ Rupees. It is proposed to give him an increase of 5½ Rupees, and make his total pay Rupees 30 per mensem. This servant has now much more to do than formerly, not only from the increase in the traffic, but also from having now to keep all accounts in English, while before they were written in Tamil by a Conicopoly. The services of the Conicopoly were dispensed with but no allowance was made for the extra work thrown upon the writer.

4th. A reduction in the number and pay of Peons to meet the proposed increase of expenditure to some extent has been practicable, because, under the present system of levying the toll on the tonnage of the boat, instead of on its contents, as was the practice formerly, their duty has become very light. Formerly they had to count wood, measure shells, grain, &c., they have now only to watch the boats arriving at the Basin.

5th. The lock at Shadiencoopum was constructed to improve the navigation of the Canal. It is now worked by hired men, but it is thought necessary, to make the Lock really useful and to preserve the works from injury; that there should be a permanent Establishment. The Goomastah is necessary to superintend the Lascars generally, and to see that they are present and work the Lock regularly and promptly.

6th. The Establishment here applied for is proposed on a moderate scale, and under the explanation above afforded, the Government of Fort Saint George request the sanction of the Government of India to the increased expenditure."

2. In para. 5 of his letter above recorded, Colonel Faber states that, in the Books and Financial statements of the Accountant General, the collections from the Cochrane's Canal, and the Establishment and other charges, are entered under the head "Local Funds." This is not the correct course. The Collections from the Canal ought to be credited to the General Revenues of the country, and the Toll Establishment debited to the same head. The Establishment for working Locks and Superintending the repair and improvement of the Canal, should be debited to the Public Works Department. The Accountant General will adopt measures to carry these instructions into effect.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—STATEMENT OF INCREASE TO ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS

	Year.	Revenues. Ordinary.	Revenues. Extra-ordinary.
		Rs.	Rs.
Actual as per Receipts and Disbursements	1853-54	21,416	.....
Do. do.	1854-55	17,774	.....
Do. do.	1855-56	24,095	.....
Estimated as per Sketch Estimate.....	1856-57	25,352	.....

No.	Extract from Home Dept. of Government of India. Date.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.	Proposed Scale.	Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Permanent. Decrease per month.	Temporary. Increase per month.	Period.	Rs. A. P.
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
		Toll Office at Cochrane's Basin, Madras.	1 Superintendent.....	70 0 0	1 Superintendent..... 105 0 0	35 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
			1 Writer.....	24 8 0	1 Writer..... 30 0 0	5 8 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
			1 Shroff.....	10 0 0	1 Shroff..... 10 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
			5 Peons at 7 Rs. each..	35 0 0	4 Peons at 5 Rs. each 20 0 0	0 0 0	15 0 0	0 0 0		
			Toty and Waterman ..	2 8 0	Toty and Waterman..... 2 0 0	0 0 0	0 8 0	0 0 0		
			Total...	142 0 0	Total... 167 0 0	40 8 0	15 8 0	0 0 0		
					Establishment proposed for working Shediancoopum lock.					
			1 Goomastah.....		10 0 0	10 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
			1 Head Lascar.....		7 0 0	7 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
			4 Lascars at 5 Rs. each		20 0 0	20 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
					Total... 37 0 0	37 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		
					Grand Total... 204 0 0	77 8 0	15 8 0			
					Deduct Decrease	15 8 0	0 0 0			
					Net Increase.....	62 0 0	0 0 0			

Fort St. George,
23rd June 1857.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED FOR THE SANCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Charges. Ordinary.	Charges. Extra-ordinary.	Total. Revenues	Total. Charges.	Net. Surplus.	Net. Deficit.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2,162	14,516	21,416	16,678	4,738	.....
1,919	20,244	17,774	22,163	.....	4,389
1,813	59,661	24,095	61,474	.....	37,379
1,738	12,932	25,352	14,670	10,682	.....

Period.	Decrease per month. Rs. A. P.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Govt. of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Orders.
			The object of this application is to raise the pay of the Superintendent and writer of the Toll office attached to Cochrane's canal, on the ground of the labor and great responsibility entailed on them by the recent large increase* of traffic, and to employ an Establishment for working the Shadiencooppum Lock. The increase in question, it must be remarked, is likely to be progressive, for extended facilities for water communication are being afforded, and improvements in the existing canals are being undertaken.	Favorable.			

* Collections Rev.
1854-55..... 17,774
1855-56..... 24,095
1856-57..... 25,352

The salary of the former Superintendent from 1837 to 1845 was Rupees 105 per month; but this was reduced when the present incumbent was appointed, to Rupees 70. It is now proposed to restore to the office the pay originally attached to it.

