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

No. 70. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, D. P. W., dated 2nd February 1857, No. 994.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 34, dated 7th Ultimo I have the honor to observe that, I was induced to recommend that the writers under Major Walker, Captain Barber and Lieutenant Boyd should be allowed to retain their present rate of pay under the persuasion that as in the case of the Lascars, the interests of all present incumbents in the Public Works Department would receive that consideration which has uniformly been shown to vested rights of present holders.

2. The fullest reservation was made by Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1880, dated 15th October 1856, in favor of the Lascars entertained before the 18th August 1856, and as 5 Rupees out of 35 to a writer is the very same proportion as one Rupee out of 7 to a Lascar, I must ask leave to respectfully point out, that I could not be aware so reasonable an application would be negated in one case, when an exactly similar one had been granted in another.

3. Numerous other representations have been made from other Districts, these I have not yet felt at liberty to submit; but a reduction of salary of 14 per Cent. at a time when business is greatly increasing is so very unusual a measure, that I would even still venture to solicit the re-consideration of his Lordship in Council with a view to such Clerks of Subordinate Officers in the D. P. W., as have been engaged in the public service before 18th August 1856, being permitted to continue in receipt of Rupees (35) thirty-five, instead of Rupees 30, until absorbed or promoted to higher posts.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, No. 358; dated 24th February 1857.

In Minutes Consultation dated 7th January 1857, the Government declined to comply with the Chief Engineer's recommendation that certain writers of the Public Works Department in North Arcot should be allowed to retain the pay of Rupees 35 each per mensem when their salaries had, under the new scale been reduced to Rupees 30. Colonel Faber in his letter above recorded, requests a re-consideration of the order in behalf of these writers, and as it affects all the Clerks who were engaged before the 18th August 1856. He cites as a precedent the order of Government which allowed to the Lascars employed in the Department previous to that date a continuance of the pay they had received up to that date.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot accede to the Chief Engineer's recommendation. Many opportunities are likely to occur for the advancement of servants in the Public Works Department, as at present constituted, and in this respect the position of the men in whose behalf the Chief Engineer addresses Government, has been much improved by the late changes although their present salaries have been reduced. The Government remark too, that not one of them had served for two years on the date of Colonel Faber's application.

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

Central Office of Public Works,

Port Saint George,

2^d February 1857.

N. 944.

From

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

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3 Numerous other representations have been made from other Districts, these I have not yet felt at liberty to submit; but a reduction of salary of 12% at a time when business is greatly increasing, is so very unusual a measure, that I would even still venture to solicit the reconsideration of His Lordship in Council with a view to such Clerks of Subordinate Officers in the D. O. W. as have been engaged in the public service before 18th August 1856, being permitted to continue in receipt of Rupees 35 instead of Rupees 30, until absorbed or promoted to higher posts.—

Thirty five

Central Office of O. W.
Fort Saint George,
2nd February 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Wm. Lister Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

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P.W. 218 of 1857-

The matter was
fully before the
Govt. and the Cf.
Eng. reviewed the
question on the
point of decision.
and he on in-
formed that
"no increase of
"salaries allowed
"to establishment
"could be allowed"
The Cf. Eng.
had

Cont: 13th Aug 1857
" 21st Oct 1857 - 9 to 12

Public Works Department
14 to 18 Nov 24 & 25 Dec 1857
Thom. the Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government
P.W. 218.

Dated 2nd { February 1857
Received B.

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Received

with reference to G. and
No. 34 dated 7th instants that the
Recommendation in favor of the
Western Indian Railway Engineer
Ranker and Lieutenant Colonel
and made under the provision that
as in the case of the Cawnpore, the
possibility of all present provisions
in the Public Works Department
would secure consideration

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For some time she has
been paying application money
to make for it - but it has been
all (say of ~~the~~ 2 years service
& upwards) for home.

Should no precedent for
those employed hereafter.

It is now necessary that
the last of the month but being
three months previous to the

At

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Off the 3. writes in
from the half late
H. has addressed for
in best case one
long will, tomorrow
to 10. Since then in
employment 2. Since
the day from the
was on showed
have been on the
understanding that it
was only the morning
the the new debt
was arranged -
I have been for it
opportunities for

admission by
men in the
and I believe they
are undoubtedly in
the way in much
better position than
they were under the
old system. The
the actual balance of
the situation perhaps
is somewhat less
than it was -
I have given some thought
to the question of
the and it appears

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to me very unpleas-
-ing to ask the
Govt of India to
make even further
- by addition to the
established limits which
often so much comes.
- Providence have
been expected at this
moment rates -

9/2/57 - Mr. A.

Under the circumstances of the depth
at the time these men were
engaged I do not consider
that these men have any claim
to the

25 July 1857 C14-12

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The higher rate of salary
should be computed to the
officer to consider any
case of hardship that
may occur in future
experience was data Sept.
it will not be so long as there
is a let reference to the
Board of Review to be paid
the overpayment of the Officer

P.W.D.

No 358 115

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 24th February 1857.

Read the follow-
ing letter from the Chief
Engineer:-

(Here enter 2. Feb/57 No 9944)

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In Min. Cons.
dated 7th January 1857, the
Government declined to
comply with the Chief
Engineer's recommendation
that certain Writers of
the Public Works Depart-
ment in North Arcot
should

should be allowed to
retain the pay of
Rupees 35 each per
month when their
salaries had, under the
new scale been reduced
to Rupees 30. Colonel
Foster in his letter
above recorded requests
a reconsideration of the
order in behalf of these
writers, and as it affects
all the clerks who were
engaged before the 18th
August 1856. He cites
as a precedent the order
of Govt. which allowed
to the Sadsars employed
in the Department
previous

15th Octr/56 & 10/880.

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a continuance of the
pay they had received
up to that date.

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of the men in whose
behalf the Chief
Engineer

Engineer addressed
Govt; has been much
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late changes altho'
their present sala-
ries have been reduced.
The Govt. remark
too that not one of
them had served for
two years on the date
of Colonel Fisher's
application.

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr.
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Public Works 1857 Departt.
Cons: 24th February -

No 358.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dated 24th February /57.

Declining to sanction
the recommendation of Messrs
Chas. Engle, for allowing certain
members of the D. R. M. in. North Street,
to retain the pay of Rs. 35 each
per mensem, when their salaries
had, under the new scale, been
reduced to Rs. 30.

No 70-471.

C 14 Feb 1857