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Central Office P.W.D.
18th August 1857.

No 3029

From
The Chief Engineer,
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

1 In para 5 of Extract Minutes Con. Sultation No 1559, dated 11th Inst. Government are pleased to observe that

"The Chief Engineer's supervision "of this Department must have been more lax "even than the Government supposed, to have "allowed double establishments to have been charged for."

2 In reflecting to this observation, I have to express great regret and surprise, that the mere circumstance of my (not rightly) conjecturing what the intention of Government was (an intention I should remark never declared in any order of Government received in the Central Office) regarding the payment and continuance of the old Maramut Establishment until transferred to the Engineer

Department

Department, should be enquired into a task of supervising by the Chief Engineer.-

3 Satisfied with the clear & candid explanation, that of this view of the arrangement regarding the pay of the old and new Establishment, as clearly explained in the letter dated 22nd June last by the Civil Auditor, was that generally accepted both in the Revenue Department from the Collector down, and in the P.W.D. from the District Engineer down. That it was so by the Civil Auditor himself & each official functionary concerned, is shewn by his having posted the Salaries of Both Lines January last.-

4th Government observes that, I appear to have been aware of the Engineer Department having submitted double bills, but on this impression they are altogether mistaken, nor can I see any thing in my letter to the Civil Auditor to lead to such a supposition.

5 In that despatch I clearly stated, that such of the Establishment servants as had been transferred to the New Department received their Salaries from that Department, but that those who had not been transferred received their Salaries as before, on terms of which I was

Cognizance

Cognizance, and had no title, or authority to enquire into, or interfere with.-

6th The bills for the Salaries of the Establishment Servants still under the orders of Colonel are not sent up by the Engineer Department, nor are any bills for Salaries sent through the Central Office, so that the Office of the Civil Auditor is obviously the only one to look to for check in such matters.-

7th With this few remarks, I have the honor again to explicitly declare, that my best attention has been given to the effective organization of the Department, and that I should have failed in some instances, in so extensive, laborious, and responsible an undertaking is not a matter of surprise.-

8th In Conclusion I beg to express my apprehension, that the orders of Government for the re-establishment by the Engineers of the entire Establishment moyen gabita will be found to strike at the very root of all practical reform, will occasion in individual cases much hardships and injustice on present highly qualified employees, and will saddle the Offices of District Engineers with ——

&c &c &c

effects and incapable incumbent to at[illegible]
-getal annexed to the positions & authorities
-tively enjoined by the Government.

Central Office of Ord.
18th August 1835
Ex. Sean

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servant

Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Int. & Ch. Engr's Department 1857.

No. 3398

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Public
Establishment.

Sir,

I.
In Letter Engineer in Chief
having personally represented to me the ne-
cessity of certain Contracts late of the
Collectors Department for employment
either as Sub Overseers of Mo 2nd Class, or
even as Tomashas in the Public Works
Department, from this Governing no
knowledge of English, I have the honor
to request the favor of further early orders
of Government on para 9 of Extract
Minutes of Consultation, No 1559, dated
11th March, directing that a new who may
from old age, or other cause, be found to
unfit for further active service, should
be recommended by the Local Officers
for the pension, or gratuities to which
they may consider them entitled, accord-
ing to the rules, as already directed in
Extract Minutes of Consultation No.
2145, dated 19th November 1856.

2.
The Comptroller in question were
employed by the Civil Engineers
as

Public Work's 1857 Oct. 1st
Dy. to Cons: 22nd Sept.
No 1651

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 18th
Rec'd 19th August 57.

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17th Sept.

Replies to certain
Questions in para 5 &
Mr. C. No 1559 of 11 Inst.
Regarding the payment and
Continuance of the old Ma-
ramut Establishment
until transferred to the
Engineer Department.

No 34.

Rec'd 11 Aug't 57. No 8940.

c 28 Aug't c 9 Sept. 814

as 3d Class Sub Overseers, but as they are declared to be unfit for a higher grade and to be disqualified for Office employment, from their possessing no knowledge of English. I am at a loss — to what directions to give respecting them: the order of Government, apparently not allowing to the local Officers any discretional power to refuse employment to Servants of the Marmont Establishment, excepting when by age, or other physical disqualification found to be unfit for further active Service.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant

Central Office of R.W.
Fort St. Henry
2d September 1837.

Actg Assist. Colonel
Chief Engineer

A. Wisp. Engr. U.C.

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Public Works Office

No 1574

Extract from the Minutes of a Consultation

Under date 11th August 1857.

Read the following-

- ing Correspondence with Chief

Engineer.

