ber of
date of re
is o
36
9.7.37
4

M.R.O. 1—52,400—28-11-30.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Com. 29 10 37

G.O. No. Pub. 1—10 Press Mis.

6665

Dated 26—10—1937

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. CC Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st September 1857, No. 3819.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1073, dated the 2nd Instant, directing the immediate discontinuance of the Proceedings Department of the Central Office, with certain exceptions, amounting to Rupees 173 per mensem, and in reply to state, that the orders of Government have been duly carried into effect.

2. This arrangement however, has entailed upon the Current branch of my office, the loss of one of its most experienced Members, and as I believe that it has arisen from my not having sufficiently explained the nature of the duties performed by the (so called) Manager of the Proceedings Department, and not from any intention on the part of Government to cripple the agency at my disposal, I venture respectfully to trouble His Lordship in Council again on the subject, having in the mean time at my own risk, directed Mr. A. D'Cruz, the individual affected by the recent orders, to continue in the performance of his usual duties in the Current Department, of which I felt he could not be relieved, without materially disturbing all the existing arrangements of that Department.

3. In my letter of the 14th August last No. 2940, I merely hinted at the fact, that, the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department," was so only in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the office, and I could not suppose, that the instructions of the Government of India, would be held to extend to any person not *bona fide* connected with the preparation or transcription of the Proceedings ordered to be discontinued. Had I however, on that occasion fully entered into the nature of the duties performed by him, Government might probably have modified the instructions they issued, and I might have been spared the necessity of making the present representation.

4. On referring to the revised list of Establishments, submitted with my letter of the 24th July 1855, and ultimately sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 16th November 1855, No. 797, it will be found, that three persons were allowed to the office under the designation of Managers of the "Special, Current, and Proceedings Departments." The inapplicability of the first term is obvious, as there never existed any "Special" Department in the office; and although a Proceedings branch did exist, still its business was not of such a character, as to need the exclusive services of a Manager. But although these, and other anomalies became evident as soon as the office was actually set in operation, they did not appear of sufficient importance to induce me to trouble Government with a reference, or to submit a re-classification of the Servants, so long as a certain number of persons were at my disposal, and I was at liberty to employ them in any manner that appeared most condusive to the interests of tho public service. Hence, parties were transferred from one branch to another, as the efficiency of the office required, and I did not care about altering their designation to suit the nature of each change of duty, as this could most effectually be done once for all, after the operations of the office had taken a permanent cast.

5. In further elucidation of the above remarks, I may state, that as soon as the Central Office was opened on 1st August 1855, it became necessary to detach the *first* Manager on Rupees 150 to the Proceedings Department, he being the person then best acquainted with the method of conducting its duties. After a few months experience, it was found necessary to transfer him, together with the preparation of the Minute paper (the Key of the Proceedings volumes) from the Proceedings to the Current Department. By this change part of the duties and indeed the most important duty of the Proceedings branch became transferred to the Current Department, and it was found after a little further trial that a Manager was not required for the latter, while the business of the Current Department, which had for a long time been increasing,

rendered it necessary to add to its numerical strength, a measure which was finally carried into effect when a vacancy occurred in the office of Proceedings Manager, by giving the salary of the appointment viz. Rupees 130 to Mr. D'Cruz who was at the time in the Current Department in charge of the Copying branch, and by allotting special duties to the person promoted as third Manager.

6. It was while these changes were going on that my letter of the 13th August 1856 was written, and I would respectfully observe, that the object of that report was not to lay down any new classification for the office; but the enumeration of servants there given, was intended merely to afford the Government of India the necessary means of instituting a comparison between the strength of each Department, and the amount of work performed by it, and in para. 31, it was remarked, that even the classification then reported could not unhappily be said to be efficient, an opinion which was even more strongly affirmed in the Government Review No. 2252 of 4th December 1856.

7. It will therefore occasion no surprise that alterations took place in the Proceedings Department even after the letter of the 13th August 1856. The fact however was, that these alterations had been going on for some time, for the so called Manager of the Proceedings Department had the performance of duties appertaining to the Current Department, such as keeping the List of Unanswered References, calling attention to Circulars and marking replies received from the local Officers &c., while at the same time, he exercised a general supervision over the Clerks of his own Department. Hence in my letter of the 13th August 1856, the Manager and the Clerks employed in preparing the Minute paper were enumerated under the head of the Proceedings Department, while in my communication of the 14th August last, No. 2940, the *bona fide* work of the Proceedings Department ordered to be discontinued, is alone referred to, as having been performed by the 21 Clerks there mentioned from the earlier months of the past year. Thus there is no real discrepancy between my letters of the 13th August 1856, and 14th August 1857, and I may further observe, that the Minute paper of the Chief Engineer's Proceedings is still prepared in the Current Department, and cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with, it being the only connected record of each day's Proceedings of the Central Office, and being constantly referred to by all Departments, when original papers are missing or are put up with subjects under disposal by other Officers, or are sent up to Government as enclosures to letters or reports from the Chief Engineer.

8. It is now necessary to state the nature and extent of the duties performed by the 2nd and 3rd Managers, in order to enable Government the more readily to decide as to the practicability or impracticability of dispensing with either Mr. A. D'Cruz, 2nd Manager. First.—All rough drafts passed by the Chief Engineer are sent to him for being fair copied, and he has to look into each paper to see, that all Statements and Enclosures are correctly put up, and then to give directions as to what should be copied. 2nd. After papers are fair copied they are again taken to him to obtain the Chief Engineer's signature, previously to doing which, he has to see that all are docketted, that all references quoted are correct and properly entered. 3rd. He superintends the business of the Despatch Department. 4th. The office Circular Book is kept by him, it is his duty to see that all Circulars are lithographed and he besides prepares an Index to the Circulars. 5th. He attends to the preparation of the Minute paper, on the transcription of which two Clerks are employed, and, 6th. He affords such assistance and supervision to the business of the Northern Circle, as his other duties will permit. Mr. W. Callaghan, 3rd Manager. 1st. Keeps the Unanswered Reference list, both of Government orders and of letters to local Officers. 2nd. Examines and keeps replies to Circulars unconnected with accounts or bills, and sends reminders of such Circulars. 3rd. Prepairs drafts on Miscellaneous subjects when ordered by the Chief Engineer, and frequently copies them himself. 4th. Indexes Government orders. 5th. Waits on the Chief Engineer when required, and, 6th. Renders such assistance and supervision to the business of the Central Circle, as is other duties will permit.

