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

No. 17. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 22nd September 1857, No. 3319.

Read the following papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring a letter from the Chief Engineer, forwarding for the orders of Government a letter from the District Engineer of Salem respecting the appointment of Lieutenant Clay to assume temporary command of the Detachment at Salem. } (Here enter 11th September 1857, No. 1737.)

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 21st September 1857, No. 1110.

SIR,

Refers to Commander-in-Chief correspondence relative to Lieutenant Clay, Executive Engineer Salem District, having been appointed to Command Detachment of Veterans at Salem.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Minutes of Consultation No. 1737, P. W. D., dated 14th Instant.

His Excellency has directed it to be pointed out to Major General Budd that he had no authority to appropriate the services of Lieutenant Clay without first obtaining the consent of the authorities D. P. W.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 1899; dated 8th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Proceedings dated 7th Ultimo No. 3528.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 3319.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, under date the 11th September 1857, *No.* 1737.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 7th September 1857, No. 3528.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Salem; to the Chief Engineer, dated Camp Ossoor, 27th August 1857, No. 292.

With reference to the accompanying (original) letter No. 65 of the 17th Instant, from Lieutenant Clay to my address, with its enclosure, [Extract from D. O. under date the 10th Instant, by Major General R. Budd Commanding the Southern Division] I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me 1st, whether the Major General Commanding the Southern Division has power to issue orders of this kind to any of my Subordinates.

2. Whether Lieutenant Clay can hold temporary Command of the Detachment at Salem without prejudice to his appointment and salary in the D. P. W.

Letter from the Executive Engineer of Salem District; to the District Engineer of Salem, dated Camp Namcul, 17th August 1857, No. 65.

In enclosing copy of an Extract from Division Order by Major General R. Budd dated 10th August 1857, I have the honor to inform you that I this day proceed to Salem as therein directed.

2. I presume that this temporary Command of the Detachment at Salem is without prejudice (or loss of pay) to my present appointment, the duties of which I shall continue to conduct as far as possible.

Extract from Division Order by Major General R. Budd, Commanding Southern Division, Head Quarters, Trichinopoly, dated 10th August 1857, No. 281.

Lieutenant Clay, 3rd Regiment Light Infantry P. W. D., will relieve Captain Short of the Command of the Detachment of Veterans at Salem, until further orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. L. WALKER, Major,
D. A. A. General S. D.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. D. CLAY, Lieutenant,
Extve. Engr. in charge of 3rd Dn. Salem Dt.

To Lieutenant Clay, 3rd Regiment Light Infantry P. W. D., Salem.
Southern Circle D. P. W.,

Resolved to forward copies of the foregoing letter, and enclosures, No. 292 dated 27th August 1857, from the District Engineer of Salem, for the information and orders of Government, with reference to the Chief Engineer's communication of the 24th Idem, No. 3144, attention being specially exhibited to the authoritative nature of Lieutenant Clay's removal *without* either reference or explanation to the local Officers of the D. P. W.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

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

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

14*th September* 1857.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 21st September 1857, No. 1110; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Refers to Commander-in-Chief correspondence relative to Lieutenant Clay Executive Engineer Salem District—having been appointed to Command Detachment of Veterans at Salem.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Minutes of Consultation No. 1737, P. W. D., dated 14th Instant.

His Excellency has directed it to be pointed out to Major General Budd that he had no authority to appropriate the Services of Lieutenant Clay without first obtaining the consent of the Authorities D. P. W.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Secretary to Governmet.

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Communicating a letter from the Asst Adjt Genl of the Army, pointing out to Major Genl Budd, that he had no authority to appropriate the services of Lt Clay, without first obtaining the consent of the authorities of W.D.

No 17 & 18.

With an order
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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Proceedings dated 7th Ultimo & No 3525.

Fort St George
8th October 1857

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