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G.O. No. 553	Press Mis.
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No. 20. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, D. P. W., dated 12th March 1857, No. 10878.

SIR,

With reference to paras 2. and 3 Extract Minutes of Consultation 9th January last No. 50, I have the honor to submit copies of two letters from the District Engineers of Bellary, and Trichinopoly, dated the 24th and 26th Ultimo, and I beg to again urgently request that the proposal made in my letter of the 29th October last No. 7620, may be authorized to be carried out, in consequence of the difficulties experienced by the above Officers, and further it is probable that like difficulties will be felt in other Districts.

Para 2.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 553; dated 26th March 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits two letters from the District Engineers of Bellary and Trichinopoly pointing out the inconvenience of the system of applying for Cash thrice a month, inasmuch as the drafts furnished to the Executive Officers on their application of the 20th reach them too late to be presented in the Talook Cutcherries for payment within the month, as required by Rule 6 of the Manual. Lieutenant Fisher recommends that the Indents for money may be sent to him by the Executive Officers twice a month; but Colonel Faber renews the suggestion contained in his letter of the 29th October 1856, No. 7620, (para 2) viz. that the entire month's expenditure for each Executive Officer being ascertained, the Tahsildars should be empowered to disburse equal portions of that sum on the 1st, 10th and 20th of the month, without further reference to the District Engineer.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has no objection to allow Executive Officers to send in their Indents for money to the District Engineer twice a month, or on the 15th and 30th, instead of three times as at present. Colonel Faber's proposition cannot be sanctioned for reasons stated in para. 3 of the order of Government dated 9th January 1857, No. 50.

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

No. 804

From

Lieutenant J.G. Reynes

District Engineer of Trichinopoly

To,

The Chief Engineer

in the Department of Public Works.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether the concluding line of para 3 of the annual precluding the cashing of Cheques dated in June out of the Fasly supervised for July. It frequently will happen and has already happened that Cheques withheld for on the 20th reach the Officer on the 26th or 28th and the Overseer or Contractor on the 30th who cannot present them for payment till after 1st of the ensuing month.

I have already in carrying out the letter of the above rule had to call in several Cheques and issue fresh ones causing delay and confusion &c.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J.G. Reynes Lieut.
District Engineer of Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly
24th February 1857.

True Copy

W.D. Eaton Colonel
Chief Engineer

Eqr. A.B. Shakler

District Engineer's Office
Belfast 4th March
Camp Ramandurg 26th Feb 1857

No 146.—

From
Lieutenant J. F. Fisher
District Engineer at Belfast

To
The Chief Engineer
Cape Town

Sir,

I have the honor to request I may be allowed to institute Executive Officers to hunt this district for Deserters for my Constructive duties, for a month with-in every ten days in this large District. Should it prove impossible to make the said indent available in a letter to days for a letter from Manchester to reach me, and 10 days back multiplies the indent, and leaves large balances in the Contractors treasuries.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt Svt
Lieut J. F. Fisher Royal
Engrs
District Engineer at Belfast

Chief Engineer

Secretary

Enclosure in a letter.
From,
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Dated 12
Recd } March 1857

No 1057

P.W. 300/57

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly requesting to be informed in regard to the Cashing of Cheques.—

Public Works Office

No. 553

Enclosure from the Commissariat

Under date the 26th March 57.

Received the Chief Engineer

Letter from the Chief Engineer

Here enter 12 Parcels Returns

Chief Clerk's Office

Memorandum for Letter

from the Director General

of Railway and Telegraphic

Communication

Minute of the System

of supplying Plan cases

Minute on Plan explanatory

of Specification

Minute on Plan explanatory

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Enclosure in a letter

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.

Dated 12 } March 1857.
Rec'd }

No 10875

P.W. 500/57

Copy of a letter from the Dep.ty Engineer of Bellary, requesting to be allowed to instruct Executive Officers to send their Indents for Money for countersignature twice a Month instead of every ten days.—

of the 20th reach them too late to be prevented in the Talook Cutcherries for payment within the month, as required by Rule 6 of the Manual. Sicitt Tahsildars recommend that the indents for money may be sent to him by the Executive Officers twice a month, but Colonel Faber never the suggestion contained in his letter of the 29th October 1856 No. 7620, (para 2) viz that the entire months expenditure for each executive Officer being ascertained, the Tahsildars should be empowered to disburse equal portions of that sum

sum on the 1st 10th and 20th of the month without further reference to the District Engineer.

2 The Right Honble the Governor in Council sees no objection to allow Executive Officers to send in their Indents for Money to the Districts Engineer twice a month or on the 15th and 30th instead of three times as at present. Colonel Faber's proposition cannot be sanctioned for reasons stated in para 3 of the order of Govt dated 9th January 1857 No 50.

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In Accts Genl

Public Works Secretary's Office
Dublin 26th March 1857

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Chief Secretary to request that you will have the goodness to cause the enclosed Letter to be delivered to Corporal Dryedale.

Yours truly
Edward Hennessy Esq

Public Works Office
26th March 1857

Allowing that Corporal Dryedale may have no objection to take the extra duty of Assistant Overseer of this District for the remainder of the present month or on the 15th and so to the end of the financial year.

No 20421.

No 10391 Central Office of P.W.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Sir, With reference to the report of the death of Corporal M. Drysdale of the Sappers and Miners, an Asst Overseer in the Wicklow District, on the 7th Feb 1857, which was communicated to Govt with Genl. from Pro. No 10421, dated the 21st Ultimo, I have now the honor to recommend, that Corpl. E. Sheehan whose entertainment as an Asst Overseer on the permanent strength of the D.O.W. was ordered in Genl. Ltr. Mon. No. 1689 of the 19th September last, may be Gazetted to be Asst Overseer vice Drysdale deceased, from the 7th February 1857.

Corpl Sheehan's name was omitted in the Draft List submitted to Govt purely from the circumstance of his name not appearing in any of the returns from the District his

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recent appointment to the P.W. Madras Presidency, and the distance he had to travel, having precluded the possibility of posting him sufficiently early to admit of his name being included in any return which reached the Central Office of P.W. Works for Year 1856-57.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t
Servt.

Fort St George
2nd March 1857

[illegible] Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

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