9. From the foregoing account of the duties performed by Messrs. D'Cruz and Callaghan, it will be apparent, that the former is virtually the Manager of the Copying branch, an office

which is recognized even in the order of Government under reply, and that Mr. Callaghan is engaged on duties which also cannot be dispensed with, and although much confusion has been caused by inappropriate names having been in the first instance assigned to these individuals, I trust that that circumstance will not be held to justify the withdrawal of assistance I greatly need in the Current Department of my office, especially when it is remembered, that no adequate provision was originally made for Indexers and Examiners, and that this want is still felt, that the defective strength of my office establishment has been acknowledgd by Government in their lucid review of it in Extract Minutes Consultation 4th December 1856, No. 2252, that the further assistance then recommended has not yet been granted by the Government of India, and may perhaps be indefinitely postponed, and finally, that my office is threatened with a serious crippling of its strength, by the rumoured separation of the Superintending Engineers and their establishments, which will throw all the work now done by them upon my own establishment, even now admitted to be of insufficient numerical strength. Under these circumstances, I earnestly solicit that Mr. D'Cruz may be permitted to continue, retrospectively from the 1st Instant, in connection with the Current Department, the defective management of which has often been noticed by Government in strong language, but which will only be aggravated by the withdrawal of one of its most experienced members, a servant of 18 years standing, and whose exertions in the late Board of Public Works were especially brought to the notice of Government in Major Bell's letter of the 11th September 1854, No. 721. I may add also that Mr. D'Cruz never performed any duty in the late Proceedings Department, and that the salary of 130 Rupees was conferred on him in the ordinary course of promotion, *in* the department in which he was serving previous to that increase.

10. Should however, the arguments I have adduced in favor of the retention of Mr. D'Cruz not appear conclusive to His Lordship in Council, as I hope they may, I would take the liberty to solicit that Mr. D'Cruz in consideration of his long service, past experience and usefulness in the Department may at least be permitted to continue as a supernumerary until a fit opportunity occurs for providing for him in the permanent establishment of the office, when his whole salary Rupees 130 will revert to the Government.

11. There is yet one more point which I am anxious to submit for the consideration of Government, namely that in giving effect to the augmentation of the Current Department, recently sanctioned, the salary of three of the Clerks on 20 Rupees each had to be reduced to 15 Rupees, to meet the new arrangements. This will be apparent by examining the abstract appended to para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 2nd September No. 1673, for, instead of the *present* five copyists on 20 Rupees, there are allowed only two on 20, and the remainder on 15 Rupees. I do not think that it was the intention of Government to inflict this hardship on existing incumbents, for in the letter to the Government of India, dated 4th December 1856, No. 2253, para. 10, it is clearly implied, that the salary of 15 Rupees is only for the *additional* Copyists proposed by me. Should Government consider this view correct, I would recommend that an additional 15 Rupeees may be sanctioned to the three Clerks affected by the recent orders, the increase being considered temporary, and to be reduced as vacancies occur. The total saving by the abolition of the Proceedings Department will then be 442 Rupees, and eventually 457 Rupees for mensem.

12. In replying to Extract Minutes Consultation 22nd May 1857, No. 974, I shall submit for the sanction of Government a revised Classification of my Establishment, which may thenceforward be considered as the proper strength of the Central office.

No. 67 ORDER THEREON, No. 2009; dated 26th October 1857.

In this letter, the Chief Engineer urges various reasons for the retention, in the Current branch of his establishment, of the services of the Manager of the Proceedings Department, which Office it was ordered should be discontinued in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 6th August 1857 No. 1534. One of the chief arguments now urged is, that the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department," was so only in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the office; and Colonel Faber states that the orders of the Government of India, for the abolition of the Proceedings Department, cannot therefore be held to extend to a person, not bonâ fide connected with that Department. The Government have carefully considered the various circumstances set forth by the Chief Engineer, but they are still of opinion that a third highly paid Manager is not necessary for the Current Department, in addition to the two already attached to it. The duties which Colonel Faber states in para. 7 as having been hitherto performed by the Manager, are such as can be well attended to by either of the other two, with the assistance of a well paid Clerk.

2. It is not however the intention of Government to deprive the Chief Engineer of the services of Mr. D'Cruz, whom he considers to be highly useful, from the long experience he has had in the Department, and whose continued employment in the office he strenuously advocates, at least as a Supernumerary, until a fit opportunity occurs for providing for him in the permanent establishment. In consideration of this strong recommendation of the Chief Engineer, as also of Mr. D'Cruz's length of service, and of the high testimony borne to his past conduct in public employ, and more particularly in order to secure to the Central office the continued experience of this public servant, and thereby to enable the Chief Engineer to render his Current Department more efficient, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the continuance of Mr. D'Cruz's employment in the office retrospectively from 1st September, on the salary he was lately receiving, but only till the Chief Engineer can find an opportunity to give him a permanent place in the establishment. Colonel Faber will avail himself of the first opportunity that may occur to relieve the State of the additional expenditure of 130 Rupees per mensem, to be drawn by Mr. D'Cruz.

3. Colonel Faber must be aware that the additional sum allowed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 2nd September 1857 No. 1673, was, with the exception of the Clerks given for the preparation of the weekly list, in conformity with the Tabular Statement submitted to the Government of India, on the 4th December 1856, No. 2253, and in anticipation of their sanction. The Government are therefore unable to comply with Colonel Faber's request in para. 11, to continue to three copyists their pay of 20 Rupees each, which has been reduced to 15 Rupees each by the operation of the order above quoted. The Government have since the date of the order, received the resolution of the Supreme Government declining to grant the increase to the Central office applied for in the Tabular Statement alluded to. This resolution was communicated to the Chief Engineer with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th Instant, No. 1898. It must therefore be clearly understood that the arrangements ordered in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 2nd September No. 1673, are to be subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, to whom the whole proceedings connected with the subject will be reported

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

No. 68. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 26th October 1857, No. 2010.

SIR,

I have the honor, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to report, for the information of the Government of India, that their Resolution conveyed in your letter of the 3rd July last No. 3253, directing the abolition of the Proceedings Department of the Chief Engineer's office was communicated to Colonel Faber with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 6th August last No. 534, which will be found recorded as Nos. 39 and 40 of the Consultation dated 11th Idem forwarded to the Government of India. It will be seen from the Extract Minutes Consultation just referred to, that the Government readily concurring with the views of the Supreme Government, ordered the immediate abolition of the Proceedings Department.

