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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd March 1857.

No. 93. Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 18th February 1857, No. 10336.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 259, dated 4th Instant, directing the Chief Engineer's attention to the order of Government dated 29th September 1855, No. 613, calling for a report as to the best mode of making the services of Ordnance Artificers available for the Public Works Department, I have the honor to observe, that the Chief Engineer in his letter to Government No. 2197, dated 2nd April 1856, reported.

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and 2nd that Soldiers, as well as Artificers temporarily employed, should draw their Military pay without any deduction through the pay Department, but that as soon as they obtain permanent situations, they should be transferred to the effective supernumeraries.

To this latter proposal, the approval of Government was signified in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1026, dated 2nd May 1856.

2. A general system for the pay of all grades of the Public Works Department, having now been established by the Government of India, applicable alike to European, and East Indian in the Military service, or otherwise, it appears that the Ordnance Artificers who are candidates for employment, will be admitted in common with others, and on the same general rules, provided they possess the qualifications necessary for efficient service in the Department.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, No. 412; dated 3rd March 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
18th February 1857.

N. 1636

From,

The Acting Superintending Engineer
Northern Circle.
In charge of the Central Office of P. Works.

To,

The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Ordnance Artificers

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Central Office of P. Works,
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Lieutenant Captain
Acting Supt Engr & Actg
In Ch. of the Central Office
of P. W.

Comptd Wheeler & Saunders

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From The Asst Supt Engr No Circle
In ch: of the Central Office &c

To The Secretary to Government &c

Dated 18th
Received 19th } February 1857.

No 10336

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