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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th February 1857.

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 3rd February 1857, No. 10,003.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Superintending Engineer, Presidency Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 2nd February 1857, No. 80.

SIR,

The Civil Auditor having this day refused to pass the Departmental Abstract of the Superintending Engineer P. D. as heretofore to the amount of Rupees 1,491 on the ground that the late G. O. by Government, dated 28th Ultimo, restricted the sum to 785-8 which, as there laid down, is to be the office establishment allowed for the Civil Architect prospectively a nearly equal amount or about half the Abstract of the Superintending Engineer till now being allotted to the newly designated Garrison Engineer, I have the honor to request you will kindly intercede with the authorities to allow the former Abstract to be paid as hitherto, or the servants of this Department who were working in utter ignorance of this organic change till the moment the order was received viz., on the 28th Ultimo, will be put to the greatest inconvenience if not distress from the operation of the order being made retrospective viz., from the 1st Ultimo.

2. I am the more induced to request this consideration for the servants of this Deparment, as the General order I have quoted fixing the amount of the Garrison Engineer's Establishment was set aside in another Supplemental Gazette issued on the very next day, "which directed the suspending of the portion of the previous day's G. O. G. which fixed the office establishment of the Garrison Engineer at 745-8 and to notify that pending further orders the strength of establishment to be allotted to that officer is under the consideration of Government."

3. While therefore the order in question is thus partially kept in abeyance, I would with all difference submit my request to the authorities that it be wholly so. In order that between the two, this Department servants may not lose or be kept out of their month's pay which is at this moment in arrears, for a perhaps considerable time, which to people of small means may be a serious matter.

4. I trust also that the Civil Auditor may be instructed not to reduce my salary to 700 Rupees only, the same being contrary to the indulgent consideration of Government as notified in November last.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter No. 80, dated 2nd Instant, from the Civil Architect, for the information of Government, with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that pending the final orders of the Government of India as to the establishments to be allotted respectively to the offices of the Civil Architect, and Garrison Engineer, the Civil Auditor should be authorized to disburse, as hitherto, the amount of the Departmental Abstract for the Superintending Engineer's Office Establishment.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Actg. Suptg. Engr. Northern Circle.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 298; dated 11th February 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Civil Auditor, pending further orders, to pass the Abstract of the late Superintending Engineer's Office Establishment as heretofore.

2. It is observed that a reference was made to the Supreme Government on the 11th October 1856, No. 1842, para. 11, regarding Colonel Atkinson's claim to draw the salary which he has heretofore received, even after his transfer to the new office of Civil Architect; but that authority have not touched on the subject, in their letter of the 19th December 1856, No. 5963, sanctioning the Public Works Establishment for this Presidency. The Government conclude

that the Governor General of India in Council, has no objection to the measure, and they accordingly continue to Colonel Atkinson, the higher rate of salary, viz., Rupees (1,063-10-11) one thousand and sixty-three, annas ten and pice eleven, hitherto drawn, to be reduced to 700 on a vacancy.

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

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No. 298 P. W. D.

Extract Minutes of cons. dated 11th February 1857.

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

Received on 9th Feb 1857. (R. 700)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Civil auditor pending further orders to pass the abstract of the late superintending Engr's Establishment as heretofore.

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To Copies to the Chief Engr
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Civil Auditor

Public Works 1857 Dep.t
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