The writer's present pay is 24½ Rupees. It is proposed to give him an increase of 5½ Rupees, and make his total pay Rupees 30 per mensem. This servant has now much more to do than formerly, not only from the increase in the traffic, but also from having now to keep all accounts in English, while before they were written in Tamil by a Conicopoly. The services of the Conicopoly were dispensed with, but no allowance was made for the extra work thrown upon the writer.

A reduction in the number and pay of Peons to meet the proposed increase of expenditure to some extent has been practicable, because, under the present system of levying the toll on the tonnage of the boat, instead of on its contents, as was the practice formerly, their duty has become very light. Formerly they had to count wood, measure shells, grain, &c. they have now only to watch the boats arriving at the Basin.

The Lock at Shadiencooppum was constructed to improve the navigation of the canal. It is now worked by hired men, but it is thought necessary, to make the lock really useful and to preserve the works from injury; that there should be a permanent Establishment. The Goomastah is necessary to superintend the Lascars generally, and to see that they are present and work the Lock regularly and promptly.

The Establishment here applied for is proposed on a moderate scale, and under the explanation above afforded the Government of Fort St. George request the sanction of the Government of India to the increased expenditure.

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

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No. 953

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works. Fort. Fran. St. George
Under date the 6th June 1857.

Read the following letter

From the Executive Engineer, in charge of the Office of the Superintendent of the E. C. Canals

Forwarding the form No. 1 shewing the proposed increase
to Toll Office at Cochrane's Basin filled up as Requested in (Here enter 21st May 1857 No. 36)
Extract Proceedings No. 161 of the 7th May 1857.

Resolved to forward to the Deputy
Secretary to Government the Statement received with
the foregoing letter No. 36 dated 21st May 1857 as called for
in a Memo: from that Officer dated 4th Instant.

A True Extract

Mansell Lieutenant
Asst. to the Chief Engineer.

To,
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
24 April 1857.

№ 12044.

From,
The Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government noted in the margin* on the subject of the Establishments of Cochrane's Canal, and the Shadencoopum Locks, I have the honor to submit the letters, in original, addressed to me by the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal, the Collector of Madras, and the Civil Auditor, the whole accompanied by the tabular Statement, called for by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultations dated the 20th January last, № 228.—

2. The tabular Statement attended to above contains the proposed revisions to the Toll Office, and the proposed permanent Establishment for working the Shadencoopum Locks. I regret to observe that in making a revision of the Toll Office Establishment no reduction in any quarter was found practicable to meet in full the proposed

Enclosures. 6

* Con. Minutes dated 20th Jan. 1857 № 228
" 3d — 10th Feb. 1857 № 330
" 3d — 16th March 1857 № 440

† From Sub. E. C. C. 17th March 1857 № 453.
From — Dr — 28th — Dr — № 465.
From — Dr — 10th April 1857 № 477
From Collector of Madras 12th Feb. 1857 № 9.
From Civil Auditor 11th March 1857 № 3001

Copy sent to Board of Revenue
Public Department
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

Copy sent to Board of Revenue
Public Department
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

Copy sent to Chief Engineer
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

Copy sent to Superintendent
Eastern Coast Canal
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

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Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

Copy sent to Civil Auditor
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

Copy sent to Secretary to Board of Revenue
Fort St. George 24th April 1857
Board's Order &c.

proposed augmentation to the Superintendents salary and that of the writer from Rupees 25½ Two hundred and half to Rupees 60 thirty. The enhancement which Lieutenant Sanders has proposed in the number of Peons, from 8 to 8, and from 4 to 6 is, I think, necessary, and I would also recommend that a Peon be added to Lieutenant Lucas's establishment, who is employed in another small item from Cuttack, [illegible] Annas eight to Rupees 2 Two, but these additions I do not intend should apply to the present incumbents. In fact the whole Toll Office Establishments require limited that the Government will allow practicable to make considerable reductions on them shall be maintain the efficiency of the Establishments therein Lieutenant Sanders letter of the 17 March last this, I consider, have been the case, and to express my full concurrence in the sentiments expressed therein.—

3.

In the Establishment proposed by Lieutenant Sanders for the Balasore [illegible] Such, I have made a few alterations, and recommended amount proposed from Rupees 64 Sixty four to Rupees 60 Sixty seven, and I would beg to suggest that both the Pooree and the Toll establishments under one Superintendent, and considered as forming one Office or Establishment [illegible]

[illegible] 1 Head Darogah — 1 — 25 & 20.
[illegible] 1 Jemadar under ditto — 1 —
[illegible] 5 Peons each — 5 —

From Cuttack Rupees

[illegible]

Revised Establishment of the Toll Office Rupees 164 — under charge of Rupees 204 / Two hundred and four, per
Do. for working the Chandanee: — 37 — per annum. —
Sum Total ..... — 204.

