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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th March 1857.

No. 62. Read the following letter from M. C. CHASE, Esq., Acting Sub Collector in charge of Masulipatam; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th February 1857, No. 4.

SIR,

Para. 1. Certain statements having been made before the Tahsildar of Goodewadah, referring to the conduct of three Subordinates in the Public Works Department under the control of the Civil Engineer Kistnah Division, I forwarded these for the perusal and consideration of that Officer, who, in reply, stated "I have little doubt of the misconduct of the individuals "named, but having no means of obtaining evidence to bring home the charges, I shall be "obliged, if you will investigate them; and if possible, punish the parties as they deserve. Their "conviction by you will of course cause their dismissal by me from their present employment." The Subordinates above referred to, are charged by the Ryots of three villages with the exactions of the sums of Rupees 20-8, and 25 respectively in the course of distributing the annicut water to their villages during the past cultivation season.

2. There being no specific provision in the existing Law for the punishment of such an offence committed by Subordinate servants of the Public Works Department, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to favor me with the opinion of Government, by whom it is cognizable and as what offence punishable.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 485; dated 16th March 1857.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be referred to the Chief Engineer for report as to what has been the practice hitherto in punishing servants of the Department for misconduct. Colonel Faber will also state under what restrictions, and subject to what control, fines have been imposed upon these servants, whenever such punishment has been inflicted.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

9th N.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the February 1857.

Read the following

Letter from the acting Sub

Collector in charge of Beaudispatam

/ Nuwera 12th February 1857. No 4 /

The Right-Honorable

the Governor in Council does

not see any provision in the

existing law under which the

Collector can criminally pun-

nish the servants of the

Public Works Department under

the control of the Engineer for

exacting money in the course

of distributing water for irri-

gation.

2 Mr. Chase may

however investigate the

charges made, as the complainants

and

and witnesses will attend him more readily than the Civil Engineer and ~~dismissal~~ inform Collector of the Result from whom the Engineer will then receive further instruction.

3 The Government observe that in para 23 of Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department dated the 18th Instant No 173 it has been decided that provision shall be made in the Revised Rewarded Lands for the punishment criminally of the servants of the Public Works Department for corruption & Malversation.

W. B. E.

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Public Works
Rec'd 18th March 1857 Department
No. 341
from The Acting Sub Collector in charge of Municipalities

To The Acting Secretary to Government in the Judicial Dept.
Fort St. George

Dated 12th February 1857
Rec'd 18th —do— No. 4
from Chief Engr. 16th May 1856 No. 1005
No. before 16 June

Requesting to favour with the opinion of Government on the subject of punishing the subordinates in the Public Works Department, for charges brought against them —

With my Order
No. 485. 16th March

No. 485

Resolved that the foregoing letter be referred to the Chief Engineer for report as to what has been the practice hitherto in punishing servants of the Department for misconduct. Colonel Faber will also state under what restrictions and subject to what control fines have been imposed upon these servants whenever such punishment has been inflicted.

Fort St. George
16th March 1857

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