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No. 72. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 16th November 1857, No. 5235.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 21st October 1857, No. 1980, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that the Extract Minutes Consultation of 2nd March 1857, No. 395, calling for an estimate for the alterations and additions required to the Soldier's Lending Library at Saint Thomas' Mount, was duly communicated to the District Engineer of Chingleput, on the 6th March 1857, with a request that he would submit an estimate for the above work with as little delay as practicable. That Officer however, without making any reference to the above requisition, simply submitted the estimate with three others, all under the head of "repairs" required to certain buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount; and under these circumstances the estimate was passed with the three others received therewith in the usual course.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 2206; dated 28th November 1857.

The explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer regarding the circumstances under which he sanctioned the estimate for repairs to the Soldier's Lending Library at Saint Thomas' Mount, only shews to the Government that the estimate was passed in the Central office without examination. Colonel Faber will be requested to prevent the occurrence of similar irregularities for the future.

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

Military

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant,
H.G. Yates Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
16th November 1857.

C.C.

S.S.

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From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 16th } November 1857
Received 17th }

No. 5235.

No. 2206. 28th Nov.

Explains the circumstances under which the Estimate for alterations required to the Soldiers Lending Library at Saint Thomas Mount was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer without an order

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The explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer regarding the circumstances under which he sanctioned the Estimate for repairs to the Soldiers Lending Library at St. Thomas Mount, only shews to the Government that the Estimate was passed in the Central Office without examination. Colonel Baker will be requested to prevent the occurrence of similar irregularities for the future.

From Lt. Col. George
28th Nov. 1857

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