2. In his letter of the 14th August, the Chief Engineer set down 600 Rupees as the cost of the Proceedings Department, instead of Rupees 760. He explained that the distribution of the Clerks originally sanctioned for particular Departments was found unsuitable in practice, that, in consequence, new arrangements had to be made to carry on the duties of the office, and that from the earlier months of the past year, the work of the Proceedings Department has been managed entirely by a strength of 21 individuals, at a cost of Rupees 600.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council declined to assent to this change in the cost of the Proceedings Department. By Colonel Faber's own shewing, the distribution of the office Establishment in August 1856, was made after experience of what was necessary had been obtained, and if, as he stated, the work of the Proceedings Department was, from the earlier months of 1856, performed by 21 individuals at a cost of 600 Rupees, there was no occasion to have apportioned 760 Rupees for that Department, in the distribution made in August of that year. Colonel Faber remarked that the requirements of the Current Department rendered the transfer of the Manager of the Proceedings Department necessary, but this the Government questioned. The Current Department had already two highly paid Managers, viz. the General Manager,* and the Manager† of the Copying branch, and it could hardly have needed more supervisors. All the addition that was represented by the Chief Engineer on the 13th August 1856 as necessary for the Current Department, was four Copyists and two Readers, at an increase in expenditure of Rupees 73, and the Government allowed this sum from the Proceedings Department till the final orders from the Supreme Government should be received on the application for an increase to the Central office. On Colonel Faber's assurance that the discontinuance of the Proceedings Department would deprive the Current and Audit Departments of the assistance which they occasionally derived from the Copyists of the former, and Colonel Faber was also authorized to retain 2 Copyists for the Audit Department on the same grounds. The Chief Engineer next proposed to retain three servants from the Proceedings Department at 60, 30 and 20 Rupees per mensem, to prepare the weekly list alluded to in para. 3 of your letter of the 3rd July. He represented that one of them would prepare the original copy, and the other two transcribe the same. There appeared to be no necessity to employ a Clerk at 60 Rupees to prepare the

* Salary Rupees 150.
† Do. " 105.

See Tabular Statement submitted to Government of India, under date 4th December 1856.

original of this list, if the Registers in the Current Department are properly kept, the list will be no more than a copy of the Abstracts entered in them, and these copies, a Copyist of ordinary intelligence will be able to make without any difficulty. The Government have therefore allowed the Chief Engineer to retain three Copyists, one on 30 Rupees and two on only 20 each per mensem, for the preparation of the list. The Chief Engineer's letter of 14th August and the orders passed thereon will be found recorded as Nos. 10 and 13 of the Consultation of 8th September, a printed copy of which is now before the Government of India.

4. In a subsequent letter dated 21st September last, the Chief Engineer again urged various reasons for the retention, in the Current branch of his Establishment, of the services of the Manager of the Proceedings Department. He chiefly argued that the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department," was only so in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the office, and that the orders of the Government of India for the abolition of the Proceedings Department, could not therefore be held to extend to a person not bonâ fide connected with that Department. The Government however still adhered to their former opinion, that no more than two Managers are necessary for the Current Department; but being convinced that the Chief Engineer would be embarrassed by parting with the services of the person who has lately been employed as Manager of the Proceedings Department, whose long experience in the Department made him a most useful servant, the Government did not think it expedient to deprive the office of the services of so valuable an aid, and they accordingly authorized the continuance of the man's employment in the office, as a temporary measure, but only till the Chief Engineer shall find an opportunity of giving him a permanent place in the Establishment. Colonel Faber also requested that three Copyists at 20 Rupees each, reduced to 15 Rupees should be continued, at least till vacancies occur to provide for them, but this the Government declined to grant. Copies of the Chief Engineer's letter, and the Resolution of Government thereon, are herewith forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

		Rs.
Total of the Proceedings Department		760
To be retained.		
For the weekly List.	1 Copyist	30
	2 do. at 20 each.	40
		70
Four Copyists and 2 readers to assist the Current Department till the sanction of the Government of India is received for the increase required for the Central office		73
Two Copyists for Audit Department		30
		173
Total.....		587

5. Under the arrangements above ordered, the Chief Engineer was allowed to retain only 173 Rupees of the total sum of Rupees 760 set down for the Proceedings Department, a saving being effected of Rupees 587, as pointed out in the margin. He was also permitted to retain the Manager on 130 Rupees as a temporary measure only, for reasons given in the previous para. But the Government of India having, in their Proceedings in the Financial Department dated 21st August last, No. 3727, declined to comply with the application for an increase to the Chief Engineer's office, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council deems it necessary that the confirmation of that Government should be obtained for the Proceedings of this Government above explained, allowing the Chief Engineer to retain Rupees 173 out of the cost of the Proceedings Department. I am accordingly directed to solicit the sanction of the Supreme Government to this measure, on the assurance of this Government that if this small augmentation to the numerical strength of the Current and Audit Departments be refused, these Departments will be inefficient, having been deprived of the general assistance which they have hitherto derived from the Copyists of the Proceedings Department.

Letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st September 1857, No. 3819.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1073, dated the 2nd Instant, directing the immediate discontinuance of the Proceedings Department of the Central Office, with certain exceptions, amounting to Rupees 173 per mensem, and in reply to state, that the orders of Government have been duly carried into effect.

2. This arrangement however, has entailed upon the Current branch of my office, the loss of one of its most experienced Members, and as I believe that it has arisen from my not having sufficiently explained the nature of the duties performed by the (so called) Manager of the Proceedings Department, and not from any intention on the part of Government to cripple the agency at my disposal, I venture respectfully to trouble His Lordship in Council again on the subject, having in the mean time at my own risk, directed Mr. A. D'Cruz, the individual affected by the recent orders, to continue in the performance of his usual duties in the Current Department, of which I felt he could not be relieved, without materially disturbing all the existing arrangements of that Department.

3. In my letter of the 14th August last No. 2940, I merely hinted at the fact, that, the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department," was so only in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the office, and I could not suppose, that the instructions of the Government of India, would be held to extend to any person not *bona fide* connected with the preparation or transcription of the Proceedings ordered to be discontinued. Had I however, on that occasion fully entered into the nature of the duties performed by him, Government might probably have modified the instructions they issued, and I might have been spared the necessity of making the present representation.

