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Read the following papers.

No. 79. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 20th March 1857, No. 11132.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government copies of the correspondence as per annexed statement, which has passed between Brigadier Sherriff, Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, the District Engineer of Chingleput Lieutenant Moberly, and the Central office, on the question of that branch of the D. P. W. which consists of the repairs and construction of Military buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. The correspondence now submitted for his Lordships early orders, refers occasionally to matters irrelevant of the question immediately at issue, but the documents requiring particular notice are the following.

3. Letter No. 28, dated 30th May 1856, in which Brigadier Sherriff requested to know if the repairs of works at Saint Thomas' Mount were to be executed under the orders of the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division. In reply* to which it was requested that they might be so, pending the orders of Government.

* Letter No. 3955 10th June 1856.

4. In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1153, dated 11th July 1856. Government ordered that the buildings in the Stations of Palaveram, Poonamallee and Saint Thomas' Mount should be placed under orders of the District Engineer of Chingleput, this order was communicated to the Officers commanding the said stations, to the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division and to the District Engineer of Chingleput in Extract from Proceedings No. 4972, dated 17th July 1856, and the subject being thus authoritatively disposed of, it was to have been expected and hoped that there was no room left for further question or agitation. The existence however of a wish to avoid the practical working of this decision was presently manifested with respect to the execution of the large estimate of Rupees (13,761-12-10) thirteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-one, annas twelve, and pice ten, for repairs to Trunk road No. 8 with Military limits, and under the orders of his Excellency the Commander in Chief conveyed through the Quarter Master General of the Army on the 22nd November last, the road operations were exempted from Departmental agency and confided to the local Staff Officer to the exclusion of the experienced Assistant Superintendent Captain Heathorn.

5. Reverting however to Military expenditure; in a letter No. 21, dated 23rd January 1857 Brigadier Sherriff reported that under the provision of G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852, he had authorized and nominated the station Staff Officer, in Cantonment orders to execute all the special, and annual repairs required to the buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount and he therefore requested that instructions might be given to the District Engineer to transfer and entrust all the Public Works to Lieutenant Colonel J. Brown 6th Light Cavalry as soon as the estimates were passed.

6. In Extract from Proceedings No. 9936, dated 31st January 1857, a copy of the foregoing letter was forwarded to the District Engineer for early report, and the order contained in para. 1 of G. O. G. No. 24 dated 6th February 1852, respecting the Superintendence allowance to be granted to Staff or other Supervising Officers in the absence of professional agency was quoted for his guidance.

7. It should here be mentioned that in a letter No. 8566, dated 3rd December 1856, the District Engineer had been informed that by the express orders of Government, he was to hold the same relative position to the Miltary buildings in the Cantonments of Palveram, Poonamallee and Saint Thomas' Mount that the Superintending Engineer had formerly done and that there was no question whatever as to his own personal and direct responsibility for the proper management of the Military branch of his duties, but it was left optional with him to avail himself of the sources of the local Staff until the final arrangements for establishments &c., were sanctioned for adoption.

8. In his letter No. 120 dated 7th February 1857, the District Engineer pointed out the additional expense that would be entailed on the State by placing the Military buildings under the Staff Officer. A copy of this despatch was forwarded to Brigadier Sherriff with Extract from Proceedings No. 10194 dated 10th February 1857, in which the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle then in charge of the Central office observed that under the circumstances, it appeared advisable that the special and annual repairs of the buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount should be executed under the Superintendence of the Engineer Department of the District Engineer at Chingleput.

9. In his letter No. 109, dated 27th February 1857, Brigadier Sherriff again recommended that the repairs of the buildings should be made over to the Staff Officer and in Extract from Proceedings No. 10885, dated 12th instant I expressed regret at being unable to comply with a request which caused additional expenditure, and I might have added which rendered the new departmental arrangements partially inoperative.

