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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 24th February 1857.

No. 48. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, to Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 21st February 1857, No. 346.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to report for the information of the Government of India, that in pursuance of the sanction conveyed in para. 7 of their Financial Resolution, dated 12th December 1856, No. 5500,* this Government have appointed the establishment of the Public Works Department of this Presidency for the superior branch, on the modified scale submitted on the 10th October 1856, and for the subordinate branch on the scale noted in the margin of para. 1, of the above Resolution; and have, by a Notification in the Official Gazette, dated 27th January 1857, declared its existence from the 1st of that month. A revised Statement, such as that called for by the Supreme Government, will be furnished in due time; but I am directed in the meanwhile to represent certain facts connected with the establishment, for the orders of the Government of India.

* Communicated with Public Works letter, 19th December 1856, No. 5963.

2. Lieutenant Haig of the Upper Godavery, and Captain Hutchinson in charge of the workshop at Dowlaishwarum, have been entered in the list appended to the Notification, the former as a District Engineer of the 2nd Class, and the latter as an Executive Engineeer of the 3rd Class. Mr. Moncrieff also, whom it is intended to appoint as Deputy Superintendent of the workshop under Captain Hutchinson, has been entered as an Executive Engineer of the 4th Class. Captain Hutchinson, as is known to the Government of India, draws a special allowance of Rupees 600 a month by sanction of the Honorable Court, on account of his able and useful services. The Government are of opinion that these Officers should be considered extra to those on the regular establishment, and that whenever the duties it is intended to entrust to them shall commence, and a Subordinate establishment be granted, those Subordinates shall in like manner be independent of the fixed establishment of the Public Works Department. The duties now referred to will be of a special character, not falling within the sphere of the general Department, and this Government, so regarding them, request permission to appoint Officers in the stead of Captain Hutchinson, Lieutenant Haig, and Mr. Moncrieff, who shall be allowed to remain as extra Officers in the position now assigned to them. On the same grounds, the Government request that they may be allowed to consider as an extra Officer Captain Gib, who is employed in Superintending the operations in the Paumben Channel, his name has, by an oversight in the Chief Engineer's office, been omitted from the published list of the Department, his monthly salary is 200 Rupees, and his duties are wholly separate from those of the general Department, for which duties alone the general establishment was sanctioned.

3. In para. 16 of a recent Public Works Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 17th September 1856, No. 10, the Honorable Court have suggested for the consideration of this Government, the advisability of holding in abeyance for a time the office of Superintendent of the East Coast Canal, with reference to an impression that the creation of the office was premature. This Government however intend to submit a representation to the Honorable Court, in reply to their observations explanatory of the exact position of affairs in regard to the canal works, and strongly urging the retention of an appointment considered by this Government to be indispensably necessary. This Government in the meanwhile request the permission of the Government of India, to retain the appointment of Superintendent of the East Coast Canal on its present footing and emoluments.

4. It will be observed that in the list of the 27th January, certain Officers are borne as supernumeraries. In regard to this, I am directed to explain, that these Officers were already in the Department, having been appointed at different times prior to the receipt of the orders of the Supreme Government, fixing the numbers of the Public Works establishment. As the removal of these Officers would have entailed great hardship on individuals, and most seriously have embarrassed the Public service at this season, when the works of the year are in full operation, the Government retained them in employ, but with the full intention of their being

10th October 1856, and for

absorbed into the permanent establishment as vacancies may occur. Already have three temporary vacancies occurred in the establishment which will be filled from the supernumeraries and a similar course will be adopted on the occurrence of all future vacancies, until the whole of them are absorbed.

5. Among the supernumeraries are 3 Covenanted Engineers, whose salaries have been guaranteed by the Honorable Court of Directors, and on the formation of the Department, they were purposely placed in the position in which they now stand, in order to shew them the little value which this Government sets upon their services, and as a warning to them, that greater activity and efficiency than they have hitherto evinced, are looked for at their hands.

6. I am lastly to explain, that the allowance sanctioned by the Government of India* to the six Uncovenanted Assistant Engineers appointed by this Government have been continued to five of them, although in arranging the new Department, the Government have not been able to place them in a class which would in itself have entitled them to their present rate of pay. The sixth gentleman has been placed in a position in which he will receive a salary higher than was sanctioned on the date referred to.

*14th Dec. 1854, No. 1301.

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Public Works 1857 / Department

Card 21st February

No 316

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India

Dated 21st February 1857

From — do 1st May/57 Ct. 896.
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From — do 5th June/57 Ct. 1228.
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Reporting for the information of the Government of India the appointment of the establishment of the Public Works Department of their Presidency, for the superior and the subordinate branches on the proposed scales, intimating, that the revised statement called for by the Supreme Government will be furnished in due time, and representing certain facts connected with the Public Works establishments for the orders of the Government of India.

No 18.

