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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th April 1857.

No. 72. Read the following letter from the Military Board; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th March 1857, No. 352.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of Government No. 460 of 12th March 1857, and to state that so clear and satisfactory is the arrangement therein proposed for the settlement of store transactions so as to give them "all the weight of cash transactions" that we would desire to have the principle made applicable to those transactions whenever Military Paymasters are also concerned.

2. Government are aware that this Board studiously avoid all dealings in money by endeavouring to employ paper as the means of settling accounts, and that this has been effected by means of transfer receipts.

Transfer.

Military Pay Office

Company's Rupees

No.

Received from the Secretary Military Board, Fort Saint George, the sum of Company's Rupees being the amount paid into my hands by the Commissary of Ordnance on account of Military Stores sold on payment Indents vide for which amount credit is this day given in my accounts with the Military General Books.

(Signed.)

——— Paymaster.

3. For instance a Commissary of Ordnance on receiving money on payment for stores sends the cash to the Paymaster who grants him a Transfer Receipt for the amount in the form as per margin, and that receipt, with all other receipts being sent in to our office at the end of the month are all collected and sent up to the Accountant General, who directs the requisite credit being given to the Ordnance Department, and thus the whole receipts form cash transactions in our Books and without the payment to us of any money are adjusted.

4. We would desire to improve this system by requiring the party who pays over the money to send it in to the Paymaster and at once obtain from him the transfer receipt, and thus cut off from the Ordnance Officers the objectionable practice of receiving cash.

5. The Accountant General might easily prepare printed forms of transfer receipts for the payment for stores and distribute them to Collectors and Paymasters who necessarily could only sign such receipts by making a corresponding entry in the Books of cash received, or debited.

6. If Government approved of the above, we would easily settle all the details in communication with the Accountant General.

(Signed) Æ. SHIRREFF, Brigadier,
Commandant of Artillery.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieut.-Colonel,
Stipendiary Member.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 781; dated 25th April 1857.

In this letter the Military Board request that the principle laid down in the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th March 1857, No. 460, in respect to the settlement of Store transactions, may be made applicable to the Military Paymasters. The Government seeing no objection to the measure, approve of the proposition made by the Military Board.

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

Account Department.

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No. 352.

From

The Military Board.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Departt.

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Other

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We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants,

Military Board Office,
Fort St George,
24th March 1857

Edw Shirreff Brigadier
Comptr of Artillery.

G. Walker Lieut Colonel
Stipendiary Member.

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Dft. to Com.r 17th March/57 N.11412

Pub. Works 1857 Despatch
Dft. to Com.r 28th ditto
From N.625.
The Military Board
To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 24th March 1857
Rec.d 25th ditto

Solicit the extension of the principle laid down in the Resolution of Government No.460 dated 12th March 1857, to transactions in connection with supplies of Military Stores issued on payment.

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Letter and Order
No.781. 25th April

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No.781

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Fort St. George
25th April 1857

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Accts Genl.

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