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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 108. Read the following Circular Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 23rd March 1857, No. 11171.

Read the following Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation.

(Here enter 16th January No. 112, and 17th March 1857, No. 486.)

Notwithstanding that the Chief Engineer has received no representations respecting such obstructions to the discharge of professional duty by the members of the D. P. W., as cannot fail to be caused by the withholding of supplies and the actual necessaries of life in any of the Collectorates in the Madras Presidency, except the District of Cuddapah; but on the contrary has every reason to believe, that a uniform desire prevails on the part of the Revenue and Police authorities throughout the Provinces, to facilitate the practical working of the new system now in course of introduction, by every means in their power; yet, on the ground of prevention being better than cure, he has arrived at the conclusion, that it may not be inexpedient to publish the foregoing orders of Government, and to circulate the same for the information of all concerned.

Colonel Faber has been given to understand that the denial of provisions and refusal of the Village and other authorities to take charge of official despatches and reports in the District of Cuddapah, is to be partly attributed to a meaning that was never intended having been given to the orders of Government regarding the future disuse of all authority and constraint, in the matter of labor, prices, and materials. It is expected that Executive Officers shall be independent of all official assistance in procuring work-people, artificers, building materials, and carriage; and that kind treatement with fair prices, and punctual direct payment, will seldom, if ever, fail in ensuring the due execution of Public Works. But whilst there is to be no coercion (except in cases of accidents, such as floods and breaches, when, for the common safety, the Tahsildars are to use impressment of coolies &c. &c.) as regards the ordinary operations of the professional Department, there is no option as to its members being promptly and punctually supplied with the necessaries of life required for daily use, and it is hoped that the orders now circulated will put an end to any doubts that may have existed (without the Chief Engineer's knowledge) on this subject, on which both the comfort and efficiency of the Department of Public Works so greatly depend.

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

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, No. 707; dated 17th April 1857.

With the above Circular, the Chief Engineer transmitted entire copies of the orders of Government of dates noted in the margin in which they remarked in strong terms upon the difficulties encountered by the Officers of the Public Works Department in the Cuddapah District. Such a proceeding on the part of Colonel Faber is opposed to para. 2 of Minutes Consultation dated 16th August 1856, No. 1451. It was there directed that for the sake of avoiding the possibility of offence the orders which may be issued from the Central office should have no reference to particular cases in which any animadversion or censure may have been recorded. The Government hope that the Chief Engineer will for the future strictly adhere to the rule.

Ex. Mins. Cons. dated 16th January 1857, No. 112
do. dated 17th March „ „ 486

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

Pub Works Dept.

№ 707.

Extract from the Minutes of Council

Under date the 17th April 1857

Read the following

Circular from the Chief

Engineer.

Here enter 23d March/57 pb. 117

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Write the above Cir-
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of the Public Works Dept. in
the Land & Pub. District. Sur
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Colonel Baker is opposed to
pieces 2 of Minr. Coun. dated
16th

16th August 1856 etc 1864, Section 2.

Board have decided ~~that~~ for the sake of avoiding the possibility of officers the orders which may be issued from the Central Office should have no reference to particular cases in which any animadversion or censure may have been pronounced by the Cape of Good Hope Natal Harbour Engineer until ~~Board~~ further instructed strictly to adhere to the rule.

W. B. B.

A Copy to the Chief Engr
Oct 18th

Public Works 1857 Depts.
Dr to Govt 21st April 8

No. 707.

Extract Mins: of Govt:
Dy 17th April 57.

Ex Pro. Chief Engr 25th Novr 57
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Observing that the Chief Engineer has transmitted entire Copies in one of his Circulars of the Orders of Government, and that under a proceeding is objected to the Orders of the 16th August 1854, No 1468, which directs that the Orders issued from the Central Office, should have no reference to particular cases, in which any animadversion or censure may have been recorded.

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