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No. 10. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st September 1857, No. 3355.

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With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1316, dated 31st July 1856, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that Mr. Williams, then a Revenue Surveyor who was placed at the disposal of the Collector of Coimbatore, as a Surveyor of Estates, on the Neilgherries, before the formation of the existing Department, is now a Sub Engineer of the 2nd class, and not only draws a much higher Salary, than before but occupies a position, which gives the Government, a right to expect from him more important services, than those, he is at present rendering.

2. Mr. Williams' pay, and allowances prior to January 1857, were altogether Rupees 225 per mensem, and are now, Rupees 390, besides an Office Establishment of Rupees 53, and although I am far from asserting that, the amount of a public servants salary is to determine the nature of his duties, yet I think, that a certain degree of conformity of the one to the other, is according to the general usage of the service.

3. With the view therefore of bringing Mr. Williams' more under responsible control, (for the Collector renders no account of his detailed employment) I addressed to the District Engineer an enquiry whether, some arrangement could be made for substituting a less highly paid Subordinate of this Department, in Mr. Williams' place, under the Collector, but the replies* both of Captain Francis and Mr. Thomas, are altogether unfavorable to my views and the local knowledge and experience of the Sub Engineer are considered so valuable, that six months of his time, are reckoned by Mr. Thomas, equal to twelve months of any other Surveyor.

See letter No. 2782, dated 8th August 1857.

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4. This being the case, I do not wish to press an arrangement so unpalatable to the Collector, yet I think that the matter should receive the special decision of Government, and certainly, I would propose, that Mr. Thomas' own suggestion be acted on, so that Mr. Williams should be employed under the Collector from January to June, and from July to December, under the District Engineer in every year, but that the latter Officer should countersign his travelling allowance bills, for the whole year, and exercise such general control over him, as to see that his time is not misspent. The Sub Engineer should in fact be considered at all times, as belonging to the Department of Public Works, and only available, on demand for service under the Collector.

5. It may not be out of place for me to remark here, on the position of Messrs. Kemp and Walker, one a Supervisor, and the other an Overseer, on this establishment who are employed on the Survey of Madras, under the Collector, and to suggest that they should be placed under the departmental control of the District Engineer of Chingleput, with the same understanding, that their services as Surveyors shall be when required, afforded to the Collector.

6. If the salaries of the above individuals, can fairly be charged to this Department, then it is evident, that some control over them should rest with the Chief Engineer and his Officers, but if altogether withdrawn from the Public Works, the expense should be debited to the Revenue Department, which latter further consideration seems to shew, is the more proper arrangement.

Letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle; to the District Engineer Coimbatore, dated 8th August 1857, No. 2782.

SIR,

Considering the greatly increased salary now drawn by Sub Engineer Williams to that which he enjoyed when his services were placed at the disposal of the Collector for the Survey of the estates, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that a new arrangement has become necessary, and that while Mr. Williams may be expected to perform more important and responsible duties

than those of a mere Surveyor, one of the Assistant Overseers employed under Mr. Fraser can without difficulty execute the duties hitherto performed by the Sub Engineer on the Neilgherries.

2. The Chief Engineer is of course anxious to avoid even the appearance of interfering with the Collector's arrangements, but under the sense of responsibility which especially at this junction belongs them for employing the Upper Subordinates in important duties, Colonel Faber cannot but point out how desirable it is that some arrangement should be made for placing Mr. Williams on his proper footing in the Department. You will be good enough after consulting Mr. Thomas on the subject and report the result for reference to Government.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 17th August 1857, No. 162.

SIR,

According to your instructions contained in letter No. 2782, dated 8th August, I have the honor to inform you that I have sent a copy for the Collector's consideration I have consulted him also on the point and I am so well aware of Mr. Thomas' difficulties that I *quite concur* with him in the advisability of leaving Mr. Williams on his present footing.

Mr. Williams' services will also be useful to me for some months in the year in the preparation of Budget projects when the Collector can spare him.

Letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 15th August 1857, No. 418.

SIR,

1. With reference to Major Lawford's letter of 8th Instant No. 2782, copy of which has been furnished to me, by the District Engineer, and to Extract from Minutes of Consultation of 31st July 1856, No. 1316, I would beg respectfully to demur to the proposal to remove Mr. Williams from me under the Idea that any young Surveyor would do equally well for the post.

2. It was after numerous applications, and great practical inconvenience felt in this office, that Mr. Williams was granted, and desired by the Government to be left at my disposal, except when I could occasionally spare him to the District Engineer. It was my own proposal, (wishing to accord every possible aid to the District Engineer,) to spare Mr. Williams half the year to that Officer, and endeavour to compass my own work in the other half.