10. Subsequently to the despatch of these Proceedings a copy of a letter No. 57, dated 6th March 1857, from the Station Staff Officer Lieutenant Colonel Brown, to the District Engineer was forwarded* to the Central office in which Lieutenant Colonel Brown, decline to make over the buildings unless Brigadier Sherriff's orders were over-ruled by some superior Authority, and in which he declined to make the usual entries of the amounts of estimates for each work in the column for that purpose, albeit, such amounts in aggregate regulate the rate of his own remuneration for Superintendence. On this in Extract from Proceedings No. 10945, dated 14th instant I requested the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount to kindly let me know if he had directed Lieutenant Colonel Brown to make over the Military buildings to Lieutenant Moberly or if it were his intention to do so; it being inexpedent that any further misunderstanding should be allowed to continue.

* Letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput No. 246, dated 7th March 1857.

11. Throughout the whole of this prolonged discussion, which I believe the Government will consider to have been wholly supererogatory after attention had been requested to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1153, of the 11th July 1856, it had been hoped that by temperately shewing the obvious supercession of the rules of 1852 (referring solely to exceptional cases which no longer exist of defective professional agency) by the subsequent increase and reform of the Department Public Works, the painful necessity of an appeal to Government as to whether Commanding Officers, or the head of the Department shall regulate the operations of repair, would have been avoided.

12. But the Officer Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount in his rejoinder No. 63 of the 16th Current having reported that he has already applied to the Commander in Chief for his Excellency to over-rule my departmental arrangements, I cease to possess the alternative of prolonged forbearance (already possibly of too great continuance) and I am compelled to solicit the early orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council upon the whole correspondence of which the foregoing precis presents only those features which directly bear upon the question whether such prescriptive powers were conferred on Commanding and Staff Officers by the regulations of 1852 as to debar the Government from turning the services of its professional Officers to account in the repair and construction of public buildings in Military Cantonments.

13. But as already stated in para. 2 there are other and irrelevant topics introduced, tending, I unfeignedly lament to say to give that character of personality of feeling which is the too frequent attendant of Indian official correspondence, notwithstanding that it may be fairly claimed for the Central office of P. W. to have scrupulously avoided the discussion of all but strictly Departmental arrangements and to have conveyed the opinions of the Chief Engineer in a manner eminently temperate, clear and conciliatory.

14. The objectionable conduct of a subordinate Official in the Department of Public Works, Mr. Page is alluded to more than once in the letters from the Commandant, and he in consequence was not recommended to fill a higher permanent position than that of "Sub Overseer." although previously employed and much commended as an "Assistant Overseer." The District Engineer was forbidden moreover to continue Mr. Page in charge of works in the Cantonment at the Mount. The Engineer's former agent David Daniell had also been removed, in deference to the wishes and unfavorable reports of the Brigadier a few months previously.

15. But whilst adducing the foregoing instance to exemplify the desire of the Central office to comply when it was practicable to do so, with the applications of an Officer of the standing and rank of Brigadier Sherriff Commandant of Artillery and Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, I cannot similarly accept the grave and deliberate accusation of that high functionary against the District Engineer himself; and now that in a despatch of the 16th Instant, Colonel Sherriff has officially reported Lieutenant A. Moberly to have treated the Commandant with such "uniform discourtesy" as to preclude the possibility of any further communications even on matters of public duty, it must have been my own painful office to solicit the intervention of His Lordship in Council, whether the Brigadier Commanding had preceded me, in his appeal to Army Head Quarters or not.

16. Already disappointed in my expectation to restrict this communication within the limits of a moderate brevity, I am unwilling here to enlarge upon the lamentable effects on the public service, which would inevitably ensue, if all other. Commanding Officers were to exhibit the same reluctance and jealously in employing the servants of the D. P. W., on professional duties within the limits of their respective commands. Nor will I even dwell upon the financial consequences of continuing to use an unpractised stipendiary agency, when the permanent and skilled Officers of the professional Department are at the disposal of Government.

17. But I will in conclusion permit myself to request the attention of Government to the practical disadvantage of excluding the Madras Presidency from the operation of those fundamental rules which have been found indispensable in both Bengal and Bombay, as well for the avoidance of collision as for the protection of the public interests and of the Officers of the D. P. W.

