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

Read the following papers.

No. 70. 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 19th February 1857, No. 10363.

SIR,

With reference to several recent orders of Government authorizing works for immediate execution, and for execution on emergency, I have the honor to solicit information as to whether these works are to be performed in the District to which they appertain from the funds allotted to them, out of the sum of eleven lacs limited for the second half year of 1856-57, for expenditure on Public Works, or whether it is intended that the works in question should be executed from funds taken up specially for the purpose, irrespective of the apportionment of the eleven lacs of Rupees. This apportionment, I would beg to observe, is for works specially selected in the Central office out of many in each District, with the proviso that the local Officers may substitute others which they may consider to be of greater importance than those selected in this office. It does not appear to me clear that while the expenditure has been restricted by the

Government of India to (11) eleven lacs, that any further expenditure can be incurred on works on emergency &c. But as it is understood that the Accountant General issues the usual instructions to Collectors, for the payment of Engineer Officers of the amount of all such estimates*, which are from time to time sanctioned by the Government, I have considered it proper to bring the circumstance to the notice of Government for their orders.

No. 71. Telegraph Message from Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 4th March 1857.

"Emergent Works of the Class for which a crore was granted for eighteen fifty-six, fifty-seven, must be included in the eleven lacs remaining for Madras, to spend on such works for the last half of the year."

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, No. 436; dated 6th March 1857.

In the above letter, the Acting Superintending Engineer, in charge of the Central office, requested information as to whether the several works sanctioned from time to time for immediate execution and for execution on emergency are to be performed out of the eleven lacs of Rupees to which the expenditure in the current half of the official year has been limited, or from funds specially taken up for the purpose irrespective of the apportionment of the fixed sum, but the Government entertaining some doubt on the point, thought it proper to make a reference to the Supreme Government on the subject. From the Telegraph Message received from that Government recorded above, copy of which will be furnished to the Chief Engineer, it will be seen that emergent works are to be executed from the eleven lacs available for the second half of 1856-57. The Accountant General will be instructed to place no more funds at the disposal of the Engineer Officers during the remaining part of the current official year, and the Chief Engineer will instruct the local officers not to draw any money in excess of the amount allotted to them for Irrigation works and Communications. The sums sanctioned for Government buildings will of course form an exception to this order, as they are to be met from funds irrespective of the twenty-two lacs.

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

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Message from *Calcutta 4 March* To *Madras*
From *Genl. Col. W. C. Baker* To *A. Forbes Esq.*
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a crore was granted for eighteen fifty six,
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such works for the last half of the year.

Electric Telegraph Office,
Fort St. George,
Madras
The 5. of March 1857

Chandrasekhar
Inspector in charge

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Despatched *D. An* N. B.—Please enter Time for delivery

Public Works 1857 Depart.
To the Secy Govt of
India
No 460

Telegraph Message
from the Secy Govt of
India

Dated 14th } March 1857
Received 9th }
S. E. W. 436 1/2 March 7

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a grant was granted for
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18th Nov - 384
October 24th / 57 1/2 329

Pub. Works 1857 Depart.
To the Secy Govt of
India
No 352

From
The. Ag. Supt. Engrs. N. C.
In Charge of Central Office
To
The. Ag. Secy to Govt.
D. P. 10.

Dated 19th February 1857
Recd 20th
S. E. W. 436 1/2 March 7

Solicits information as
to whether the works authorized
by Government for immediate
execution and for execution on
emergencies are to be performed
out of the Eleven Lacs limited
for the second half year of
1856/57 for expenditure on
Public Works.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 6th March 1857.

Read the following

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From the Actg. Supy. Eng. N.C.
In charge of the Central Office.

Here enter 19th Feb 1857 N. 40363/

Telegraph Message from
Rangoon to the Gov. of India

Here enter 4th March 1857/

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Engineer in charge of the
Central Office requested
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the several works sanctioned
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some doubt ^{on} ~~regarding~~ the
point thought it proper to
make a reference to the
Supreme Govt. on the sub-
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Dy. Engr
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Extracts of One:

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works are to be accounted from
the eleven kept available for
the second half of 1886-87.