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No. 114. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 2nd November 1857, No. 4870.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 2016, dated 27th October 1857, I have the honor to express my decided conviction, that the reduction in the establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, proposed by the Government of India, cannot be effected without completely destroying the efficiency of those Officers; as it is impossible to decrease the number of lower subordinates now allotted to any District, in order to make good the loss of the Conicopillays at the Presidency if the charge of the Public Works is to remain with the Engineers.

2. Every establishment in this Presidency is now reduced to an extent, that threatens the most serious consequences, and for the paltry saving of 287½ Rupees per mensum or (3,450) three thousand, four hundred and fifty Rupees per annum, a loss of Revenue may be incurred of perhaps fifty fold, so that as the Officer responsible for the efficiency of the Department, I must strongly protest against further reductions in the provinces.

3. Under such circumstances it is hardly necessary to point out the danger of diminishing the number of permanent servants of the presidency establishments, and thus necessitating the employment of temporary Conicopillays, dependant on casual stipends, who would have little, if any interest, in checking fraud or waste, but every temptation to connivance at such proceedings, so that with the heavy expenditure always going on, the loss to Government not in mere money but in the efficiency of the work, would be incalculable.

4. The order of Government directing me to make such reduction from the 1st Instant, cannot possibly be carried into effect, and if after full consideration of what is here urged, the Government should determine on the execution of their decree at a later date, it must be distinctly understood, that no responsibility belongs to the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, No. 2227; dated 1st December 1857.

Para. 1. In their Proceedings in the Financial Department dated 28th August No. 3618, the Government of India, noticing the establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, direct that the confusion created by including in these establishments persons performing the duties of Maistries and Overseers, who are elsewhere included in the regular establishments sanctioned for the Superintendence of works, be remedied, in order that the whole of the Office establishments may be put on a similar footing.

2. In Extract Minutes of Consultation 27th October last, No. 2016, this Government, in reference to the above orders, observed that the cost of the office establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, when divested of the Maistries and Conicopillays, would stand at Rupees 556½ for the former, and Rupees 517 for the latter, but that, according to what seemed to be the intention of the Government of India, it would be necessary further to reduce them to the standard of establishments allowed to First Class District Engineers, or Rupees 393, which would involve a loss of Rupees 163½ to the Civil Architect office and of Rupees 124 to that of the Garrison Engineer.

3. In regard to the former part of the proposition, the Chief Engineer was required to decrease, from the 1st Ultimo, the number of lower Subordinates in such Districts as would best admit of the diminution and give the places so vacated to the servants at the Presidency. In reference to the latter, he was requested to report fully, if it would be practicable to diminish the cost of these offices so materially, without impairing the efficiency of the establishments.

4. The Chief Engineer in reply expresses his conviction that the reduction proposed by the Government of India cannot be effected, as it is impossible to decrease the number of the lower Subordinates to make good the loss of the Conicopillays at the Presidency. He would here appear to refer only to that part of the order which required him to diminish the General

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Establishment of the lower Subordinates to the extent of providing for the Maistries and Conicopillays of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer's offices; but immediately after, he adverts to "the paltry saving of 287½ Rupees a month," thus implying that he is referring not to the substitution of Subordinates from the General Department for the Maistries now employed at the Presidency, but to the further reduction to be made in the two offices to bring them to a level with the establishment of a first Class District Engineer. From this it would appear that the Chief Engineer has not fully understood the orders of the Government of India, which are first, that the professional servants of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer shall be supplied from the General Department, and second, that the establishment that may remain after so supplying the professional part of it, shall be reduced to a scale equal to that of a 1st Class District Engineer's establishment.

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

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort Saint George.
27th November 1857.

No. 4870.

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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

Establishments.

Sir,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 2016, dated 27th October 1857, I have the honor to express my decided conviction, that the reduction in the establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, proposed by the Government of India, cannot be effected without completely destroying the efficiency of those Offices; as it is impossible to decrease the number of lower Subordinates now allotted to any District, in order to make good the loss of the Conicopolys at the Presidency, if the charge of the Public Works is to remain with the Engineers.

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3 Under such circumstances it is hardly necessary to point out the danger of diminishing the number of permanent servants of the Presidency Establishments, and thus necessitating the employment of temporary Conicopellays, dependant on casual stipends who would have little, if any interest, in checking fraud or waste, but every temptation to connivance at such proceedings; so that with the heavy expenditure always going on, the loss to Government not in mere money but in the efficiency of the work, would be incalculable.

4 The order of Government directing me to make such reduction from the 1st Instant, cannot possibly be carried into effect, and if, after full consideration

consideration of what is here urged, the Government should determine on the execution of their decree at a later date, it must be distinctly understood, that no responsibility belongs to the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works.——

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant.

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort Saint George, 2d November 1857.

H. H. Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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

P.W.D.