18. The Military Board submitted their Circular order XXVIII of the 13th October 1854, for the previous authorization of Government and although the application of that most useful and necessary order was limited to the Saugor and Nerbudda territories, yet it would seem obvious, from what is now going forward in a Cantonment only a few miles from the seat of Government, that the subjoined para. 1, (Extracted from the appendix to Jameson's Bombay Code) might be most beneficially published in G. O. G., as applicable in future to the whole of the Madras Presidency, a measure which accordingly I venture to recommend for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Para. 1. (Vide Military Board's Circular order No. XXVIII of 13th October 1854, "Engineer Officers and men employed in the Department of Public Works are not under the direct "Military authority of the Commander in Chief or Officers in command of divisions or stations, "whatever may be the nature of the work on which they may be employed; they are under the "immediate control of the Military Board and Government; and no Officers in Military Com- "mand have any authority to interfere with their proceedings, or with the employment of their "time in the course of their duties excepting in so far as they may be authorized in calling "upon them to furnish professional reports or information, or to execute works on emergency."

P. S.— Lieutenant A. Moberly's reply to the Commandants accusation of "uniform discourtesy" will be submitted without delay, when received in the Central office.

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

No. 80. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 23rd March 1857, No. 11186.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer Chingleput.

Furnishing certain explanation together with copies of correspondence for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the charge brought against him by the Brigadier commanding St. Thomas' Mount. } (Here enter March 21st 1857, No. 311.)

Resolved to forward the foregoing letter No. 311 of the 21st March 1857, for the information of Government in continuation of the Chief Engineer's Despatch No. 11132 of the 20th Instant.

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

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, No. 850; dated 2nd May 1857.

With the papers above recorded, the Chief Engineer submits copies of a correspondence between the Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount and the District Engineer of Chingleput, upon the question of whether the superintendence of Public Works in that Cantonment, is vested in the Staff Officer of the Mount, under the orders of the Brigadier, or in the District Engineer. Colonel Faber gives an abstract of the correspondence in the third and following paragraphs of his letter.

2. He observes that in November 1856, the road operations in Saint Thomas' Mount Cantonment, were exempted from Departmental agency by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, although in the previous July, by Extract Minutes Consultation 17th July 1856, No. 1153, the three stations of Palaveram, Poonamallee, and Saint Thomas' Mount, had been transferred to the professional charge of the District Engineer of Chingleput. This is however, not an accurate statement of the case. It appears from the Quarter Master General's letter to the Chief Engineer of the 22nd of November, to which Colonel Faber refers, that the Commander in Chief was under the impression that the roads within the Cantonment were under the charge of the Military Department, and His Excellency objected to the charge being withdrawn, and stated that he had no power to order it without the authority of Government.

3. In January 1857, Brigadier Shirreff reported to the Chief Engineer, that he had authorized and nominated the Station Staff Officer at the Mount, to execute all the special and annual repairs required to the buildings in the Cantonment, and he requested that Colonel Faber would instruct the District Engineer, to "transfer and entrust all the Public Works to Lieutenant Colonel J. Brown 6th Light Cavalry, as soon as the estimates were passed."

4. The Brigadier's letter was referred to the District Engineer for report, and Lieutenant Moberly having pointed out the additional expense that would be entailed on the State, by placing the buildings under the Staff Officer, Colonel Faber informed Brigadier Shirreff, that the special annual repairs of the buildings at the Mount, could best be executed under the superintendence of the Engineer Department.

5. Subsequently, another recommendation of Brigadier Shirreff's to the same effect, was similarly replied to, but the station Staff Officer, misunderstanding the orders of Government of 17th July, declined to make over charge of the buildings to Lieutenant Moberly until the Brigadier's orders had been over-ruled by some competent authority; Colonel Faber then made a final reference to the Brigadier, requesting information as to whether he proposed to leave the executive in the hands of the District Engineer in accordance with the order of Government referred to above, and in reply was informed that the Brigadier had applied to the Commander in Chief for orders. Brigadier Shirreff at the same time remarked that he had been treated with uniform discourtesy by the District Engineer, and that the buildings and other works in the Cantonment were carried on in a manner most unsatisfactory to him.

