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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13*th October* 1857.

No. 15. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, the 10th September 1857, No. 4363.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 21st August 1857, No. 3727.

Read an Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Public Works Department, No. 3252 dated 3rd July, transmitting with observations, for further consideration and orders, a Tabular Statement with enclosures submitted by the Government of Fort Saint George, soliciting sanction to a revised scale of office establishment for the Chief Engineer of that Presidency.

Resolution.—Consequent upon the transfer of the Public Works duties in Madras from the supervision of the late Military Board to the control and management of a Chief Engineer, this Government sanctioned on the 13th September 1855, for the then current official year, the entertainment of an establishment for the office of the Chief Engineer in Madras at an aggregate monthly cost of Rupees 6836 and remarked that when the question of this establishment is again brought under consideration, the number of clerks which was very excessive, and only less than that propsed for Bengal, should, if possible, be reduced, inview to a reduction of the total amount to be allowed for the Chief Engineer's establishment.

It was also provided in the Resolution sanctioning the above establishment, that after the expiration of the period for which the establishment was allowed, a full report of the working of the Public Works Department should be submitted for the approval of this Government, showing.

1st. How much work had been done by the establishment.

2ndly. What sum had been expended on Public Works since the appointment of the establishment.

3rdly. Up to what date the accounts had been checked and audited.

The Secretary in the Public Works Department having subsequently pointed out, with reference to the above resolution, that there was a difference between the system of accounts and audit in the Public Works Department in the several divisions of the Bengal Presidency and the system in the Madras Presidency, which did not appear to him to have been taken into account in comparing the establishments of the Chief Engineer's Offices, was informed* in reply that it was inexpedient to interfere with the arrangement sanctioned for the Chief Engineer's Office establishment at Madras; but that the points urged by him would be reviewed when the report on the working of the Madras Public Works establishment is submitted.

* Vide Office Memo. dated 26th October 1855, No. 3977.

The Government of Fort Saint George now submits the Chief Engineer's Report on the working of his Office establishment from 1st August 1855 to 30th April 1856 or for a period of 9 months, and solicits sanction to a revised scale of establishment for the Chief Engineer, involving an additional monthly charge of 436 Rupees,* a proposition based on the assumption that the expenditure in the Public Works Department in Madras will be 60 lacs a year, and that the present establishment is inadequate to cope effectually with the work to be performed.

	Present scale	Proposed	Increase.
† Audit Department.....	1,700	1,946	246
Current do.	1,075	1,148	73
Record do.	375	405	30
3 Supg. Engineer's Depts.	855	942	87
		Per month..	436

In reference to this application, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes, that there is one section of the office devoted to the preparation of formal "sets of Proceedings" kept up at an expense of 760 Rupees per mensem,‡ which may be almost entirely abolished without in the least interfering with the efficiency of the Public Works Department, and His Lordship in Council accordingly resolves that the old system of keeping up the sets of Proceedings shall be immediately discontinued at Madras, and that no further expense be incurred in bringing up any arrears of those

‡ Vide Tabular Statement.

papers that may now exist; further, that the increase of establishment applied for in the other Departments, will scarcely be necessary now that the Public Works expenditure is to be reduced.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department for communication to the Government of Fort Saint George.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in reply to Mr. Chief Secretary Pycroft's letter No. 2253 dated 4th December 1856.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

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

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 1898; dated 8th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 4th December 1856 No. 2252.

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

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No. 3727

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department under date the 21st August 1857.

Read an Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Public Works Department No. 3252 dated 3rd July last, transmitting with observations, for further consideration and orders, a Tabular Statement with enclosures submitted by the Government of Fort St. George, soliciting sanction to a revised scale of Office Establishment for the Chief Engineer of that Presidency.

Resolution.—Consequent upon the transfer of the Public Works duties in Madras from the supervision of the late military Board to the Control and management of a Chief Engineer, this Government sanctioned on the 15th September 1855, for the then current official year, the entertainment of an Establishment for the Office of the Chief Engineer in Madras at an aggregate monthly cost of Rupees 6836 and remarked that when the question of this establishment is again brought under consideration, the number of Clerks which was very excessive and only less than that proposed for Bengal, should

should, if possible, be reduced in view to a reduction of the total amount to be allowed for the Chief Engineers Establishment.

It was also provided in the Resolution sanctioning the above establishment, that after the expiration of the period for which the Establishment was allowed, a full report of the working of the Public Works Department should be submitted for the approval of this Government showing

1st How much work had been done by the Establishment.

2dly What sum had been expended on Public Works since the appointment of the Establishment.

3dly Up to what date the accounts had been checked and audited.

The Secretary in the Public Works Department having subsequently pointed out with reference to the above Resolution, that there was a difference between the system of Accounts and audit in the Public Works Department in the several divisions of the Bengal Presidency, and the system in the Madras Presidency, which did not appear to him to have been taken into account in comparing the establishments of the Chief Engineers Offices, was informed in reply, that

* Vide Office Memo: 726 dated October 1835 No 3977

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it was inexpedient to interfere with the arrangement sanctioned for the Chief Engineers Office establishment at Madras; but that the points urged by him would be reviewed when the Report on the working of the Madras Public Works establishments is submitted.

The Government of Fort St. George now submits the Chief Engineer's Report on the working of his Office establishment from 1st August 1835 to 30th April 1836 or for a period of 9 months, and solicits sanction to a revised scale of establishment for the Chief Engineer involving an additional monthly charge of 436 Rupees, a proportion based on the assumption that the expenditure in the Public Works Department in Madras will be 60 lacs a year, and that the present establishment is inadequate to cope effectually with the work to be performed.

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	Present scale	Proposed Increase	
* Audit Department	1700	1946	246
Current do	1075	1148	73
Record do	375	405	30
3 Superg Engineers Departt	855	942	87
		Increase	436

In reference to this application the Right Honble the Governor General in Council observes, that there is one section of the Office devoted to the preparation of formal Sets of Proceedings kept up at an expense of 760 Rupees per mensem, which may be almost entirely abolished without in the least

* Vide Tabular Statement

least interfering with the efficiency of the Public Works Department, and the Lordships in Council accordingly resolve, that the old system of keeping up the sets of Proceedings shall be immediately discontinued at Madras, and that no further expense be incurred in bringing up any arrears of those papers that may now exist. Further, that the increase of establishment applied for in the other Departments, will scarcely be necessary now that the Public Works expenditure is to be reduced.

Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department for communication to the Govern-ment of Fort St. George.

A True Extract

(Sd) C. H. Lushington

Secy to the Govt of India

No 4363

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George in reply to Mr. Chief Secretary Pycroft's letter No 2253 dated 4th December 1836.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council

Fort William,
Public Works Departt,
the 16th September 1837

(Sd) C. Dickens Colin
Secy to the Govt of India

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Dft to Cons. 13th October.
No 1902.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Govt of India.
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No 4363.

Observing in reply to an application from this Govt for an increase of the Office Establishment of the Chief Engr of this Presidency that the increase applied for will be scarcely necessary now that the Public Works Expenditure is to be reduced, directing that the old system of keeping up the Sets of Proceedings be immediately discontinued and that no further Expenditure be incurred in bringing up Arrears.

With an order
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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Mins: of Cons: dated 4th December 1856 No 2252.

Fort Saint George
5th October 1857

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