4. In reference to the 3rd para of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 20th January last, I beg to observe that the salary of the Establishment is not paid out of the Collections, and only the net sum brought to account. Lieutenant Chambers was mistaken in stating such to be the case. The Government will see from the letters addressed to me by the Collector of Madras, and the Civil Auditor on the subject, that the Port Abstracts are regularly passed by the latter Officer, and that the amounts debited under the proper head of charge.—

5. I may take occasion to mention with reference to the observations of Government in para 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation of 16th March last, that it appears from information given in forms of certain Financial Statements called for from the Central Office by the Accountant General, that in his Books and Financial Statements the Collections from Cochrane's Canal, and the Establishment and other charges are entered under the head "Local Funds", under which head they are to be exhibited in the Statements which the Accountant General requires to be furnished from this Office for the current Official year.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
A. Taber Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
24th April 1857

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A.G.R. A.M.

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17th March 1835 No 50851
" 7th February " 31736
" 24th " " 31731

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From
The Civil Engineer
To
The Secretary to the Govt. &c &c

Dated 7th
No. 235 April 1835

Subject
Contract for a new Lock &c at
Sea Mills in Cons. Bristol
Ref. No. 1213. 23rd Cons
Submitting letters from
and extract from the Superintendent
Eastern Coast Canal Collector of
Madras and the Civil Engineer
on the subject of the Establishment
of Cochrane's Canal and the
Shelvankum lock accompanied
by the Tabular Statement called for
by Govt with certain suggestions &
observations thereon.

12 June 1835

Public Works Department — Statement of increase to Establishment in this Department recommended for the sanction of the Govt of India.

Year	Revenue		Charges		Total		Net	
	Ordinary	Extraordy	Ordinary	Extraordy	Revenue	Charges	Surplus	Deficit
Actual as per Receipts and Disbursements 1853/54	21,416	"	2162	14,516	21,416	16,678	4738	
Do. Do. 1854/55	17,774	"	1919	20,244	17,774	22,163		4389
Do. Do. 1855/56	24,095	"	1813	59,661	24,095	61,474		37,379
Estimated as per Market Estimate. 1856/57	25,352	"	1738	12,732	25,352	14,670	10,682	"

Extract from Home Dept Govt of India No 21 dated 8th Sept 1857 sanctioning the proposals.

Toll Office at Colmans Basin Chunam

Nature of Change	Proposition Permanent Increase per Month	Proposition Permanent Decrease per Month	Proposition Temporary Increase per Month	Proposition Temporary Decrease per Month
Present Scale				
1 Superintendent 70				
1 Writer 24-8				
1 Sheriff 10				
5 Peons @ 7 Rs each 35				
1 Coly & watchman 2-8				
Total 112				
Proposed Scale				
1 Superintendent 105			35	
1 Writer 30			5-8	
1 Sheriff 10				
4 Peons @ 5 Rs each 20				15
Coly and watchman 2				8
Total 167		40-8		158
Establishment proposed for working Shadiencoppum Lock.				
1 Goomastah 10			10	
1 Head Sircar 7			7	
2 Sircars @ 5 Rs each 20			20	
Total 37			37	
Grand Total 204		77-8	157	
Deduct Decrease		158		
Net Increase		62		

Fort St George
June 1857.

Local Government & Recommendation — Remarks: Home Dept — Orders of the Govt of India — Remarks: Financial Department — Orders:

Grounds of Proposition

The object of this application is to raise the pay of the Superintendent and writer of the Toll Office attached to Cochrane's Canal, on the grounds of the labor and great responsibility entailed on them by the recent large increase of traffic, and to employ an Establishment for working the Shadiencoppum Lock. The increase in question, it must be remarked, is likely to be progressive, for extended facilities for water communication are being afforded, and improvements in the existing Canals are being undertaken.

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1855/56 - 24,095
1856/57 - 25,352

The Salary of the former Superintendent from 1837 to 1845 was Rs 105 per Month, but this was reduced when the present incumbent was appointed, to Rs 70. It is now proposed to restore to the Office the pay originally attached to it.

The writer's present pay is 24-8 Rs. It is proposed to give him an increase of 5-8 Rs, and make his total pay Rs 30 per Mensem. This Servant has now much more to do than formerly, not only from the increase in the traffic, but also from having now to keep all accounts in English, while before they were written in Tamil by a Comicopoly. The services of the Comicopoly were dispensed with but no allowance was made for the extra work thrown upon the writer.

A reduction in the Number & pay of Peons to meet the proposed increase of expenditure to some extent has been practicable, because, under the present System of levying the toll on the tonnage of the boat, instead of on its contents, as was the practice formerly, their duty has become very light. Formerly they had to count wood, measure shells, grain &c they have now only to watch the boats arriving at the Basin.