4. On referring to the revised list of Establishments, submitted with my letter of the 24th July 1855, and ultimately sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 16th November 1855, No. 797, it will be found, that three persons were allowed to the office under the designation of Managers of the "Special, Current, and Proceedings Departments." The inapplicability of the first term is obvious, as there never existed any "Special" Department in the office; and although a Proceedings branch did exist, still its business was not of such a character, as to need the exclusive services of a Manager. But although these, and other anomalies became evident as soon as the office was actually set in operation, they did not appear of sufficient importance to induce me to trouble Government with a reference, or to submit a re-classification of the Servants, so long as a certain number of persons were at my disposal, and I was at liberty to employ them in any manner that appeared most condusive to the interests of tho public service. Hence, parties were transferred from one branch to another, as the efficiency of the office required, and I did not care about altering their designation to suit the nature of each change of duty, as this could most effectually be done once for all, after the operations of the office had taken a permanent cast.

5. In further elucidation of the above remarks, I may state, that as soon as the Central Office was opened on 1st August 1855, it became necessary to detach the *first* Manager on Rupees 150 to the Proceedings Department, he being the person then best acquainted with the method of conducting its duties. After a few months experience, it was found necessary to transfer him, together with the preparation of the Minute paper (the Key of the Proceedings volumes) from the Proceedings to the Current Department. By this change part of the duties and indeed the most important duty of the Proceedings branch became transferred to the Current Department, and it was found after a little further trial that a Manager was not required for the latter, while the business of the Current Department, which had for a long time been increasing,

rendered it necessary to add to its numerical strength, a measure which was finally carried into effect when a vacancy occurred in the office of Proceedings Manager, by giving the salary of the appointment viz. Rupees 130 to Mr. D'Cruz who was at the time in the Current Department in charge of the Copying branch, and by allotting special duties to the person promoted as third Manager.

6. It was while these changes were going on that my letter of the 13th August 1856 was written, and I would respectfully observe, that the object of that report was not to lay down any new classification for the office; but the enumeration of servants there given, was intended merely to afford the Government of India the necessary means of instituting a comparison between the strength of each Department, and the amount of work performed by it, and in para. 31, it was remarked, that even the classification then reported could not unhappily be said to be efficient, an opinion which was even more strongly affirmed in the Government Review No. 2252 of 4th December 1856.

7. It will therefore occasion no surprise that alterations took place in the Proceedings Department even after the letter of the 13th August 1856. The fact however was, that these alterations had been going on for some time, for the so called Manager of the Proceedings Department had the performance of duties appertaining to the Current Department, such as keeping the List of Unanswered References, calling attention to Circulars and marking replies received from the local Officers &c., while at the same time, he exercised a general supervision over the Clerks of his own Department. Hence in my letter of the 13th August 1856, the Manager and the Clerks employed in preparing the Minute paper were enumerated under the head of the Proceedings Department, while in my communication of the 14th August last, No. 2940, the *bona fide* work of the Proceedings Department ordered to be discontinued, is alone referred to, as having been performed by the 21 Clerks there mentioned from the earlier months of the past year. Thus there is no real discrepancy between my letters of the 13th August 1856, and 14th August 1857, and I may further observe, that the Minute paper of the Chief Engineer's Proceedings is still prepared in the Current Department, and cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with, it being the only connected record of each day's Proceedings of the Central Office, and being constantly referred to by all Departments, when original papers are missing or are put up with subjects under disposal by other Officers, or are sent up to Government as enclosures to letters or reports from the Chief Engineer.

8. It is now necessary to state the nature and extent of the duties performed by the 2nd and 3rd Managers, in order to enable Government the more readily to decide as to the practicability or impracticability of dispensing with either Mr. A. D'Cruz, 2nd Manager. First.—All rough drafts passed by the Chief Engineer are sent to him for being fair copied, and he has to look into each paper to see, that all Statements and Enclosures are correctly put up, and then to give directions as to what should be copied. 2nd. After papers are fair copied they are again taken to him to obtain the Chief Engineer's signature, previously to doing which, he has to see that all are docketted, that all references quoted are correct and properly entered. 3rd. He superintends the business of the Despatch Department. 4th. The office Circular Book is kept by him, it is his duty to see that all Circulars are lithographed and he besides prepares an Index to the Circulars. 5th. He attends to the preparation of the Minute paper, on the transcription of which two Clerks are employed, and, 6th. He affords such assistance and supervision to the business of the Northern Circle, as his other duties will permit. Mr. W. Callaghan, 3rd Manager. 1st. Keeps the Unanswered Reference list, both of Government orders and of letters to local Officers. 2nd. Examines and keeps replies to Circulars unconnected with accounts or bills, and sends reminders of such Circulars. 3rd. Prepairs drafts on Miscellaneous subjects when ordered by the Chief Engineer, and frequently copies them himself. 4th. Indexes Government orders. 5th. Waits on the Chief Engineer when required, and, 6th. Renders such assistance and supervision to the business of the Central Circle, as is other duties will permit.

9. From the foregoing account of the duties performed by Messrs. D'Cruz and Callaghan, it will be apparent, that the former is virtually the Manager of the Copying branch, an office which is recognized even in the order of Government under reply, and that Mr. Callaghan is engaged on duties which also cannot be dispensed with, and although much confusion has been

caused by inappropriate names having been in the first instance assigned to these individuals, I trust that that circumstance will not be held to justify the withdrawal of assistance I greatly need in the Current Department of my office, especially when it is remembered, that no adequate provision was originally made for Indexers and Examiners, and that this want is still felt, that the defective strength of my office establishment has been acknowledgd by Government in their lucid review of it in Extract Minutes Consultation 4th December 1856, No. 2252, that the further assistance then recommended has not yet been granted by the Government of India, and may perhaps be indefinitely postponed, and finally, that my office is threatened with a serious crippling of its strength, by the rumoured separation of the Superintending Engineers and their establishments, which will throw all the work now done by them upon my own establishment, even now admitted to be of insufficient numerical strength. Under these circumstances, I earnestly solicit that Mr. D'Cruz may be permitted to continue, retrospectively from the 1st Instant, in connection with the Current Department, the defective management of which has often been noticed by Government in strong language, but which will only be aggravated by the withdrawal of one of its most experienced members, a servant of 18 years standing, and whose exertions in the late Board of Public Works were especially brought to the notice of Government in Major Bell's letter of the 11th September 1854, No. 721. I may add also that Mr. D'Cruz never performed any duty in the late Proceedings Department, and that the salary of 130 Rupees was conferred on him in the ordinary course of promotion, *in* the department in which he was serving previous to that increase.

