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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th September 1857.

No. 76. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 7th September 1857, No. 1155.

Read the following Circular from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 14th August 1857, No. 3911.

SIR,

Whenever Convict labor is employed in the execution of Public Works, the value of such labor shall be duly charged for in the accounts of the work, and a corresponding credit allowed in account to the Civil Departments by which the Convicts were supplied.

2. The charge for Convict labor will be fixed at two-thirds of the usual rate paid for free labor of a like description.

3. No actual money payments will be made by Executive Engineers on account of the charge for Convict labor, but a Memorandum in duplicate will be prepared, countersigned both by the Engineer and the Civil Officer, one copy to be rendered by the former with his accounts the other by the latter, in order that the necessary adjustments may be made in account.

4. Where materials prepared by Convicts, the value of which would be credited to a Jail Fund placed at the disposal of a Magistrate, or on which a commission is allowed to the Jailor, are supplied to an Officer of the Public Works Department, they shall be paid for in cash and dealt with in his accounts as though they had been purchased from any other source.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons and Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 1848; dated 29th September 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. It is to be observed that the charge for convict labor has been fixed by the Government of India at two-thirds of the usual rate paid for free labor of a like description. This rate will be charged hereafter, instead of one half which was determined in the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th November 1856, No. 2074. In the latter part of para. 3 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 30th January 1856, No. 145, Government decided, as a more convenient plan, that the labor of Convicts supplied to the Public Works Department should be paid for; but the Government of India having directed otherwise, their instructions will be carried into effect; the Officers of the Public Works Department will be directed however to exhibit in their accounts the cost of the Convict labor employed by them, and send a Memo. thereof to the Session Judge or other Officer in charge of Convicts, so that he may send it with his countersignature to the Collector of the District for the necessary adjustment in his accounts. The Accountant General will see that these instructions are properly attended to.

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

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 7th Septr 1857 No 1155 Judicial Department
Read the following

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CIRCULAR.

No. 3911

FROM

COLONEL W. E. BAKER,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To H. Forbes Esqre Actg Secy to the Govt of Fort St George

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC.

Dated the 14th August 1857,

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

Sd/ W. E. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Government of India.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 14th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons and Public Works Department for information and guidance.

True Extract & Copy

To The Public Works Department

H. Marcon

Actg Chief Secretary

John Gray, "Calcutta Gazette" Office.

No. 7

No. 1848

Extract from Minutes of Commissioners
Under date Thursday 20th September 1855

Read the following

Ex. Minute of Commissioners
Judicial Department

(Here enter Nº & date of Letter)

Ordered that the com
municated to the Chief
Engineer for his inform
ation & guidance.

Minute to be attended that
the charge for Convict
labor has been fixed by
the Government of Bombay
at Rupees thirty per mensem
each man for free labor

Comm: 2nd Sumroy Rs 33-04-
" 2nd Jemadar " 52-53
" 11 Convicts " 49-15

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Comm: 29th Sept.

No 1792

Extract Minute of Comm:
in the Judicial Dept.

Dept. } Sept. 1855
Read } Sept. 1855
S.E. Rec'd } No. 1155.
Dated }

Communicating a Circular
Letter from the Govt of Bombay
regarding the value of Convict
labor when employed on the
execution of Public Works, the
Charges for the same, and the
mode of dealing with it in
accounts; and also stating, that
where Materials prepared by
Convicts are supplied to Con-
Officers of the P.W.D. they shall be
charged for in cash, as though they
had been purchased from any

Other Letters.

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of or like description.
This rate will be charged hereafter, instead of one half cubic Span determined in the Regulations of Govt. dated 28th. December 1856 at 20/ the latter part of para 3 of the Regulations of Govt. dated 30th January 1856 No 165 from which para it is intended that the officers of the P.W.D. under the orders of the Chief Engr. will be directed however to exhibit in their accounts the cost of the convict labor employed by them, and send a memo thereof to the Sessions Judge or other officer in charge of convicts, so that he may send it with his counter signature to the Collector of the District for the necessary adjustment in his accounts. The Accountant General will see that these instructions are properly attended to

61 Copies to the Chief Engr. Offg.
1 " Supdg. Engr.
1 " Accts. Genl.
1 " Civil Auditor

Public Works 1857 Sept.
Cons. 29th Sept.

No. 1848.

Extract Mins. of Cons.
Dated 29th Sept. 57.

Respecting the charge for
Convict-labor which employs
in the execution of Public
Works as stated in the
Government of India.

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