Recd 21st

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Re-circulated by desire
of the Rt Hon: the Governor.
Re a letter to the Ch: Engr.
dated the 4th November last
stating mentioned the establish.
would which he should re-
quire for the two months
during which he expected to
be absent. and he proposed
that he should receive an
Aide Camp, and two Civilians
from the Est. of the Div. Engrs.
Rivers mentioned & Sol.
on the 8th Inst. but I under-
stand from Genl: Crome,
that no Commissioned
Officer

[illegible] for
Secy

Lay accompanied Lt Haig.
Have recommended that one
be added to the fixed establishment
and an Office attached to it in the list
lately supplied
for the after Colonies &c.
Acting Lt Haig having
I have therefore put the
request respectfully, &c.
Most respectfully
I have done the same for
the Dockyard Steam work-
shop, for which Cabt.
Authorization returned, to
over-Volary, and Both
of his Deputy Mr Inverarity
are the only classes. But
affect the list of the P. W.
Dept

Capt Gibbs has been appointed
Adjutant from the principal list
mentioned in the Civil Office.
Can regard the recommended
although three vacancies have
occurred in the fixed establish-
ment by Lieut: Law of the H. A.
joining his corps, and by the
acting promotion of Captain
Watt & Lieut: Smith, no acting
appts have been made to fill
their places. I have therefore
returned the draft, and in lieu
of vacancy Both these have
been provided for, but said
Both may still be - The Right
Hon. the Governor has made
a note Both one supernumerary
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Public Works 1856

Fort St. George Dep.t 21st Dec.r 1856

P. W. Dep.t

No. 346

To

Lieut.t Col. W. C. Baker

Secy. to the Govt of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to report for the information of the Govt of India, that in pursuance of the Consultation Consigned in Para 4 of their Financial Resolution dated 13th December 1856 No 5500 this Govt have appointed the Establishment of the Public Works Department of this Presidency for the superintendence, on the recommendation submitted on the 10th October 1856, and for the

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in charge of the Mint Shop at Dowlaishwaram, have been entered on the list appended to the Notification, the former as a Distinct Engineer of the 2nd Class, and the latter as an Executive Engineer of the 3rd Class. Mr Thomson also, whom it is intended to appoint as Deputy Superintendent of the workshop under Capt Hutchinson, has been entered as an Executive Engineer of the 4th Class. Capt Hutchinson as is known to the Govt of India, draws a special allowance of Rs 200 a month by sanction of the Hon. Court, on account of his able and useful services. The Govt are of opinion that these Officers should be considered extra to those

and that whenever the duties it is intended to entrust to them shall commence, and a Subordinate Establishment be granted, those subordinates shall in the manner be independent of the fixed Establishment of the P.W.D. The duties now reported to unite be of a special character, not falling within the sphere of the general Dept, and this Govt, so regarding them, request permission to appoint Officers in the stead of Capt Hutchinson, Lieut Haig, and the Mancini, who shall be allowed to remain as Extra Officers in the position now assigned to them. On the same grounds the Govt request that they may be allowed to consider as an Extra Officer Capt Gibbs, who is employed on Superintending the operations in the Pamban Channel - his name has, by an oversight in the Chief Engr's Office, been omitted from the published list of the Dept - his monthly salary is 200 Rs, and his duties are entirely separate

separate from those of the general Dept for which duties alone the general Establishment is sanctioned.

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3 Among the Supernumeraries are 3 Covenanted Engineers whose salaries have been guaranteed by the Honorable Court of Directors, and on the formation of the Establishment they were superseded & placed in the Supernumerary list in which they now stand, in order to open them the first vacancies in their respective branches of the Establishment upon which service and on examining the Home Establishment carefully and efficiency and efficiency they have hitherto exercised, etc.

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B.R.

Fort St. Geo. 21st Feb. 1857.

From Govt of India to P.W. Dep. 54 to 1301.

The Right Gentleman can be referred to a petition in which he will receive a salary higher than as sanctioned on the date referred to

B.R.

Public Works Dept.

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Sec. to Govt of India,

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* Communicated with P.W. Letter 19 Dec/56, No 5963

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Lt. Baig of the Upper Godavery, and Capt Hutchinson in charge of the workshops at Dowlaishwaram have been entered in the list appended to the notification in question, the former as District Engr of the 2nd Class, and the latter as Executive Engineer of the 3d Class. They should however be regarded as Officers extra to those in the Regular Establishment, inasmuch as their duties are of a special character, not properly falling within the sphere of the general dept; and this Govt accordingly beg permission to regard them, and to appoint Officers in their stead on the established list, Lt Baig and Capt

Hutchinson being allowed to hold corresponding positions with those now temporarily assigned them, but as extra officers.

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Lt Lewis Capt. Cobbe Capt. Walsh Lt Low

ex Regt ex Regt

Lt Lewis, Capt Cobbe & Capt Walsh to have rank as Lt Low & join their Corps.

number of Officers now on the Supernumerary List.

Lastly I am to state that in the List already published the names of 4 Officers have been inadvertently omitted, but that steps have been taken to prepare and publish as soon as possible a correct list of vacancies

Lt

Pr. Cons. 14th Oct. 56. No 13
do 27th Jany/57 - 5336

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dr. to Cons 24th February

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No 346.

To The Secretary to the
Govt. of India. D.P.W.
D 21st February/57.

Telegraph. Message from Calcutta 1st May 1857 in Cons 12th

Reporting for the information of the Govt. of India, the appointment of the establt. of the P.W.D. of this Presidency, for the Superior & the Subordinate branches on the proposed scale intimating that the revised Statement called for by the Supreme Govt. will be furnished in due time & respecting certain points connected with the P. Works Establt. for the orders of the Govt. of India.

No 48.

From Govt. of India 5th June 1857. Cons. 23rd do 124-125