10. Should however, the arguments I have adduced in favor of the retention of Mr. D'Cruz not appear conclusive to His Lordship in Council, as I hope they may, I would take the liberty to solicit that Mr. D'Cruz in consideration of his long service, past experience and usefulness in the Department may at least be permitted to continue as a supernumerary until a fit opportunity occurs for providing for him in the permanent establishment of the office, when his whole salary Rupees 130 will revert to the Government.

11. There is yet one more point which I am anxious to submit for the consideration of Government, namely that in giving effect to the augmentation of the Current Department, recently sanctioned, the salary of three of the Clerks on 20 Rupees each had to be reduced to 15 Rupees, to meet the new arrangements. This will be apparent by examining the abstract appended to para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 2nd September No. 1673, for, instead of the *present* five copyists on 20 Rupees, there are allowed only two on 20, and the remainder on 15 Rupees. I do not think that it was the intention of Government to inflict this hardship on existing incumbents, for in the letter to the Government of India, dated 4th December 1856, No. 2253, para. 10, it is clearly implied, that the salary of 15 Rupees is only for the *additional* Copyists proposed by me. Should Government consider this view correct, I would recommend that an additional 15 Rupeees may be sanctioned to the three Clerks affected by the recent orders, the increase being considered temporary, and to be reduced as vacancies occur. The total saving by the abolition of the Proceedings Department will then be 442 Rupees, and eventually 457 Rupees for mensem.

12. In replying to Extract Minutes Consultation 22nd May 1857, No. 974, I shall submit for the sanction of Government a revised Classification of my Establishment, which may thenceforward be considered as the proper strength of the Central office.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

(Entral) Office of 1st.
Fort Saint George
8th September 1857

No. 3819.

From,

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government Pt

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 3173. dated the 2d instant, directing the immediate discontinuance of the Proceedings Department of the Central Office, with certain exceptions, amounting to 173 Rupees per mensem, and in reply to state, that the orders of Government have been duly carried into effect.

2. This arrangement however, has entailed upon the Current branch of my office, the loss of one of its most experienced members; and as I believe that it has arisen from my not having sufficiently explained the nature of the duties performed by the (so called) Manager of the Proceedings Department, and not from any intention on the part of Government to cripple the agency at my disposal, I venture respectfully to trouble His Lordship

in Council again on the subject, having in the mean time at my own risk, directed Mr. A. D'Cruz, the individual affected by the recent orders, to continue in the performance of his usual duties in the Current Department, of which I felt he could not be ~~—"—~~ relieved, without materially disturbing all the existing arrangements of that department.—

3 In my letter of the 14th Augt. last No 2940, I merely hinted at the fact, that the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department", was so only in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the office, and I could not suppose, that the instructions of the Government of India would be held to extend to any person not bonâ fide connected with the preparation or transcription of the proceedings ordered to be discontinued.— I did however, on that occasion fully entered into the nature of the duties performed by him, Government might probably have modified the instructions they issued; and I might have been spared the necessity of making the present representation.—

On referring to the revised list

4

list of Establishment, submitted with my letter of the 24th July 1855, and ultimately sanctioned in Ec: Mem: Con: 16th Nov. 1855 No 797, it will be found, that three persons were allowed to the office under the designation of Managers of the "special, current, and Proceedings Departments" The inapplicability of the first term is obvious, as there never existed any "special" department in the office: and although a proceeding branch did exist, still its business was not of such a character, as to need the exclusive services of a manager. But although these, and other anomalies became evident, as soon as the office was actually set in operation, they did not appear of sufficient importance to induce me to trouble Government with a reference, or to submit a re-classification of the Grounds, so long as a certain number of persons were at my disposal, and I was at liberty to employ them in any manner that appeared most conducive to the interests of the public service. Hence, parties were transferred from one branch to another, as the efficiency of the office required, and I did not care about altering their designation to suit the nature of each change

of duty, as they could most effectually be done once for all, after the operations of the office had taken a permanent cast.

5 On further elucidation of the above remarks, I may state, that as soon as the Central Office was opened on 1st August 1855, it became necessary to detach the First Manager on Rs 450 to the Proceedings Department, he being the person then best acquainted with the method of conducting its duties. After a few months experience, it was found necessary to transfer him, together with the preparation of the minute paper (the key of the proceedings volumes) from the proceedings to the Current Department. By this change part of the duties and indeed the most important duty of the proceedings branch became transferred to the Current Department, and it was found after a little further trial, that a Manager was not required for the latter, while the business of the Current Department, which had for a long time been increasing, rendered it necessary to add to its (numerical) strength - a measure which was finally carried into effect when a vacancy occurred in

in the office of Proceedings Manager, by giving the salary of the appointment viz Rupees 130 to Mr. D'Cruz who was at the time in the Current Department in charge of the copying branch, and by allotting special duties to the person promoted as third Manager.-

6 It was while these changes were going on that my letter of the 13th Aug/1856 was written, and I would respectfully observe, that the object of that report was not to lay down any new classification for the office; but the enumeration of servants there given, was intended merely to afford the Government of India the necessary means of instituting a comparison between the strength of each Department, and the amount of work performed by it, and in para 31, it was remarked, that even the classification then reported could not unhappily be said to be efficient, an opinion which was even more strongly affirmed in the Government review No. 2252 of 4th December 1856

7 It will therefore occasion no surprise that alterations took place in the proceedings Department even after the letter of the 13th Augt. 1856. The fact however

was, that these alterations had been going on for some time), for the so called Manager of the Proceedings Department had the performance of duties appertaining to the Current Department, such as keeping the List of Unanswered References, calling attention to Circulars and marking replies received from the local officers &c.; while at the same time, he exercised a general supervision over the Clerks of his own Department.- Thus in my letter of the 13th Augt 1856, the Manager and the Clerks employed in preparing the Minute Papers are enumerated under the head of the Proceedings Department, while in my communication of the 14th Augt last, No 2940, the bonâ fide work of the Proceedings Department ordered to be discontinued, is alone referred to, as having been performed by the 21 Clerks there mentioned from the earlier months of the past year. Thus there is no real discrepancy between my letters of the 13th August 1856, and 14th August 1857, and I may further observe, that the Minute Papers of the Chief Engineers Proceedings is still prepared in the Current Department, and cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with, it being the only [illegible] record of each days proceedings of the Central Office, and being constantly referred to by all Departments, when original papers are missing or are put up with subjects under disposal by other Officers, or are sent up to Government as enclosures to letters or reports from the Chief Engineer.

