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No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 2nd October 1857.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 1st October 1857, No. 1155.

SIR,

With advertence to Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department dated 11th Ultimo, No. 1737, referred to the Commander in Chief on the same date, and my reply thereto under date 21st Idem No. 1110, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the annexed copy of letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division explanatory of the circumstances under which Lieutenant Clay was appointed to the Command of the Detachment at Salem.

Relative to the removal of Lieutenant Clay from his employment in the Department Public Works and appointment to the command of the detachment without previous reference or explanation to the local officers of the Public Works Department.

Letter from Major General R. BUDD, Commanding Southern Division, to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 24th September 1857, No. 196.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 21st Instant No. and subject as per margin. I have the honor to state that the non communication with the District Engineer of Salem previous to appointing Lieutenant Clay to the Command of that station was an oversight on my part.

States that the approval of Lieutenant Clay's appointment to command Detachment 1st N. V. Battn at Salem was given under the impression that the arrangement had been made in communication with Department Public Works authorities.

The appointment was a very necessary one, it was needful to relieve Captain Short from Command on account of his state of health, the Mahorrum was at hand, no other officer available, and therefore advantage was taken of Lieutenant Clay's presence on the spot.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 1900; dated 8th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of the order of Government of this date No. 1899.

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

Military Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 5th October 1857.
Read the following letter

No 1155

From Lieut Colonel [illegible] R.E.

The Adjutant General
of the Army

&c &c &c

To Colonel C. E. Bowers

The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Fort William the 27th August 1857

Sir,

Relative to the removal of Lieutenant Clay from his employment in the Dept Public Works and appointment to the Command of the detachment without previous reference or explanation to the local Officers of the Public Works Department

With advertence to Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department dated 17th Ultimo, No 1737 referred to the Commander in Chief on the same date, and my reply thereto under date 21st idem No 1110, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency,

Excellency, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the annexed Copy of Letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division explanatory of the circumstances under which Lieutenant Clay was appointed to the Command of the Detachment at Salem.

Adjt. Genl's Office
Fort St George
1st October 1857

Signed W. G. Woods Lt. Col.
Adjutant General
of the Army

No 196

To

The Adjutant General
of the Army
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your Letter dated 21st Instant No and subject as per margin, I have the honor to

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Head Dr Southern Dn
Trichinopoly 21st Septr 1857

Signed R. Burdett Majr
Commanding Southern Dn

A true Copy

Signed W. G. Woods Lt. Col.
Adjutant General
of the Army.

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ment Public Works.

[Signed] C. A. Browne Lt.
Secretary to Govt.

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To

The Department Public Works.

By
Edmd Smith

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No 1900 8th Oct.

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Fort St George
8th October 1857

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