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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th May 1857.

No. 77. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 10th March 1857, No. 10805.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the work described in the margin has been under execution by the Staff Officer at Saint Thomas' Mount who drew for Superintending the same at the rate of four Rupees a day, from the month of April to September last, on which latter date was completed the 6 months for which such allowances are authorized to be passed under G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852.

For repairing different roads within the limits of the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount Rupees 10,357-6-7 sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 756, dated 6th March 1855.

2. Another Bill for the Superintendence of the same work for the month of October was received in the Central office to be passed, but as it was incorrect, and as this Office had no authority to continue to pass any further allowance it was returned to the District Engineer of Chingleput, and he was requested to call upon the Staff Officer to state how much of the estimated amount of the work was expended up to September, the amount of expenditure in October, and the balance which remainded on the 1st November last. I beg to submit the District Engineer's reply letter on the subject with its accompaniments being one to his address from the Staff Officer at Saint Thomas' Mount. From these letters it appears that a balance of Rupees 7,522-10-1 remained on the 1st November last.

3. As the G. O. G. alluded to above authorizes Superintendence for all works above 2,000 Rupees to be continued only for 6 months, and as that period has elapsed, I beg to recommend that the allowance be continued to the Staff Officer until the work shall have been completed, and as each months Bill for the same will be countersigned by the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, there will be sufficient proof of the necessity of the charge. I would beg also to recommend that the allowance be authorized to commence from the month of October last, the minor allowance of 2 Rupees a day, stated by Lieutenant Colonel Browne to have been drawn by him for October, November, and December for superintending repairs to Military buildings at that station will, if the Government should be pleased to sanction my recommendation, be deducted from the higher allowance for those months, as the G. O. G. does not allow two separate allowances to be drawn by the same Officer for the same periods.

4. It will be seen from the accompanying copy of a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, that the orders of His Excellency the Commander in Chief are express that the repairs shall be carried on by the Cantonment authorities, and *not* by the Department of Public Works.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, No. 849; dated 2nd May 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 756, dated 6th March 1855, a sum of Rs. 10,357-6-7, was sanctioned by Government, for the repair of the different roads within the Cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Browne, was it appears the Superintending Officer appointed; and he drew the allowance for the 6 months permitted in G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852 para. 4.

	Rs.
Amount of estimate	10,357
Deduct Balance on 1st November	7,522
Remainder	2,835
Deduct 6 months Superintendence at Rs. 120 per month	720
Remainder	7) 2,115
Amount of average Expenditure per month	302
Total amount of expenditure on the work	2,835
On Superintendence	720

or nearly 25 per cent.

3. During the first 7 months of the operations, work to the amount of 302 Rupees per mensem appears to have been executed; and the amount drawn for Superintendence was Rupees 720.

4. Colonel Faber now requests the special sanction of Government, under para. 9 of the G. O. G. above quoted, to the continuance of the allowance from the expiration of the above mentioned 6 months, to the completion of the work. Adverting to the extremely small amount

Fixed Rate of me [illegible] the amount of 302 Rs

of work performed, and the very large proportion borne by the cost of Superintendence to the cost of the actual work, the Governor in Council must decline to sanction any continuance of this allowance; and he would point out to Colonel Faber that its further sanction for an indefinite period would be a direct premium upon delay.

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

Extract from the Proceedings of Consultation No. 849 dated the 2nd February 1857.

Read letter from the Chief Engineer recommending that Superintendence allowance may be continued to the Staff Officer at St Thomas' Mount for superintending the repairs of the Cantonment Roads.

Resolved No 10805 of 5th March 1857.

In Ethl No 755. dated 6th Jan. 1835 a sum of 10357 6.7. was sanctioned by Govt. for the Repair of the different roads within the Cantonment of St Thos' Mount Gunpowder Hill &c. from which the Superintending Officer abstracts; and he drew the allowance for the 6 months permitted in G.O.G. No 246 1832 P. 4

During the first 7 months of the previous work to the amount of 302 Rs

per mensem appear these
have executed; and the
amount drawn for superinten-
dence was Rs 720.

2. Col Faber now requests
the special sanction of Govt.
under Para 5. of the G.O.G.
above cited, to the
continuance of the allowance
from the Expiration of the
abovementioned 6 months,
& the completion of the
work. Adverting to the
Extremely small amount
of work performed, & the
overlarge proportion borne
by the cost of Superintendence
to the cost of the actual
work, I do not
decline sanctioning any
Continuance of this allowance;
and he would point
out to Col. Faber
that its further
~~the Continuance~~
~~Such an allowance~~
sanction
for an indefinite period
would be
a direct premium
upon the delay.

Amount of Estt. Rs 10.857
Deduct Bal. on 1st
November. 7622
Remainder 3235
Deduct 6 months
Superintendence at
Rs 120 per month 720
Remainder 7/2115
Amount of average
Exp. per month 302

Total Amt of Expenditure
on the work. 2005
Do Superintendence 720
or nearly 25 per cent.

3. In C.M.C. No
of this date Govt. have direct
ted, pending the settlement
of a dispute which has
arisen between the Staff
Officer at the Mount
respecting the Superinten-
dence of Public works,
in the Cantonment that
they be transferred
to the District Engineer of
Chingleput. The Commis-
sioner Col. Browne therefore
with the work alluded
to above will cease.

W.H

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No 849.

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Dd 2d May 57.

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Saint Thomas Ireland for
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