17

8. It is now necessary to state the nature and extent of the duties performed by the 2d and 3d Managers, in order to enable Government the more readily to decide as to the practicability or impracticability of dispensing with either.

Mr A. D'Cruz. 2d Manager.- 1st.- All rough drafts passed by the Chief Engineer are sent to him for being fair copied, and he has to look into each paper to see, that all Statements and Enclosures are correctly put up, and then to give directions as to what should be copied. 2d After papers are fair copied they are again taken to him to obtain the Chief Engrs signature, previously to doing which, he has to see that all are docketed, that all references quoted are correct and properly entered. 3d He superintends the business of the despatch Department 4th The office Circular book is kept by him, it is his duty to see that all Circulars are lithographed and he besides prepares an Index to the Circulars 5th He attends to the preparation of the Minute paper, on the transcription of which two Clerks are employed, and 6th he affords such assistance and supervision to the business of the Northern

Circle, as his other duties will permit.—

Mr W. Callaghan.- 3d Manager. 1st Keeps the Unan-
:swered reference list, both of Government orders &
of letters to local officers. 2d Examines and keeps replies
to Circulars unconnected with accounts or Bills,
and sends reminders of such Circulars.- 3d Prepares
drafts on Miscellaneous subjects when ordered by the
Chief Engineer, and frequently copies them himself
4th Indexes Government orders. 5th Waits on the
Chief Engineer when required, and 6th Renders such
assistance and supervision to the business of the
Central Circle, as his other duties will permit.

From the foregoing account of the duties performed by Messrs D'Cruz & Callaghan, it will be apparent, that the former is virtually the Manager of the Copying branch, an office which is recognized even in the order of Govt. under reply, and that Mr Callaghan is engaged on duties which also cannot be dispensed with, and altho much confusion has been caused by inappropriate names having been in the first instance assigned to these individuals, I trust that that circumstance will not be held to justify the withdrawal of assistance I greatly need in the Current Department of my office, especially when it is remembered, that no adequate provision was originally made for Indexers and Examiners, and that this want is still felt, that the ~~[illegible]~~ defective

defective strength of my office establishment has been acknowledged by Government in their lucid review of it in Extract Minutes Consultation 4th December 1856, No. 2252, that the further assistance then recommended has not yet been granted by the Government of India, and may perhaps be indefinitely postponed, and finally that my office is threatened with a serious crippling of its strength, by the rumoured separation of the Superintending Engineers and their Establishments, which will throw all the work now done by them upon my own establishment, even now admitted to be of insufficient numerical strength.

Under these circumstances, I earnestly solicit that Mr D'Cruz may be permitted to continue, retrospectively from the 1st Instant, in connection with the Current Department, the defective management of which has often been noticed by Government in

in strong Language; but which will only be aggravated by the withdrawal of one of its most experienced members, a Servant of 18 Years standing; and whose exertions in the late Board of Public Works were especially brought to the notice of Government in Major Bells letter of the 11th September 1854 No. 721. I may add also that Mr. D'Cruz never performed any duty in the late proceedings Department, and that the salary of 130 Rupees was conferred on him in the ordinary course of promotion, in the department in which he was serving previous to that increase.-

10. Should however, the arguments I have adduced in favor of the retention of Mr D'Cruz not appear conclusive to His Lordship in Council, as I hope they may, I would take the liberty to solicit that Mr D'Cruz in consideration of

of his long service, past experience and usefulness in the Department may at least be permitted to continue as a Supernumerary until a fit opportunity occurs for providing for him in the permanent Establishment of the Office, when his whole salary Rupees 130 will revert to the Government.

11. There is yet one more point which I am anxious to submit for the consideration of Government, namely that in giving effect to the augmentation of the Current Department recently sanctioned, the salary of three of the Clerks on 20 Rupees each had to be reduced to 15 Rupees, to meet the new arrangements. This will be apparent by examining the Abstract appended to para 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 2d September No. 1673, for instead of the present five Copyists on 20 Rupees, there are allowed only two on 20, and the remainder on 15 Rupees.

Ido

I do not think that it was the intention of Government to inflict this hardship on existing incumbents, for in the letter to the Government of India dated 4th December 1856, № 2253 para 10, it is clearly implied, that the salary of 15 Rupees is only for the additional Copyists proposed by me - Should Government consider this view correct, I would recommend that an additional 15 Rupees may be sanctioned to the three Clerks, affected by the recent orders, the increase being considered temporary, and to be reduced as vacancies occur - The total saving by the abolition of the Proceedings Department will then be 442 Rupees, and eventually 457 Rupees per mensem -

12. In replying to Extract Minutes Consultation 22d May 1857 № 974, I shall submit for the sanction of Government a revised classification

classification of my Establishment, which may thenceforward be considered as the proper strength of the Central Office -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[illegible] Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
21st September 1857

Ex? P?8

Public Works Department
21

No. 2009

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th October, 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

Here under 21st Septr /57 No. 3819.

In this letter the Chief
Engineer urges various rea-
sons for the retention, in
the Current branch of his
establishment, of the services
of the Manager of the Proceed-
ings Department, whose
Office it was ordered should be dis-
continued in Ex. Minu. Cons.
dated 6th August 1857. —
&c.

H
R G

3d Cons: 8 Septr /57 No. 10 to 73

Public Works 1857 Depart.
Do. to Cons. 29th Octr.
No. 1867

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Pub. Works Dept.

Dated 21st } September 1857
Received 21st }

S.F. ~~No. 2009~~ No. 3819. —
26 Oct

For reasons explained State
that on account of the indispen-
sable necessity the services of the
2nd Manager ordered to be dis-
continued in Ex. Minu. Cons. 2nd
Septr /57 No. 1673. have been retd
in the performance of his usual
duties in the Current Dept. and
solicits sanction for the sum of Ru-
pees 165. being the amount of pay
of the 2nd Manager & the difference of
the Salary of 3 Clerks.

