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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 30th June 1857.

No. 27. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 18th June 1857, No. 1311.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 9th June 1857, No. 669.

SIR,

Adverting to the Extract from the Proceedings in the Department of Public Works, dated 29th May 1857, I have the honor to inform you, that Iron cash chests of the dimensions required by you are not procurable at present in the market, but there are four now to be had, 20 Inches in length, 14 Inches breadth, and 13 Inches depth, at 50 Rupees each.

If it meet with your approval, the number of chests you require will be Commissioned from England.

Resolved, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 630, dated 4th April 1857, to forward to Government copy of the foregoing letter, No. 669, of the 9th Instant from the Commissary General, and to solicit authority for Commissioning from England, Iron cash boxes for the Public Works Department.

The dimensions given by the Commissary General appear to be suitable, and the Chief Engineer considers that each Officer, and each member of the Upper Subordinate grade, should be provided with a cash box, the number required therefore, will be.

For District Engineers	20
„ Executive do.	46
„ Assistant do. do.	32
„ Sub Engineers	16
„ Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors	32
„ Overseers and Assistant Overseers	156
Surplusage and reserve...	48
Total ...	350

At a cost, allowing Rupees 50 per box, of Rupees (17,500) seventeen thousand, and five hundred.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 1244; dated 25th June 1857.

By the orders of the 4th April last, No. 630, the Government did not intend that Officers of the Public Works Department should be supplied with iron chests. They are generally heavy and not therefore easily portable. A strong wooden box with iron clamps and a good lock is quite sufficient. The instances which have occurred show that money in charge of Public Works Officers has not been stolen by open violence, but from their carelessness, and iron boxes are therefore not necessary. Colonel Faber will be good enough, with reference to the foregoing remarks, and in communication with the Commissary General to decide upon introducing a less expensive chest.

2. The Government must also remark that the number of boxes (350) stated to be required for the Public Works Department seems to be rather large. District Engineers and Executive Engineers, unless they are specially entrusted with the immediate charge of any work are not likely to have such large sums of money as to require boxes of great cost.

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

Commissary General

No 1311

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 18th June 1857

Read the following -

Commissary General's Office

No 669. Madras 9th June 1857

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. McCally
Commissary General -

To Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort St. George

Sir,

Adverting to the Extract from the Proceedings in the Department of Public Works dated 29th May 1857, I have the honor to inform you, that Iron Cash Chests of the dimensions required by you are not procurable at present in the Market, but there are four now to be had, 20 Inches in length, 14 Inches breadth, and 13 Inches depth, at 50 Rupees each. -

If it meet with your approval - the number of Chests you require will be Commissioned from England. -

I have &c
(Signed) A. McCally Lt Colt
Commissary General

Resolved, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 630. dated 4th April 1857. to forward to Government Copy of the foregoing letter, & Abstract of the 9th Instant from the Commissary General, and to solicit authority for Commissioning from England, Iron Cash boxes for the Public Works Department.—

The dimensions given by the Commissary General appear to be suitable, and the Chief Engineer considers that each Officer, and each member of the Inferior subordinate grade, should be provided with a Cash box, the number required therefore, will be as—

For District Engineers ——— 20.
do — Executive — do ——— 15.
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" — Sub — Engineers ——— 16.
" — Superintendents & Sub Superintendents — 52.
Overseers and 2nd Overseers ——— 56.
Surplus per and reserves ——— 15.
Total ——— 307 at a Cost, allowing Rupees 50 per box, of Rupees fifteen thousand, and five hundred.—

Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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Public Works Dept.

No. 1244

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 25th June 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer

(Done under 18. June 1857
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Pub. Works Dept
Letter No. 1244 dated 25th June 1857
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Extract from Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 25th June 1857.

No. 27.

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D/to Com/ts Appeal 5/7/57 & 7/2

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Extract Minis of Com.
D/ 25th June/57.

From Chief Engr. No 1886
D/ 23d Sept/57 rec'd 26 Oct.

Observing that Col. Faber will in communication with the Commissary General, decide upon introducing in lieu of iron chests, less expensive wooden ones for the use of the Officers of the Public Works Dept.

No 27 & 28.