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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 40. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 17th August 1857, No. 1591.

In Extract Minutes Consultation 12th July 1855, No. 335, the Chief Engineer was requested, as soon as the new Department of Public Works was constituted, to "take measures for revising the lists of the rates of hire for labor, and of the cost of work of all descriptions, throughout the Districts, and at all stations;" and on the 17th June 1856, he was required, in submitting his annual Report on the operations of the Department, to "report on the rates paid for labor and the prices paid for materials, in each District, and on each large work," and to state "what progress had been made in determining fair rates for work on sound data, in any cases or localities."

Dy. 17th July 1855, No. 17 and 18.

Cons. 17th June 1856, No. 59.

2. On the 25th October 1856, Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1974, the Chief Engineer's attention was called to the order of the 12th July 1855; and he was required to state whether he had taken any measures for establishing a systematic comparative record of the cost of materials, rates of labor, &c., as contemplated in that order. It was observed to him at the same time that statements drawn up from such records from time to time would prove of great use to him in checking estimates, before forwarding them to Government for sanction.

Dy. 28th Oct. 1856, No. 75 and 76.

3. In furnishing his annual Report on the operations of the Department as required by the Rules sent to him for his guidance with the order of the 17th June 1856, the Chief Engineer stated that he had issued a Circular calling for information as to the rates paid for labor, and prices paid for materials, but that several of the local Officers had not replied, and that as soon as the subject was complete, a report would be drawn up and laid before Government. In passing orders upon this communication, the Government expressed a hope that the promised report would not be long delayed; and in a recent order they partially adverted to the subject, in requiring a statement of the rates allowed for work and materials in the construction of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Trivady in the Tanjore District.

Dated 26th Jany. 1857, in Cons. 21st April 1857.

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Dy. 23rd June 1857, No. 21 and 22.

4. It is now two years since the subject was first mooted, and six months since the Chief Engineer's promise to furnish a complete report was made, and yet the Government are without such a report, and they are not aware whether such a record as that insisted on by Government exists in his office; the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves therefore to call the attention of that Officer to the several orders above quoted, and to request that if he has not already completed it, he will take steps for completing the comparative record of the prices of material and labor, and submit the same to Government with as little delay as possible.

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

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due time as directed.

J. B.

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No 1871.

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From Chief Engr Dy 15 Augt 57.
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Calling the attention of the Chief Engineer to the request of Government for a revised Scale of the rates of hire for labor, and of the cost of work of all descriptions, throughout the districts and to call for

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