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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th March 1857.

No. 55. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to the Accountant General, dated 27th January 1857, No. 9796.

Sir,

In reply to the last para. of your letter No. 887, dated the 14th Instant ; requesting to be informed when you may expect the Journals of this Department from May last and already over due, I have the honor to inform you, that I am prevented from even commencing these Books, owing to the accounts furnished to me differing in their amounts from those furnished to you, and of which I duly apprized you in my letter of the 3rd November last No. 7747, I therein requested your assistance to obtain the rectification of these discrepancies, and I suggested, that the several disbursing Officers in communication with the Engineer Officers in all necessary cases, should be required to furnish this office with revised Accounts Current, if those already furnished were incorrect. I at the same time brought to the notice of the Government the existence of the discrepancies alluded to above, and stated, that in consequence, I was prevented from commencing the Books of my office. The Government in their order of the 18th November No. 2160, approved of the steps I had taken for the correction of the mistakes, and thus requested that you would have the goodness to take immediate measures for the rectification of the accounts already furnished, and that you would issue such instructions as would ensure the accuracy of all future accounts, up to this time, I have however not had the honor to receive any communication whatever from you, in reply to my letter No. 7747, nor am I aware of the result of any steps that you may have taken to correct the accounts.

2. You will not fail I am sure, to observe how under these circumstances it is utterly impossible for me to commence upon the Journals of the Central office. If you think it right and will honor me with instructions to that effect, I am prepared to commence the Books upon the accounts as received by me, but I do not feel justified in doing so without your special instructions.

3. With reference to the requisition contained in your letter under reply, that the future prospective and regular estimates to be furnished to you should afford the particulars of repairs performed, and to be performed, to buildings under their proper Departmental heads, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to favor me with a form of these Returns, shewing in what manner, and under what different heads new works and repairs, are to be arranged, and if you will also favor me with about 60 or 70 copies of such forms printed in your Office Press, it will greatly facilitate their distribution to the several Officers in charge of Public Works in this Presidency, and it will also ensure the exact conformity of every return with the model you may prescribe.

4. A transcript of this despatch will be forwarded for the early information of Government.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, No. 423; dated 4th March 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits for the information of Government, copy of a letter addressed by him to the Accountant General under date the 27th January, explaining the cause of delay in the preparation of the Journal of the Central office for May 1856. Colonel Faber states that he is prevented from even commencing the Books, by the accounts furnished to him differing in their amounts from those furnished to the Accountant General.

2. The Central office did right in entering upon a comparison of the accounts furnished to it with those of the Accountant General, as the non receipt of the accounts from several Districts allowed time for the purpose ; but when all have been received, it is not necessary that the preparation of the Journal should be delayed on that account. When the Journal is received in his office, the Accountant General will institute an examination of it with the Collectors accounts, which must at any rate be done in his office, and adopt measures to rectify the errors that may be discovered, as well as to prevent their recurrence. The Chief Engineer will therefore be good enough to procure the revised Accounts Current, which the Government observe from his letter, No. 302, are still due from some of the Districts, and prepare and

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furnish the Journal to the Accountant General as soon as possible. Much expedition must be used in the preparation of this document for May, as well as for subsequent months, as the close of the official year is fast approaching. In an order, No. 427 of this day's date, the Officers from whom the revised Accounts Current are due have been urged not to fail in sending them within 10 days from the day of receipt of that order.

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

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No. 428
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 4th March 1857.

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