No. 2227.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 1st December 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer
Bhurtpore under 2d November 1857 No 4870

Ordered. That in their Proceedings
in the Financial Department
dated 28th August No 3618, the
Government of India noting
the establishments of the Civil
Medical and Garrison Engineer
direct that the confusion
created by including in these
establishments persons perform-
ing the duties of Munshies
and Overseers, who are elsewhere
included in the regular establish-
ments sanctioned for the
Superintendence of works, be
remedied, in order that
the

P. Works Dep.t No. 2157.
From
The Chief Engineer
&
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.
Dated 2d
Received 3d November 1857.

Enclosure Letter
Copy No 2227, dated 2d Nov.r 1857
Answered that the Questions
proposed in the establishments
of the Civil Architect & Garrison
Engineer, by the Government of India
cannot be replied without inquiring
into efficiency and state that it is
impossible to provide for the Municipalities
& Cantonments at the Cawnpore &
Allahabad Stations by drawing
the number of Sweepers allowed in
Districts.

No. 29 Circular 3rd Dec.r 1857.

The Chief Engineer
Bhurtpore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer Bhurtpore, No 4870, dated 2d instant, with its enclosure, on the subject of the establishments of Civil Architects and Garrison Engineers.

2. I am to request that you will favour the Government with your opinion on the questions proposed in the enclosure, and state what steps you would recommend to be taken to remedy the evil complained of.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Forbes
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Enclosure
Copy No 2227, dated 2d Nov.r 1857
from the Chief Engineer Bhurtpore
to the Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move the Government of India to direct that the establishments of Civil Architects and Garrison Engineers may be so modified as to admit of the employment of Sweepers in Municipalities and Cantonments.

2. The Establishments of Civil Architects and Garrison Engineers were sanctioned by the Government of India in their Financial Department No 3618, dated 28th August 1857, and the Sweepers were included in the Establishments of Municipalities and Cantonments.

3. Under the Orders of the Government of India, Municipalities and Cantonments are required to provide for the Sweepers employed in the Public Offices, and the Sweepers are not to be employed in any other duty.

4. The Establishments of Civil Architects and Garrison Engineers are entirely employed in Public Offices, and the Sweepers attached to them cannot be employed in any other duty.

5. I have therefore to request that the Government of India will be pleased to direct that the Sweepers attached to the Establishments of Civil Architects and Garrison Engineers may be borne on the Establishments of Municipalities and Cantonments.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Forbes
Chief Engineer
Bhurtpore

2d November 1857.

the whole of the Office establishments may be put on a similar footing.

2 In Extract Minutes of Consultation 27th October last N° 2016, this Government, in reference to the above orders, observed that the cost of the Office establishments of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, when divested of the Ministries and Conicopullays, would stand at Rupees 556½ for the former and Rupees 517 for the latter, but that according to what seemed to be the intention of the Government of India, it would be necessary further to reduce them to the standard of Establishments allowed to First class District Engineers, or Rupees 393, which would involve a loss of Rupees 163/p to the Civil Architect Office

Office and of Rupees 124 to that of the Garrison Engineer.

3 In regard to the former part of the proposition, the Chief Engineer was required to decrease, from the 1st Instant, the number of lower Subordinate in such Districts as would be best adapted to the diminution, and give the pleas so made to the Servants at the Presidency. In reference to the latter, he was requested to report fully, if it would be practicable to diminish the cost of those Offices so materially, without impairing the efficiency of the Establishments.

4 The Chief Engineer in reply expresses his conviction that the reduction proposed by the Government of India cannot be effected, as it is impossible to decrease the

the number of the lower Subordinates to enable good the loss of the Conveyancers at the Presidency. He would here appear to refer only to that part of the order which requires him to diminish the General establishment of the lower Subordinates to the extent of providing for the Ministries and Conveyancers of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineers Offices, but immediately after he adverts to the yearly saving of 287½ Rupees a month, thus implying that he is referring not to the substitution of Subordinates from the General Department for the Ministries now employed at the Presidency, but to the further reduction to be made in the two offices to bring them up to a level with the establishment of a first-class

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District Engineer. From this it would appear that the Chief Engineer has not fully understood the orders of the Government of India which are first, that the professional servants of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engr shall be supplied from the General Department, and second, that the establishment that may remain after so supplying the professional part of it, shall be reduced to a scale equal to that of a 1st Class District Engineers establishment.

H. D.

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Dy 1st Dec. 57.
From the Chief Engr 8th Dec. 57
No 242 Dated 23 Nov.

Observing that the Chief Engr has not fully understood the orders of the Govt of India which are first that the professional servants of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engr shall be supplied from the General Department and Second, that the establishment that may remain after so supplying the professional part of it shall be reduced to a scale equal to that of a 1st class District Engineers Establishment.

No 114 & 115.

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