3. Mr. Williams was especially applied for by me, as *knowing* the Hills, their former boundaries, localities, old disputes, and peculiarities. No one else *can* do the work so efficiently—indeed, as I already observed in my letter of 26th April* 1856, six months of Mr. Williams' local knowledge and experience, is worth, to this office, 12 months of any one else's work, and the correct principle for locating any public servant, is, I submit, not according to his pay, as proposed in Major Lawfords letter, but according to *fitness* for any particular *duty*.

* Paras 3. 4, to which I beg to refer.

4. Mr. Williams' local knowledge and experience of the Hills, is much more valuable than any other Surveyor's and the necessity and value of such knowledge and local experience, is becoming daily more obvious on the Neilgherries, where new settlers and applications for land, as well as old disputes, are yearly increasing.

5. Mr. Williams is just now engaged also in a most important work for this office, mapping and defining all the present existing properties and boundaries, thus settling many dubious and contested claims, and obviating future ones. Many such have been already settled by aid of Mr. Williams' previous local knowledge. No one can equally supply his place, I am now daily rectifying serious blunders made in various properties by two temporary Acting Surveyors, I was compelled to employ for a time, Mr. Fearon and Mr. McNair.

6. The duty on which it is proposed to detach Mr. Williams, is, to take series of levels, under Mr. Fraser's eye and orders. No previous local experience, but only accuracy of levels, seems required, for all the rest, Mr. Fraser's own judgment is responsible. I submit, that such mechanical duty can be equally well done by *any* younger man, while Mr. Williams' duty and value *here*, cannot be supplied. If Mr. Williams *must* be detached, I beg it may at least be only temporarily, and rather than lose Mr. Williams, I would prefer even six months of *his* work, from January to June yearly giving him up to the District Engineer, to whom also his local knowledge is valuable, for the other six; though I cannot but think he should be left undisturbed in my office, as ordered by Government in Minutes of Consultation dated 31st July 1856, No. 1316, I sparing him at the District Engineer's request at all times I possibly can. I have never yet refused him to the District Engineer, and never shall.

P. S. I have shown the above to the District Engineer. Had Major Lawford, when here, done me the favour of communicating with me personally, either as regarded Mr. Surveyor Williams, or the expenditure of the cross road funds, it would have saved subsequent misconception and correspondence on both points.

(Signed) E. B. T.
Collector.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 1931; dated 14th October 1857.

The Government observe that under date the 31st of July 1856, they recorded their opinion that a Surveyor of competent acquirements, and steady and trustworthy character, should be attached to the Collector of Coimbatore, and having been once nominated should not be withdrawn without the previous consent of the Collector; at the same time the Government expressed an opinion against a divided control of the Surveyor, which they observed would not work well, and they desired that Mr. Williams should be left under the orders of the Collector, who would make his services available to the Civil Engineer whenever he could conveniently do so.

2. In the letters now submitted from the Collector and District Engineer, the Government observe that there is no difference of opinion, that each Officer considers that Mr. Williams' position should remain unchanged, and as his services are highly appreciated by the Collector, to whom a Surveyor, acquainted with the localities of the Hills, must be essential, the Government consider that it would be inexpedient to authorize the changes recommended by the Chief Engineer.

3. Paras. 5 and 6 of the Chief Engineer's letter will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

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

Contract Office of C. P. W. S.

No. 3355 Fort St. George 1st September 1857

From,

The Chief Engineer,

To,

The Secretary to Government,

Department of Public Works.

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Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George.
1st September 1854

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
W. Caldwell Colonel
Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Public Works Dept.

No. 1934

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 11th ~~September~~ Octr. 1837

Read the following

letter from the Chief

Engineer.

Here enter 1st September 1837

No. 3555

1. The Government observe that under date the 31st of July 1836, they recorded their opinion that a Surveyor of competent acquirement and steady and trustworthy character should be attached to the Collector of Coimbatore and having

Public Works Dept. 20 Octr. 1837 -

Read the Chief Engineer's letter of 11th Inst. -

Ordered that it be recorded.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

No. 3335

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Government Order of 31st July 1836 noted in the margin, and requested to be favoured with their opinion whether the services of a Surveyor should be attached to the Collector of Coimbatore.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

No. 3335

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

No. 3335

Forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for information.

By Order &c.

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Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Salem for information.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Rajahmundry for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Masulipatam for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Guntoor for information.

By Order &c.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Ganjam for information.

By Order &c.

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Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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Forwarded to the Collector of Malabar for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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Forwarded to the Collector of South Canara for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

No. 3335

Forwarded to the Collector of Salt Revenue for information.

By Order &c.

Secretary.

Public Works Dept. 25th Octr. 1837.

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