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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Cons 17-11-52

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Dated 17 — 11 — 52

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No. 55. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 7th November 1857, No. 5040.

Read again the orders of Government regretting that the Minutes of Consultation of the 10th August and 17th September have not had the effect of inducing a cordial co-operation between the members of the Central Office in the despatch of business and attributing the keeping alive and fostering of the want of cordiality to Colonel Faber not acting in the spirit of the order of 17th September last, as he is now peremptorily required to do and to report forthwith having done so to Government.

(Here enter Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 2062, of 4th November 1857.)

1. The Chief Engineer having applied to Government for the enforcement of his authority over one of his Subordinate Officers who disobeyed his official instructions to abstain from written correspondence on points not intended for reference to Government has it now pointed out to him that the letter complained of was " in reply to a long written Memorandum by the Chief Engineer himself."

2. The Chief Engineer observes that the functions of his office impose upon him the duty of issuing regulations for the guidance of the Superintending Engineers in the transaction of their business and that many of these regulations are of a nature which render written record for frequent reference an actual necessity especially in a Department where changes of incumbency are so frequent and so rapid as in the Central Office of Public Works. If then the Chief Engineer is to be debarred from the use of written Memoranda when he has occasion to issue instructions for the future guidance of his subordinates, or if that method of communication is to entail a liability to written correspondence on matters susceptible of immediate vivâ voce disposal, it would appear that the very practice which the Government have done the Chief Engineer the honor to concur with him in thinking one " very much to be deprecated" is one which in future the Superintending Engineers can adopt at their pleasure, on the ground of having received written directions which it would have been highly inconvenient and in some cases almost nugatory, to have delivered vivâ voce without either the precision or the permanence of instructions placed upon the Demi-official records of the Central Office.

3. In conclusion the Chief Engineer observes that paras. 3, 4, 5, and 6, of the Extract Minutes Consultation under acknowledgment are disposed of by his office Memoranda of the 30th October 1857, which gave due practical effect to the orders of Government contained in para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1770 of 17th September last, and Colonel Faber has the honor to report that the scheme for the Superintending Engineer independent discharge of amount of business drawn up by his Head Manager was authorized for immediate introduction in the Superintending Engineers Offices on the self same date it reached Colonel Faber, namely on Saturday the 31st October 1857.

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

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, No. 2118; dated 17th November 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

The Chief Engineer observes that the

No 5740

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 7 November 1857

Read again the orders of Government regretting that the Minutes of Consultation of the 10th August and 17th September have not had the effect of inducing a cordial cooperation between the members of the Central Office in the despatch of business and attributing the keeping alive and fostering of the want of cordiality to Colonel Faber not acting in the spirit of the order of 17th Sept. last, as he is now peremptorily required to do and to report forthwith having done so to Government.—

(Rev Inter Ec: Min: Con: No 2062 of 4th Nov 1857)

1 The Chief Engineer having applied to Government for the enforcement of his authority over one of his subordinate Officers who disobeyed his official instructions to abstain from written correspondence on points not intended for reference to Government has it now pointed out to him that the letter complained of was "in reply to a long written Memorandum by the Chief Engineer himself."—

2 The Chief Engineer observes that the

functions of his office impose upon him the duty of issuing regulations for the guidance of the Superintending Engineers in the transaction of their business and that many of these regulations are of a nature which render written record for frequent reference an actual necessity, especially in a Department where changes of incumbency are so frequent and so rapid as in the Central Office of Works. If then the Chief Engineer is to be debarred from the use of written memoranda when he has occasion to issue instructions for the future guidance of his Subordinates, or if that method of communication is to entail a liability to written correspondence on matters susceptible of immediate viva voce disposal, it would appear that the very practice which the Government have allowed the Chief Engineer the honor to concur with him in thinking one "very much to be deprecated" is one which in future the Superintending Engineers can adopt at their pleasure, on the ground of having received written directions which it would have been highly inconvenient and in some cases almost impossible, to have delivered viva voce without either the precision or the permanence of instructions placed upon the Done official records of the Central Office.

3. In conclusion the Chief Engr observes that paras 3, 4, 5 and 6. of the Govt Min on under acknowledgment are disposed of by his office Memoranda of the 30th October/57 which gave due practical effect to the orders of Govt contained in Para 3 of Govt Min on No 770 of 17th September and Colonel Taber has the honor to report that the scheme for the Supt Engr independent discharge of amount of business drawn up by his Head Manager was authorized for immediate introduction in the Supt Engrs office on the 21st same date it reached Colonel Taber, namely on Saturday the 31st October 1857.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient
humble Servant
(true Extract)
Colonel Taber
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Govt PWD.

Cons: 10th Nov. 57 No. 549.

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Cons: 17th September

No. 2189.

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
To the Secy to Government
&c. &c. &c.

Dated 7
Received 7th } November 1857

No. 3050/10

Replying, in deference of
Mr. Bell, to the Orders of Govt
dated 10th August & 17th September
last regarding the future work-
ing of the Central Office; and ob-
serving that Paras. 3, 4, 5 & 6 of
Ex Mins: Cons: under acknowl Gov-
ment are disposed of by his Office
Memoranda of 30th October '57 which
gave practical effect to orders
contained in Para: 3 of Ex Mins: Cons
No. 1770 dated 17th Sept. last.

Jobs recorded.

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17th Nov. 57

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