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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Cons. 11-8-57.

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No. 78. Read the following.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 17th April, No. 9, of 1857.

Letter from, dated 11th Sept. 1856, No. 15.

7 to 9. Have determined that, as the Bills for Works executed in the Department, of Public Works undergo special audit in the Office of the Chief Engineer, their second audit by the Civil Auditor is quite unnecessary, and have therefore resolved that the Civil Auditor shall be relieved from all concern with these Bills after the 30th April 1856.

18. We have informed the Government of India, in our Despatch in the Public Works Department, dated 23rd July 1856, No. 17, that the system of audit of Public Works Expenditure by the Chief Engineers is, in our opinion, very objectionable, and we have suggested that the Civil Auditor is the proper Officer to whom the duty of checking these payments should be entrusted, you will probably ere this have received a communication from the Supreme Government upon the subject.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 23rd June 1857, No. 363.

10. This para: will be communicated to the Public Works Department, and also to the Civil Auditor, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 31st March 1856, No. 137.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 1554; dated 10th August 1857.

The Honorable Court state in their Despatch of the 17th April last, of which an Extract has been communicated from the Financial Department, that they have informed the Government of India, that the system of Audit of Public Works expenditure by the Chief Engineer is very objectionable, and that the Civil Auditor is the proper Officer to whom the duty of checking these payments should be entrusted.

2. Under the orders of the dates noted in the margin, the auditing of the accounts of expenditure appertaining to the Public Works Department devolves at present on the Chief Engineer, but in a letter to the Government of India dated 4th December 1856, No. 2253 para. 13, this Government have strongly recommended that the Central Office should be altogether relieved of this duty, and that it should be placed under a separate Officer on the plan adopted with so much advantage with respect to the Commissariat Department of this Presidency. No answer has been received to this reference. The attention of the Government of India has been lately drawn to the subject, and until the question has been finally decided by that authority, either according to the proposal of this Government, or according to that suggested by the Honorable Court, this Government are not enabled to take any steps in pursuance of the Honorable Court's present intimation.

Financial Extract Minutes Consultation 31st March 1856, No. 137.
Public Works do. 21st May 1856, No. 755.
Letter 20th April 1857, No. 719.

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

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 363.

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(True Extracts.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Public Works Dept

No. 1554

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 10th August 1857.

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Fort William 23d June 1857

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H. S.

To
The Financial Secy.
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Public Works Dep.t 1857

Dep.t to Bus.ss 13th August

No 1554.

Extract Minute of Couns.

Dep.t 13th August 1857.

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