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

Read the following papers.

No. 56. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 4th March 1857, No. 10667.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 24th February 1857, No. 19.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, returning me the Abstract of Assistant Overseer Wright for January 1857 unaudited, on the grounds that his name did not appear in the supplement to the Gazette dated 28th January, and would beg respectfully to suggest, that, if the revised list of the Department of Public Works, is likely to be long delayed, the Chief Engineer should move the Government to authorize the Civil Auditor to pass pay bills such as these, the omissions having been clearly the result of a mistake. I am suffering under the same inconvenience of a total stoppage of pay.

No. 2771 dated 19th February 1857.

2. The Civil Auditor has also struck off Rupees 50 in Mr. Gilbanks abstract, for officiating for Lieutenant Chrystie, as per para. 12 of the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 28th January last, in the absence of an authority. I solicit your instrctions on this point, if an Officer in charge of an executive range leaves his District for any reason, but that of privilege leave, and his duty is performed by one of the upper Subordinates, is not the fact of such duty duly performed supported by the District Engineer's authority sufficient, to entitle the Subordinate to the allowance of 50 Rupees or is the authority of Government necessary in such case.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter No. 19, of 24th February 1857, for submission to Government, and to solicit that authority may be given for the Civil Auditor to pass the pay bills of Captain Francis District Engineer, and of Assistant Overseer Wright, until the final revision and re-publication of the list of Officers and Subordinates for the Department of Public Works takes place.

2. The establishment sanctioned allows 10 District Engineers of the 1st Class, whereas there are but 9 Officers named to that grade in the printed lists. The omission of Captain Francis' name being one clearly caused through inadvertency, the Chief Engineer would desire respectfully to submit that such omission might at once be rectified since the establishment is incomplete. Assistant Overseer Wright's name was totally omitted, but as it seems probable from a recent report* made by the District Engineer Coimbatore, that it will be found necessary to remand two of his Overseers very shortly to the Head Quarters Sappers and Miners, that they may appear before an Invaliding committee, Assistant Overseer Wright's name can be brought it is hoped permanently on the strength of the establishment, in the position to which his rank and service in the Department of Public Works, entitle him to look for.

No. 20, 24th February 1857, Para. 6.

Captain Francis reports as follows "para. 6.—I beg to bring to notice that Overseers Church " and Grayson will probably never be fit for duty again, it is the opinion of the Medical Officer " of this station, that they should be returned to Head Quarters of Sappers, to appear before " an invaliding Committee " and the Chief Engineer, would solicit the early orders of Government, both alike victims it is believed to habits of intemperance, and the sequel.—delirium tremous.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 57. Letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th March 1857, No. 10776.

SIR,

As a temporary remedy for the unfortunate oversight on my own part, by which the names of Lieutenant Drever and Magnay 2nd Assistant Civil Engineers were omitted from the permanent strength of the D. P. W., as notified under date the 27th January 1857, with retrospective action from the 1st Idem, I do myself the honor to earnestly solicet from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the favor of His Lordship being pleased to direct that from the 1st January last, the salary and allowances of an Assistant Executive Engineer shall be passed to those two excellent officers, whose services would indeed be a great loss to the Department, each having particularly high testimonials from the District Engineers under whom he has been employed.

2. In the event of a Revised List of the numbers of the D. P. W., and of a more enlarged version of the Rules published in the G. O. G. of the 3rd February 1857, being put forth, the names of Lieutenant Drever and Magnay would of course be placed in whatever position. His Lordship in Council may be pleased to permanently assign to those officers.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, No. 522; dated 21st March 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Civil Auditor to pass the salary bills of Captain Francis, the District Engineer of Coimbatore, his office having been sanctioned; but he observes that if Assistant Overseer Wright's pay should be disbursed, it will be extra to the sanctioned amount, and he will be borne on the establishment as a supernumerary. The same remark applies to the cases of Lieutenants Drever and Magnay, for whose salaries there is at present no sanction.

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

P.W.D.

No.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
Under date the March 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceed-
ings of the Chief Engineer.

Fort St. George March 1857
No. 10667

The Right Hon.
-orable the Governor in
Council authorizes the
Civil Auditor to pass
the salary Bills of Capt.
-tain Francis District
Engineer and of Assistant
Overseer Wright of the
Coimbatore District
whose names were in-
-advertently omitted in
the supplement of the
Gazette published on
the

the 28th January, until the
revision of the list of
Officers and Subordinates
for the Department of
Public Works
2 With reference
to the late Engineers
suggestions to rectify
the omission now brought
to notice, the Government
decline to make partial
corrections in the list
of the Public Works
Establishment but as
soon as Colonel Fabre
has reported the changes
that will be necessary
consequent on the error
which he made in
submitting the original
list of the Department
a general correction
will be made. It is hoped
that this list will be submitted
without further delay.

Copies to the Chief Engr
Oct 28th
Col Fabre
Audr

No. 522

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 21st March, 1857.

Read the following

Papers.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

Submits copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, and solicits that authority may be given to the Civil Auditor to pass the pay Bills of Captain Francis District Engineer and of Assistant Overseer Wright until the final revision and re-publication of the List of Officers & subordinates for the D.P.W. takes place and requests to rectify the omissions of Captain Francis and Overseer Wright's names in the List. — (Here enter 4th March 1857 No 1066)

From the Chief Engineer

the temporary remedy for the omission by which the names of Lieutenants Drewe and Magrath were omitted from the permanent Strength of the D.P.W. Suggests that authority may be granted for the Salary and allowances of an Assistant Executive Engineer being applied to those Officers. — (Here enter 4th March 1857 No 1077)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Civil Auditor to pass the Salary bills of Captain Francis, the District Engineer

c 17th March

Engineer of Coimbatore, his
office having been sanctioned,
but he observes that if Asst.
Overseer Wrights pay should be
disbursed, it will be extra
to the sanctioned amount,
and he will be borne on
the Establishment as a
Supernumerary. The same
remark applies to the cases
of Lieutenants Drever and
Magnay, for whose salaries
there is at present no sanc-
tion. The Chief-Engineer
is therefore requested to
send us without delay the
general list of corrections to
this previous list, when the
whole subject will be con-
sidered and disposed of.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Fto Cus 24th March.

No 522.

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Dy 25th March 57.

From the Chief Engr 24th June 57
Chs. 1240. Overseer Wrights pay
Comd
14th July

Authorizing the Civil Audr
to pass the Salary Bills of Lt Fr
Francis, the Dist Engr officiating
before & observing that if
Asst Overseer Wrights pay
should be disbursed it will
be extra to the sanctioned
amount & he will be
borne on the Estabt as a
Supernumerary applying
the same remark in regard to
Lt Dreaver & McGilvray for
whose salaries there is at pres
ent no sanction.

No 56 at 58.

Recd 17 June 1857