Memorandum 11th August 1857

Approved

[illegible]

Chief Secretary to Govt

Public Works Department

Under Secretary to Govt

Marine Department

Accountant General

Public Works Dept
Dr. to Cons: 22nd Sept
No 1786

To
The Chief Engineer
&
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department

Dated 3rd September 1857
No 87
S. R. No 1774 — 17th Sept
No 3388

Request the further orders of Government on para 7 of Cons. No 1539 dated 11th Ultimo regarding the employment in the P. W. Department of Servants of the old Insolvent Establishment.

No 35.

Cy to Sep. 814

Engineer in allowing
double Establishments
to be charged for in the
Public Works Depart-
-ments, Colonel Faber
observes, in the letter
above recorded, to shew
that he was ignorant
of the intention of Go-
-vernment in regard
to the disposal of the
old Maramuck estab-
-lishment, until trans-
-ferred to the Engineer
Department.

2 The Government
are of opinion that the
Chief Engineer must
have been fully aware
that the permanent
establishment sanction-
-ed on 27 January 1857
was

was never intended
to be in addition to
the old Maramuck
Establishment, whether
transferred to the
Engineer Department
or not, indeed the
cost of the old estab-
-blishment, shewn to
amount to Rupees
10,15,559-12-, was deducted
from the amount of
the new Establishment
in the Tabular State-
-ment submitted to
Government by Colonel
Faber himself, with
his letter of 9 August
1856.

3. In Para 8 of
the very Extract to
which Colonel Faber
now

now replied, reference was made to the Order of Government dated 28th January 1857 No 213, which clearly explained that the pay of certain Servants whom the Acting Collector of Malabar was permitted to employ, was to be met out of the sum sanctioned for the general establishment.

11. In the face of these circumstances, the Chief Engineer is hardly warranted in saying that he was found fault with, for not rightly conjecturing the intention of Government, as to the dismissal of the old Establishment. The fact that a double Establishment has in some instances been paid has arisen apparently from a desire on the part of the Engineer Officers to introduce Servants of their own selection, instead of providing for those already employed by the Collectors when the new Establishment was organized. The Government will not however so fetter the District Engineers

Engineers do to order absolutely that all the servants lately on the Maramuk Establishments of the Collectors shall be provided with Office by the Engineer Dept, but they must record an opinion that these servants have a claims on the Govt, and that many of them, from long experience, would probably prove the most useful servants, that the District Engineers could employ.

5. As the responsibility of an efficient working of their Dept will rest upon the District Engineers, it is right that they should be left within certain bounds, to select their own Establishments; but the Govt will expect that servants who have been in the Collectors office shall not be set aside without real and substantial reason, so that the District Engineers may be able to satisfy the Govt of the propriety of their proceedings

Proceedings on any
appeal coming before
them.

6. The Govt would
particularly refer to
the Chief Engineers
second letter above
recorded. Lieutenant
Moberly is represented
to have informed
Colonel Faber that
certain Gomastahs,
late of the Collectors'
Establishment, are
unfit for employ-
-ment under him,
owing to their igno-
-rance of English.
On enquiry the
Govt have learned
that the late Mara-
-tha Commission-
-ers attended by
Gomastahs

Gomastahs from
certain Collectorates
including Chingle-
-put, and that
they were found
fully capable of
performing all the
duties to be expected
from their Class-
Almost all the
Gomastahs in the
interior are now
accustomed to
English numerals,
and are thus all
able to check Esta-
-mates, Bills, Progress
Reports, Accounts
Current &c, and to
keep detailed accounts
of works, altho' they
may not have

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any further acquaintance with the language, and the Govt are of opinion that, if the District Engineer is inclined to provide for these Gonnatchs, he can certainly find ample and useful work for them on some part of his establishment.

The Govt considers that the facts of the case are such as should — although the particular attention of the District Engineer, and lead him to be very careful that he does not reject

reject Servants who have a strong claim on the Government on insufficient grounds.

9 Copies to the Chief Engr. Circ. 18
3 " " Adjt Genl. "

5-8-09

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 22d. Sept.

No 1774

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 17th. Sept. 57.

E. R. C. 10 Feb 58-
No. 228.

From the Chief Secy. to G. of I. 20 Augt. 1860. No. 2074. Rec.d 4 Sept. -- 28-29-

From Dr. 16th. Jany. to Cons. 109 ult. No: 7 Feby. No. 127.

Respecting servants lately employed on the Maramut establishment of the Collectors, not to be set aside by Dist. Engr. without real and substantial reason.

No 34 at 36.

cy. Sup. R14.