The lock at Shadiencoppum was constructed to improve the navigation of the Canal. It is now worked by hired men, but it is thought necessary, to make the lock really useful and to preserve the works from injury, that three

Favorable

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there should be a permanent Establishment. The Gomastah is necessary to superintend the Factors generally, and to see that they are present and mark the Cloth regularly and promptly:

The Establishment here applied for is proposed on a moderate scale, and under the explanations above offered the Government of Fort St. George requests the favor of the Court of Directors to the increased expenditure

Public Works Department. Statement of increase to Establishment in this Department recommended for the Sanction of the Government of India.

Year	Revenues ordinary	Revenues Extraordinary	Charges ordinary	Charges Extraordinary	Total Revenue	Total Charges	Net Surplus	Net Deficit
1851/52	24126	.	2135	186	26126	2321	23805	.
1852/53	29153	.	2153	2791	29153	4944	24209	.
1853/54	21416	.	2162	14516	21416	16678	4738	.
1854/55	17774	.	1919	20244	17774	22163	.	4389
1855/56	24095	.	1818	64661	24095	61474	.	37379
1856/57	25352	.	1738	12932	25352	14670	10682	.

Extract from Home Department of Government of India

No. Date

Office to which the proposition refers.

Nature of Charge

Present Scale

Proposed Scale

Proposition

Permanent — Increase per month / Decrease per month

Temporary — Increase per month / Period / Decrease per month / Period

Annual or Extraordinary

Grounds of proposition

Local Government's recommendation

Orders of the Government of India

Home Department — Remarks

Financial Department — Remarks / Orders

Madras.

The Office at Cochrane's Basin.

Present Scale	Rs	A	P	Proposed Scale	Rs	A	P	Permanent Increase	Permanent Decrease	Temporary Increase	Temporary Period	Temporary Decrease	Temporary Period
1 Superintendent	70	.	.	1 Superintendent	105	.	.	35	.	.	.	.	.
1 Writer	24	8	.	1 Writer	30	.	.	5	8	.	.	.	.
1 Shroff	10	.	.	1 Shroff	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Peons at 7 Rupees each	35	.	.	4 Peons at 5 Rupees each	20	.	.	.	.	15	.	.	.
Toty and Waterman	2	8	.	Toty and Waterman	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	.
Total	142	.	.	Total	167	.	.	40	8	15	8	.	.

Establishment proposed for working Shadiencoopum Lock

1 Goomastah	10	.	.	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Head Lascar	7	.	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Lascars at 5 Rupees each	20	.	.	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	37	.	.	37	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Central Office of P. Works,
Fort Saint George,
24th April 1857.
Md.

C. Mansell Lieutenant
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

Public Works 1857 Deptt.
Comm 23d June.

No 1212 A.

Tabular Statement.

To the Govt of India.

Dy 23d June, 57.

From Do 8/8d Augt 57
C No 1676 Comm 1st Deptt

Forwarding for the sanction of the Govt of India a Tabular Statement of increase to the Establt of the East Coast Canal in the Public Works Deptt.

No 89 A.

Copy in a G.L. to C.
D/ 24 October 57 N 17
Paras 12 to 20
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Enclosure in a Letter from the

Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government
P.W.

Dated 24 April
Received } 1857

N. 1204
P.W. 1167/57

Public Works Department

Statement of Increase to Esta
blishment in this Departmen
Recommended for the Sanction of the
Government of India.—

Public Works Dep.t

No 1212

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 22.d June 1857

Read the following

papers.

From the Chief Engineer

Observe enter 24.th April 1857 No 1441

Extract from the Pro: of the

Chief Engineer

Observe enter 6.th June —"— 988

Ordered that the

Tabular Statement be

submitted to the Govern-

-ment of India with

the following Recommen-

-dations.

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useful and to preserve the works from injury. That there should be a permanent Establishment. The Contractor is necessary to superintend the Sawyers generally, and to see that they are and prevent and work the locks regularly and promptly.

6. The Establishment here applied for is proposed on a moderate scale, and under the explanation above afforded the Government of Fort St. George request the sanction of the Govt of India to the increased expenditure.

2. In para 6 of the letter above recorded, Colonel Faber states that in the Books and Annual Statements of the Accountant General, the Collections from the Cochrane Canal, and the Establishment and other Charges are entered under the head "Local Funds". This is not the correct course. The Collections from the Canal ought to be credited to the General Revenues of the Country, and the total Establishments debited to the same head. The Establishment for

for working locks and
superintending the
repair and improve-
-ment of the Canal
should be debited to
the Public Works De-
-partment. The
Accountant General
will adopt measures
to carry these instruc-
-tions into effect.—

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Ordering the submission
to the Govt of India, of the Statement of Increase & Decrease to the Estab.t of the Eastern Canal Department with a recommendation that the sanction of the Govr in Council may be solicited for converting the Khadincas from Lot 4 to Lot 6 Khalsajedi Ales, requesting the Acct Genl to write off the Collections from the Canal under the head of the Genl Revenue of the Country & the Toll Establishment debited to the same Head.

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