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No. 16. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 21st September 1857, No. 3845.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. R. BLAGRAVE, District Engineer Ganjam; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Chicacole, 4th August 1857, No. 779.

SIR,

In the absence of any Public building for the use of Office Establishment, or for [illegible]ing the records and Instruments &c. I have the honor to request you will be good enough pending construction of the District Engineer's Office to obtain the sanction of Government for charging a sum of Rupees (20) twenty, per month in the monthly bill of Contingent charges sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 477, dated 3rd April 1856.

2. As at present the records Stationary and some Instruments are kept in a small thatched hut near the bridge at this place.

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The Chief Engineer resolves to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of paras. 1 and 2, of the letter above recorded and to solicit the issue of instructions for his guidance in disposing of similar applications it not being clear whether House rent for the purpose stated should be admitted in the bills in addition to the sum of Rupees (50) fifty allowed monthly to District Engineer's on account of Office Contingent charges.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 1983; dated 22nd October 1857.

The Government sanction a monthly charge of Rupees (20) twenty, being incurred in Ganjam as rent for the Office of the Engineer of that District, till he can be provided with public accommodation; but this amount will not be taken as a standard in similar cases for other Districts, the rent to be charged varying with the actual value of a suitable building in each District.

2. When similar applications are received from other Districts, they should be submitted for the sanction of Government.

3. The Chief Engineer appears to be laboring under some misapprehension as to the object of the advance fund of 50 Rupees, which, in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 477 dated 3rd April 1856, was placed at the disposal of each District Engineer. It was not intended that this sum was to be drawn monthly, and spent as a matter of course, in any contingent expenditure; but it was placed in the District Engineer's hands as a permanent fund, out of which to meet such contingent charges as he is authorized to incur, and as were absolutely necessary, the payments so made being replaced on his monthly bills being cashed by the Collector. House rent was not an item intended to be covered by this sum; and whenever such an expenditure may be found necessary for want of public accommodation the sanction of Government must be obtained, and money drawn from the Collector by including the charge in the monthly contingent Bill.

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

per month in the monthly Bill of Contingent Charges sanctioned vide Govt Minutes of Consultation No 477 dated 3rd April 1856.

2 As at present the records stationary and some Instruments are kept in a small thatched hut near the Bridge at this place.

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Camp Chicacole 4 August 1857

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) E R Balgrave Lt
Divisional Engineer Vizagapatam

The Chief Engineer resolves to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of Paras 1 and 2, of the letter above recorded and to solicit the issue of instructions for his guidance in disposing of similar applications, it not being clear whether leave sent for the purpose stated should be admitted in the Bills in addition to the sum of

of Rupees (50----) Fifty allowed monthly to Divisional Engineers on account of office contingent charges.

True Extract

(Signed) Colonel
Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 24th October 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of
the Chief Engineer.

No. 1983.

Dated Fort William the 21st September 1857. No 3845/

Has Government taken
into consideration the
(2) Seventy eight
Enquiries and Letters from
Office of the Engineer of the
District, till he can be provided
with a public
but Mess. Government would
be taken on Mr.
Minister dated
Minister dated the 24th October 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of
the Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt. N.W.P.

Dated 21st
Rec'd 22nd September 1857

No 1983. 22nd Oct.
No. 3845

Forwards copies of paras 1 & 2
letter No. 779, dated 4th August
1857, from the District Engineer
of Ganjam, on the subject of
house rent for Asst. Engineers'
Office, & solicits instructions &c
disposing of similar applications

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C. 16th Oct. 1857

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The Chief Engineer appears to be laboring under some misapprehension as to the object of the advance fund of 50 Rupees, authorized per Extract Minutes of Consultation No 77 dated 3d April 1856, was placed at the disposal of each Executive Engineer. It was under intended that Landowners monthly and subsequent bills should be settled, of course, during contingent expenditure, but that advances should be made in the hands of Civil Officers only, for petty matters of immediate necessity, the petty vouchers for which thereby being cashed by the Collector. House rent was not an item intended

intended to be covered by this sum; and whenever such an expenditure may be found necessary for want of public accommodation, Sanction of Government must be obtained, and Money drawn from the Collector by including the charge in the Monthly Contingent Bill.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr. Civil Audr.
Acctt Genl
Civil Auditor

Public Works 1857 Dept
Dr. to Cons 29th Oct.

No 1983.

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of 22. Oct. 57.

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Sanctioning a monthly
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ed in Gangaw a Rent for
the Office of the Engineers
that Dist. till the same is
provided with public
accommodation.

No 16 & 17.