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No. 73. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 13th March 1857, No. 10913.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter* from the District Engineer of Coimbatore bringing to notice a difficulty in connexion with the Office Establishments allowed to Officers of the Department of Public Works.

* No. 25, dated 27th February 1857.

2. He observes that under the notification of the 28th January 1857, the Office Establishments are deprived of the permanent character which attaches to the rest of the D. P. W., and that they will not, from this course, attract superior men as heretofore.

3. The District Engineer's remarks are to a certain extent just, but the evil complained of will be partially obviated by an adherence to the orders of Government dated 11th October 1849, No. 968, wherein it is laid down, that Engineer Officers are not to take their establishments along with them when removed from one division to another, thus making the establishments a part of the District staff and not dependent solely upon the personal status of the Officers.

4. But as different grades of the Department are allowed different Scales of Establishments, a difficulty still occurs when an Officer of a higher grade is replaced by another of a lower standing. In such cases, it seems to me that the servants over and above the proper strength, might be required to join the District Engineer's Office, until an opportunity is afforded for placing them under the orders of an Officer of the corresponding grade. It will be necessary also to prevent frequent changes of this description, that the number and rank of the Officer's employed in each District should be kept up with little or no fluctuation.

5. Should the Government approve of these views, I shall communicate them by circular for the information of all Members of the Department.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, No. 578; dated 30th March 1857.

The Government do not anticipate that the difficulties anticipated by the District Engineer of Coimbatore and the Chief Engineer will ever practically arise.

2. The Districts have been classified according to their area, their revenue, and their local peculiarities, and an executive Staff has been appointed according to the wants of each. Unless the requirements of one or more Districts should, under peculiar circumstances, so materially alter as to call for change in the allotted executive, it is the intention of Government that the present arrangement should be permanent, and as there will therefore always be in each District the same number of each class of Officers as has been recently appointed, it does not appear to the Government, that there is any such prospect of establishments being thrown out of employ, as is anticipated by Captain Francis and Colonel Faber.

3. That some changes may be necessary on Officers first joining their Districts is very possible, but these are matters which in the opinion of Government may be arranged by the Chief Engineer himself.

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

No 378 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th March, 1857.

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Observing that the Govt do not anticipate any of the difficulties apprehended by the Dist. Engr of Combatore & the Ch. Engr relative to the prospect of Estabts being thrown out of employ by the present arrangements.--

Nos 3 & 4.