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No. 30. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 17th March 1857, No. 892.

Read the following letter from Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 3rd March 1857, No. 35.

SIR,

With reference to my letter No. 141, of the 6th August last, I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the annexed Extract (paras. 2 and 3) of Military Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of India, No. 6, dated 2nd January 1857, declining for reasons stated to authorise the formation of an Invalid Company of Sappers and Miners at Fort Saint George.

Extract Military Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of India, No. 6, dated 2nd January 1857.

Letter dated 8th August 1856, No. 270.
Recommend to favorable consideration the proposal by the Officer Commanding the Madras Sappers and Miners for forming an Invalid Company of Sappers at that Presidency.

2. The principal object of this proposal is to allow of the retention in an Invalid Company of Sappers who, although unfit for active duties, are yet well qualified as Maistries or Superintendents of Works. We find however that this measure is not necessary for that object, as many *pensioned* Sappers, men who have recovered their health and strength sufficiently for such duties, are employed in these capacities. The Officiating Military Auditor General states that they are employed *"largely by the Railway Engineers."**

* Report dated 27th June 1856.

3. No Invalid Establishment for the Sappers has heretofore been authorised at any of the Presidencies. We are reluctant to authorise a change in this respect without a necessity, which at present is not apparent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 611; dated 2nd April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 20th March 1856, No. 426.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George
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J. Grieve for the Chief Secy. to Govt.