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No. 3. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, the 24th July 1857, No. 3589.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Extract (paragraph 4) from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors No. 22, dated 20th May 1857, regarding the necessity for strict supervision being maintained over designs for Stations, Tunnels, Bridges or any other works, so that none of a merely ornamental character should be sanctioned.

2nd. The elevation of the Monghyr Tunnel, on which the Honorable Court's observations are based, is also forwarded.

Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of India in the Financial (Railway) Department, No. 22, dated the 20th May 1857.

Para. 4. Among the enclosures to your letter, was included a plan of the elevation of the Tunnel face. We cannot avoid remarking that the workmanship about this facing is needlessly elaborate. We trust that works of this description are not generally constructed in a similar style. It has been a prevailing error among Engineers in this country to exceed the limits of sound judgment in this respect; and we have before expressed our anxiety that such should not be permitted in India. We desire that your Consulting Engineer may now be specially directed to guard against the sanction of Government being given to designs of a merely ornamental, and necessarily costly character, whether at Stations, Tunnels, Bridges, or on other works and where any Architectural design is attempted, such as at Stations you will require the adoption of the simplest possible style. In your supervision of Railway affairs in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, you will also see that these views are carried out.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1572; dated 12th August 1857.

Ordered to be referred to the Financial (Railway) Department.

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

Extract from a Despatch from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors to the Government of India in the Financial (Railway) Department No 22, dated the 20th May 1864

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J. Baker Colonel
Secy to the Govt of India

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From.
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Secretary to the Govt of India

To
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Acting Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Dated the 24th July 1857.

Public Works Dept
Railway

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Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt

Fort William
The 24th July 1857

J. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt of India

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Pub. Works 1857 Despatch
Dated 18 August

No 1579

From
The Secretary to the
Government of India

2/ 24th July
to 6th August } 1857.

Enclosures 2.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Bengal

Fort St. George
12th August 1857.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Bengal, a copy of a Despatch from the Court of Directors, No. 22, dated 20th May 1857, regarding the necessity for strict supervision being maintained over designs for Stations, Tunnels, Bridges or any other Works, so that none of a merely ornamental character should be sanctioned.

No. 1572 With an order 12th Aug.

No. 3444.

Cy 4th Aug. to 11th

No. 1572

Ordered to be referred to the Financial Railway Department.

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I have &c.
(Signed) H. Bracken
Secy. to the Govt.

Financial Dept.
Fort St. George
12th August 1857.

Forwarding an Extract/Paragraph/ from a Despatch from the Court, No. 22 dated 20th May 1857, regarding the necessity for strict supervision being maintained over designs for Stations, Tunnels, Bridges or any other Works, so that none of a merely ornamental character should be sanctioned.

To
The Secretary to the Financial Dept. Fort St. George
Public Works Department.

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