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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 86. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 9th March 1857, No. 10798.

Read application with Indent for Workshop Stores in Triplicate from the Officiating Garrison Engineer Fort Saint George, also soliciting authority for Rupees 10,000 to purchase timber, and requesting orders as to the disposal of the late Superintending Engineer's Lascars, Workshop, Plant, Office furniture &c. &c.

(Here enter No. 36 under date 7th March 1857.)

1. Resolved with reference to paras. 1 and 2 of the foregoing letter to inform the Garrison Engineer, that whilst the Chief Engineer does not object to authorize to the extent that the present state of the stores will permit the issue of the articles now indented for, he is altogether precluded from accepting or recommending any other terms but cash payment on delivery, under the distinct orders of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 456 of the 24th August 1855, and repeated in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1675 of the 17th September 1856.

2. With reference to paras 3, and 4, the Chief Engineer observes, that of the aggregate advance of (22,840) twenty-two thousand eight hundred and forty Rupees authorized to the late Superintending Engineer Presidency Division under date the 12th February 1856, it is only reasonable that half that amount should (under the new system of two separate Engineer Offices for Civil and Military expenditure ordered by the Government) be placed at the immediate disposal of the Garrison Engineer, and Lieutenant Colonel Atkinson is accordingly instructed to transfer the amount of Rupees 10,000 to Captain Rawlins at his earliest convenience, notice of which will be duly made to the Accountant General.

3. In reply to the P. S. of the letter now under consideration, resolved, that whilst the Chief Engineer cannot but feel some surprize as to the existence of any doubt regarding the control of the Lascars hitherto attached to the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division, he can have no hesitation in pointing out to the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer that that body of men are altogether retained for the duties of the Garrison, and were only placed at the Superintending Engineer's disposal, subject to the general control and orders of the Commandant of Engineers, in so far as hitherto that Officer may have had to fulfil the functions and discharge the duties of the Garrison Engineer. It will therefore be in future the sole and undivided duty of the latter Officer to assume direct charge of the whole body of Lascars, and to arrange for their effective discharge of duty, subject to the general direction and orders of the Commandant of Engineers, and to make the accustomed reports and distribution returns from this date. The Chief Engineer observes, that this arrangement being so obvious and indispensable a one, should have been made upon the receipt of his Extract Proceedings No. 9934 under date 28th January 1857.

4. In conclusion the Chief Engineer resolves to instruct the Civil Architect to make an equal allotment of the Engineer's yard, plant and of the Office furniture of the late Superintending Engineer, for early convenient transfer to the Garrison Engineer, and to forward a copy of these Proceedings to the Military Board and the Accountant General for their information, and to submit the same for the favorable consideration of Government, with a copy of the letter from the Garrison Engineer Captain Rawlins.

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

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, No. 585 ; dated 31st March 1857.

The Government are of opinion that it will be proper to make a proportionate allotment of the Engineer's yard, Plant and Office furniture between the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer after the extent of charge to be entrusted to each Officer shall have been decided, in regard to which the opinion of the Chief Engineer has been called for in the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 16th March 1857, No. 478. With respect to the machines required, the Chief Engineer is right in stating that they cannot be obtained without cash payment.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 31st March 1857.

2. Captain Rawlins should be directed to make a regular application for such Machines as he may require with a statement of their value, and the Chief Engineer should obtain the sanction of Government for the amount. The course to be observed in such cases has been already laid down in detail in the orders of Government, dated 21st January and 12th March, 1857 Nos. 145 and 460.

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

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No. 36.

From,

Captain H. W. Rawlins
Officiating Garrison Engineer

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. D. Works
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying Indent, in triplicate, for certain Civil Stores indispensably required in the workshop of the Garrison Engineer, and I solicit the favor of being allowed to receive them from the Arsenal at once, so as to bring them into immediate use.

2, I hope I may be permitted to receive the Articles free of cost as workshop plant, but should I be called on to pay for them, I will do so by degrees by charging with your permission a small per centage on my future estimates until the amount be realized.

3, I also take this opportunity of representing that this is the favorable period for purchasing Teak cheaply and advantageously, as ship loads are daily arriving from Moulmein and a month or two later in the season on their return

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return of the Monsoon, the price of timber in the market will rise considerably.-

6. I therefore respectfully recommend, that I may be allowed to receive 10,000 Rupees from the Rupees 20,000 advanced to Colonel Atkinson as Superintending Engineer Presidency Division by Extract Minute Consultations No. 200, of the 12th February 1856 for the purpose of purchasing Building Land & to credit the Amount in my Garrison Engineer's accounts under the head of advances for building materials.-

Fort Saint George
7th March 57

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) H. W. Rawlins
Captain
Officiating Garrison Engineer

P.S. I also beg the favor of being allowed on transfer receipt, half the workshop Plant, General Standing Stores, and Office furniture of the late Superintending Engineer's Department; and to request your orders as to the retention and controul of the Sascars heretofore attached to that Establishment

(Signed) H. W. Rawlins

True Copy
W. Eaton Colonel
Chief Engr

Comptd Copy

PWD

No 585

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 31st March 1857

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

/ Fort William 9th March 1857
No 1798 /

The Government
are of opinion that it will
be proper to make a
proportionate allotment
of the Engineer yard,
Plant and Office fur-
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Architect and Garrison
Engineer after the extent
of charge to be entrusted
to each Officer shall have
been decided, in regard
to which the opinion of
the

Enclosure in an Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer.
to
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept

Dated 9th March 1857
Read

No 1798 of 1857

Copy of a letter from Capt
Captain Fitz Gerald Engrs for
warding an Estimate in Triplicate
for certain stores required for the
New Portico of the Garrison Engrs
obtaining an advance of Rupees
10000 to purchase coals, and
Chief Engrs order regarding the
disposal of the Garrison Cadets
and late Asst Engrs Furniture
Plant, Office furniture &c &c

the Chief Engineer has been called for in the Extract Mins Cons dated 16th March 1857 No 478 with respect to the machines required the Chief Engineer is right in stating that they cannot be obtained without cash payment.

2. Captain Rawlins should be ~~unnamed~~ directed to make a regular application ~~to the Admiralty~~ for such Machines as ~~can~~ he may require ~~be supplied to him~~ with a Statement of their value, and the Chief Engineer should obtain the sanction of Govt for the amount, so that Captain Rawlins may be able to draw the amount and pay for the articles he may require.

The course to be observed in such cases has been already laid down in detail in the orders of Govt dated 21st January and 12th March 1857 Nos 163 and 460.

J. G. D.

Copies to the Chief Engr
Dockyard 1st April

The

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons: 31st March.

No. 585.

Extract Minute of Cons.
Dated 31st March 57.

From Chief Engr. & 3rd Engl. 57 Cir. 1550. 31 Cons: 18 May.

Observing that it will be proper to make a proportionate allotment of the Engrs Yard Plant & Office furniture between the Civil Architect & Garrison Engr, after the extent of charge to be entrusted to each Officer shall have been decided.

From Chief Engr 3rd Engl. 57 Cir. 1550. 31 Cons

No 86 & 87.

C 21 Nov 1857