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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 25th September 1857.

P. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the letter in this Department from the Honble the Court of Directors Dated 15th July 1857, No 5.

In consequence of the decided opinion expressed by the Govt of the insufficiency of the sum of 2000 Rupees fixed by the Honorable Court as the limit of expenditure for buildings for the accommodation of Travellers, Honorable Court consent to withdraw their restriction in this respect, and intimate, that they rely on this Government exercising a discretionary power in the matter with due regard to economy.

2. A copy of these paragraphs, and of the letter to which they are a reply, will be furnished to the Chief Engineer for his information.

5 & 7 Notice the increase of business in the office of Superintending Engineer, Presidency Division, and the steps taken for strengthening the establishment, trust that the increase of Rupees 605 sanctioned by the Govt of India on this account will prove sufficient. observe that with the

3. It is observed that under the new constitution of the Department of Public Works the offices of Garrison Engineer and Civil Architect have been established for that of Superintending Engineer of Presidency Division which previously existed. The establishment originally allotted to the Superintending Engineer involved a charge of Rupees 516, and the increase of Rupees 665 sanctioned by the Government of India amounts to Rupees 1181. This sum has been divided between the two offices, Rupees 759 being assigned to the Civil Architect's office, and Rupees 732 to the

the view of checking frauds in the article of building materials, the Government to adopt the practice of issuing them by measure instead, but that this is not the remedy required, that this is not the remedy required, that the most effectual check against fraud lies in measure being duly kept of deliveries and audit and of the quantities used; below that the Government called on the Chief Engr to consider and report on the means employed for abolishing the existing method of keeping accounts in the Engineer Department and substituting the system of the late Road Department and the further progress of this important

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of the Garrison Engineer.

4. With reference to the remarks in para 7, it is to be noticed that the Chief Engr in a letter dated 9th September 1856 N° 6388, submitted some brief suggestions as to the mode of carrying into effect the orders of this Government for the improvement of the executive arrangements of the Presidency Division, and in his Proceedings of the 10th Septr 1856 he forwarded a letter from the superintending Engineer on the same subject, but as he did not communicate with the Superintending Engr previously to offering his recommendations, the Government postponed the further consideration of the question until they had before them the result of Colt Faber's further deliberations after he had considered Colt Atkinson's remarks

lunatic and confused with that Office regarding his own propositions. The Government have received no further communication, and they resolved to call the attention of the Chief Engineer to the subject.

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5. A copy of this Minute will be furnished to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Proceedings dated 1st Octob. 1856, 17th inst.

Will comply with the application for Main Dugs being furnished with the Dredging Machines

6. From the further proceedings connected with the Survey of the Carriage Roads under Mr Taylor's Superintendance, and the additional duties of that Officer

12 In reference to the resignation of Mr George Taylor, one of the Civil Engineers, Honorable Court desire, that he appear to be a gentleman and valuable Servant, but of a very lively temperament, & that he be informed, that if still desirous of resigning the Government Service, his resignation is accepted from the 1st September next.

18. Honorable Court have complied with the request of Mr Merrel, Civil Engineer, that the portion of his salary payable in England be reduced to 100 £ per annum.

19 Approve of measures having been taken to ascertain the expence of improving the road from Parvatipoor to Jeypoor so as to make it a good Cart road. As the line is already

— insubordination thereinbrought to notice, the Government have had occasion to express great dissatisfaction with the conduct of Mr Taylor so much so indeed as to lead them to contemplate his dismissal from the service. This correspondence will be furnished to the Honorable Court with the reply to this dispatch as indicating the views of this Government in respect to Mr Taylor's continuance in the service.

7. Will be communicated to the Civil Auditor with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 19th November 1856, N° 2172.

8. With reference to the Chief Engineer's remarks in the 3rd paragraph of his letter dated 15th July last, I am directed to state that the Government of India will be glad to receive the Chief Engineer's report on the subject of the road between Pareniputty and Joypore, and to learn whether the Chief Engineer is prepared to recommend that the road should be carried out, at least as far as the boundary of this Presidency.

9. The Government of India observe that upon a communication from the Government of India, giving effect to correspondence with the authorities in Joypore regarding the route by which trade passes from the coast to that country, of which two routes by Joypore and Pareniputty, the Government admitted the propriety of improving all the routes of

already practicable for loaded bullocks, Honorable Court cannot but agree with Mr Smollet and the Chief Engineer, that there are many more pressing demands on the funds than the improvement of the Joypore road; conclusion however no doubt that the political considerations to which this Government will be weighed by the Government of India in the event of the work being included in an early Budget.

of traffic, and in their resolution of the 15th July last requested the Chief Engineer to give his consideration to the subject generally, and report the measures he would advise should be carried out, at least as far as the country under the range of this Presidency was concerned. As no reply has been received to this reference, the Chief Engineer's attention will be called to it.

8 Copies of Paras. 2-3-4-5 of Revs with — 2-3-5-6-7-13-14-19 7th Cir. Disp. 26 to the Chief Engrs —

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