Copy to the Govt. of
India 26 Oct /57 —
Pro. [illegible]

No. 66.

C 19th Octr. R 21

No 1534. One of the Chief ar-
guments now urged is, that the indi-
vidual called "Manager
of the Proceedings Depart-
ment", was so only in name,
having had no substantive
duty to perform in connection
with that branch of the Office;
and Colonel Faber states that
the orders of the Government
of India for the abolition
of the Proceedings Depart.,
cannot therefore be held to
extend to a person, not hold-
ing any office connected with that
Department. The Government
have carefully considered
the various circumstances
set forth by the Chief Engineer,
but they are still of opinion
that a third highly paid mana-
ger is not necessary for
the current Depart., in ad-
dition to the two already
attached to it. The duties
which Colonel Faber states
in Para 7 as having been hi-
therto performed by the mana-
ger are such as can be well
attended to by either of the other
two, with the assistance of
a well paid Clerk ~~in the~~
~~establishment~~.

2 It is not however
the intention of Govern-
ment to deprive the
Chief Engineer of the services
of Mr D'Cruz whom he
considers to be highly
useful from the long
experience

experience he has had in the department, and who is continued employment in the office he strenuously advocates, at least as a supernumerary, until a fit opportunity occurs for providing for him in the permanent establishment ~~of this office~~. In consideration of this strong recommendation of the Chief Engineer, as also of Mr DeCruz's length of service and of the highly testimony borne to his past conduct in public employ, and more particularly in order to secure to the central office the continued experience of this Public Servant; and thereby to enable the Chief Engineer to render more his current departt efficient, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the continuance of Mr DeCruz's employment in the office retrospectively from 1st September, on the Salary he was lately receiving, but only till the Chief Engineer can find an opportunity to give him a permanent place in the establishment in Colonel Faber will avail himself of the first opportunity that may occur to retire the State of the additional

additional expenditure
of 130 Rupees per mensem, to be
drawn by Mr D'Cruz.

3. Colonel Faber must
be aware that the addi
tional sum allowed in
Ex. Mins Consn. dated 2d
September 1857 No 1673, was,
with the exception of the
Clerks given for the pre
paration of the weekly
bill, in conformity with
the Tabular Statement
submitted to the Govern
ment of India on the 4 Decr 1856 No 2253,
and in
anticipation of their
sanction. The Government
are therefore unable to
comply with Colonel
Faber's request in Para 11,
to continue to Messrs Cosjee the

their pay of 20 Rupees
each, which has been
reduced to 15 Rupees each
by the operation of the
order above quoted. The
Government have since
the date of the order, re
ceived the resolution
of the Supreme Govt
declining to grant the
increase to the central
Office applied for in the
Tabular Statement alluded
to. This resolution was
communicated to the
Chief Engineer with Ex.
Mins Consn. dated 8 Instant
No. 1898. It must therefore
be clearly understood
that the arrangements
ordered

ordered in Ec Mins Cons
dated 2? Sept: A. 1673, are
to lee subject to the con-
firmation of the Govern
ment of India, to whom
the whole Proceedings
connected with the subject
will lee reported

Ordered that the
following letter be des-
patched.

J. R.

Fort St. George 26 Oct. 1677.

To the Chief & Council of Surat
To the Chief & Council of Bantam
To the Chief & Council of Bengall
To the Chief & Council of Siam
To the Chief & Council of Tonquin
To the Chief & Council of Macassar
To the Chief & Council of Achin
To the Chief & Council of Persia
To the Chief & Council of Gombroon
To the Chief & Council of Mocha
To the Chief & Council of Bombay
To the Chief & Council of Carwar
To the Chief & Council of Anjengo
To the Chief & Council of Tellicherry
To the Chief & Council of Calicut
To the Chief & Council of Porca
To the Chief & Council of Cochin
To the Chief & Council of Fort St. David
To the Chief & Council of Pulicat
To the Chief & Council of Masulipatam
To the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
To the Chief & Council of Ballasore
To the Chief & Council of Hugly
To the Chief & Council of Cassimbazar
To the Chief & Council of Patna
To the Chief & Council of Dacca
To the Chief & Council of Chuttanutty
To the Chief & Council of Negapatam
To the Chief & Council of Tranquebar
To the Chief & Council of Trichinopoly
To the Chief & Council of Ceylon
To the Chief & Council of Fort St. George
To the Chief & Council of Bombay
To the Chief & Council of Surat
To the Chief & Council of Bantam
To the Chief & Council of Bengall
To the Chief & Council of Siam
To the Chief & Council of Tonquin
To the Chief & Council of Macassar
To the Chief & Council of Achin
To the Chief & Council of Persia
To the Chief & Council of Gombroon
To the Chief & Council of Mocha
To the Chief & Council of Carwar
To the Chief & Council of Anjengo
To the Chief & Council of Tellicherry
To the Chief & Council of Calicut
To the Chief & Council of Porca
To the Chief & Council of Cochin
To the Chief & Council of Fort St. David
To the Chief & Council of Pulicat
To the Chief & Council of Masulipatam
To the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
To the Chief & Council of Ballasore
To the Chief & Council of Hugly
To the Chief & Council of Cassimbazar
To the Chief & Council of Patna
To the Chief & Council of Dacca
To the Chief & Council of Chuttanutty
To the Chief & Council of Negapatam
To the Chief & Council of Tranquebar
To the Chief & Council of Trichinopoly
To the Chief & Council of Ceylon
To the Chief & Council of Fort St. George
To the Chief & Council of Bombay

Dft to Govt 8th September 57 N 10 213

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dft to Govt: 29th Octr.

No 2009.

Extract Mins: of Govt:
Dated 26th October 1857.

Read letter from Secy: of State for India 30th Sept. 57 No 92 dated 16th June 1857

Authorizing the continuance of Mr. D'Cruz's employment in the Current Department of the Central Office retrospectively from 1st September, on the Salary he was lately receiving, but only until the Chief Engineer can find an officer ready to give him a similar or suitable place in the Establishment.

No 66 & 67.

Recd 5th Nov. 1857 No 2010

Public Works Dept.

No 2010

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India

Sir,

I have the honor, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to report, for the information of the Government of India, that their resolution conveyed in your letter of the 3 July last No 3203, directing the abolition of the Proceedings Department of the Chief Engineer's Office, was communicated

to

Oct. 1st 1842

to Colonel Faber with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 6th August last No. 5344, which will be found recorded on Nos. 39 and 40 of the Consultation dated 11th Idem forwarded to the Govt. of India.

It will be seen from the Extract Mins. first referred to, that the Govt. readily concurring with the views of the Supreme Govt. ordered the immediate abolition of the Proceedings Department.

2 In his letter of the 14th August, the Chief Engineer set down 600 Rs. as the cost of the Proceedings Dept. instead of 760. He explained that the

distribution of the Clerks originally nominated for particular Departments was found impracticable in practice, that inconvenience new arrangements had to be made to carry on the duties of the Office, and that from the earlier months of the first year, the work of the Proceedings Department has been managed entirely by a strength of 21 individuals, at a cost of Rupees 600.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in

in Governor in Council declined to assent to this charge in the cost of the Proceedings Department. By Colonel Faber's own showing the distribution of the Office Establishment in August 1856, was made after experience of what was necessary had been obtained, and if, as he stated, the work of the Proceedings Department was, from the earlier months of 1856, performed by 21 individuals at a cost of 600 Rupees, there was no occasion to have appointed

appointed 760 Rupees for that Department, in the distribution made in August of that year. Colonel Faber remarked that the requirements of the Current Department rendered the transfer of the Manager of the Proceedings Department necessary, but this the Government questioned. The Current Department had already two highly paid Managers, viz the General Manager[x], and the Manager[*] of the Copying

[x] Salary Rs 150
[*] do. " 105.

Copying branches, and it could kindly have needed more supervis-sors. All the additions that was represented by the Chief Engineer on the 13th August 1856 are necessary for the Current Department, was four Copyists and two Readers, at an increase in expenditure of Rupees 75, and the Government allowed this sum from the Proceedings Department till the final orders from the Supreme Government should be received on the application for an increase to the Central Office

See Tabular Statement submitted to Govt of Madras under date 4 Dec 56.

Office, in Colonel Taber's departmental the discontinuance of the Proceedings Dept would deprive the Current and Audit Depts of the assistance which they occasionally derived from the Copyists of the former, and Colonel Taber was also authorized to retain 2 Copyists for the audit Depts on the same grounds. The Chief Engineer next proposed to retain three servants from the Proceedings Dept at 60, 30, and 20 Rupees per mensem, to prepare

the

the Weekly List alluded to in para 2 of your letter of the 8th July. He represented that one of them would prepare the original copy, and the other two transcribe the same. They appeared to be no necessity to employ a Clerk at 60 Rupees to prepare the original of this list, if the Registers in the Current Depth are properly kept, the list will become more than a copy of the abstracts entered in them, and these Officers a copy will of ordinary intelligence will be able

able to make without any difficulty. The Government have therefore allowed the Chief Engineer to retain three Copyists, one on 30 Rupees and two on only 20 each per mensem, for the preparation of the list. The Chief Engineer's letter of 14th August and the orders passed thereon will be found recorded at No 40 P. 13. of the Consultation of 8th September, a printed Copy of which is now before the Government of India.

4 In a subsequent letter

letter dated 21st September last, the Chief Engineer again urged various reasons for the retention, in the Current branch of the Establishment, of the services of the Manager of the Proceedings Department. He chiefly argued that the individual called "Manager of the Proceedings Department", was only so in name, having had no substantive duty to perform in connection with that branch of the Office, and that the orders of the Court of Judica for the abolition of the Proceeding Department, could not therefore be held to extend to a person not bonafide connected with that Department. The Government however still adhered to their former opinion, that no more than two Managers are necessary for the current Department, but being convinced that the Chief Engineer would be embarrassed by parting with the services of the person who has lately been employed

employed as Manager
of the Proceedings De-
-partment, whose long
experience in the De-
-partment made
him a most useful
servant, the Govern-
-ment did not think
it expedient to deprive
the Office of the servi-
-ces of so valuable
an aid, and they
accordingly au tho-
-rized the continuance
of the main employ-
-ment in the Office,
as a temporary mea-
-sure, but only till
the Chief Engineer
shall find an oppor-
-tunity of giving him
a

45 47

a permanent place
in the Establishment.
Colonel Taber also
requested that ~~the~~
~~Pay of~~ three Copyists
at 20 Rupees each,
~~which were~~ reduced
to 15 Rupees, should be con-
-tinued, at least
till vacancies occur
to provide for them ~~with~~
~~them~~, but the
the Government
declined to grant.
Copies of the Chief
Engineer's letter, and
the resolution of
Government thereon,
are herewith for-
-warded for the
information of
the

Ex Bom. Com. Dispatch 18 Sept 1863 No 1693.

the Government of India.

5 Under the arrangements above ordered, the Chief Engineer was allowed to retain only 173 Rupees of the total sum of Rupees 760 set down for the Proceedings Department, a saving being effected of Rupees 587, as pointed out in the margin. He was also permitted to retain the Manager on 130 Rupees as a temporary measure only, for reasons given in the previous Para. But the

		Rs
Total of the Proceedings Dept.		760
To be retained		
For the Weekly List	1 Copyist - 30	
	2 Do 20 each	70
Four Copyists and 2 Readers to assist the Current Dept. till the sanction of the Govt. of India is received for the increase required for the Central Office		73
Two Copyists for Audit Dept.		30
		173
Total		587

the Government of India having in their Proceedings in the Financial Department dated 21st August last No. 3727, declined to comply with the application for an increase to the Chief Engineer's Office, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council deems it necessary that the confirmation of that Government should be obtained for the Proceedings of this Government above explained, allowing

the

51/12

the Chief Engineer to
retain Rupees 1/8 out
of the cost of the Pro-
-ceedings Department.
I am accordingly
directed to solicit
the sanction of the
Supreme Government
to this measure,
~~and~~ on the assurance
of this Government that
of this small aug-
-mentation to the
minimum strength
of the Civil and
Audit Departments
be required, these
departments will be
inefficient, having
been deprived of the
general assistance
which

which they have hitherto derived
from the Copyists
of the Proceedings
Department.

I am &c &c

Signed

Secretary to Government
26th Oct. 1857