6. The Government were in hopes that the orders of 22nd January last, defining the duties of the Conservancy Committees would have been sufficient to guard against the occurrence of misunderstandings like the present. The purport of those orders may be briefly recapitulated as follows. In each Cantonment it is intended that there shall be a Conservancy Committee to look after and determine the public and sanitory wants of the Cantonment in all respects. The station Staff Officer is to be the Executive Officer for all Public Works in the Cantonment, under the District Engineer. No provision for paying the Staff Officer is made in the order of 22nd January, but G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852, allowing such Officers 4 or 2 Rupees per diem, is still in force. By the above it was intended that the duties of the Conservancy Committee should be distinctly confined to suggesting new works and repairs or alterations either to buildings or roads, and to reporting the circumstance if either were in bad order, or had been badly executed. All estimates are to be confirmed by, and all work performed under the orders of, the Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

7. The difficulties which have arisen at the Mount, owe their origin to a mistaken idea on the part of the Brigadier, that a Conservancy Committee is empowered to give orders respecting the execution of work, as is shewn in his letter to the Chief Engineer of the 23rd of February,

stating that he had authorized and nominated the station Staff Officer in Cantonment orders, to execute all special and annual repairs to the Military buildings, and in the District Engineer's letters to the Chief Engineer dated the 7th of February and 9th of March last, representing that repairs were being carried on at the Mount without any estimates being previously prepared, or any intimation being given to him, that repairs were required, so that the first intimation he receives is from the bills when the work is completed. The Staff Officer on the other hand has looked upon himself as under the Brigadier's command, and refers to instructions from him, whereas in the performance of the duties devolving upon him as executive officer, he is placed by the orders of January 22nd above quoted, solely under the District Engineer. Colonel Brown's mistake in the matter is shewn in his letter to the District Engineer of the 6th of March, declining to make over the Military buildings at the Mount to Lieutenant Moberly, on the ground that they had been placed under the charge of the Brigadier Commanding the Station.

8. The perusal of the papers connected with the present reference has led the Government to reconsider the question upon which a decision was passed in para. 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation of January 22nd viz. whether the Station Staff Officer should act as the Executive officer of the Department Public Works in Cantonments, or whether the work should be done by the District Engineer's Establishment. It appears that if the former course be adopted, frequent misunderstandings, as on the present occasion, are likely to arise, and also that it is not probable that the station Staff Officer will often possess the professional knowledge and experience, required to enable him successfully to perform his duty.

9. The Government are disposed to think that it would be better to leave the Executive entirely to the Engineer's establishment, an intelligent Overseer from which constantly resident in the Cantonment, would, in most stations, be generally sufficient for the work. Care would of course be taken to select a subordinate whose character, general conduct, and demeanour, were satisfactory to the Brigadier, and he would be strictly enjoined to attend with readiness to the wishes of the Conservancy Committee. But before deciding finally upon the question, all Officers Commanding Military Cantonments will be called upon through the Military Department, to state their opinions as to the course proposed.

10. It only remains to notice in the present order the charges brought against Lieutenant Moberly by the Brigadier Commanding the Artillery. These are twofold, first, that the District Engineer has maintained an uniformly uncourteous behaviour towards Brigadier Shirreff, and secondly, that works in the Cantonment have been carried on in a most unsatisfactory way. Before passing any opinion upon this matter, the Brigadier will be called upon to specify instances under both heads of his complaint.

11. Pending a final settlement of the question of Superintendence, the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the Public Works at the Mount remain in the exclusive charge of the District Engineer who will give his best endeavours to meet the wishes of the Brigadier in Command, so far as he can consistently with a strict adherence to the Rules of the Department.

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

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In the other hand - if the Officer is

I imagine that in most states an intelligent answer to the question from the Chairman would probably limit the hours of labour but it would scarcely be necessary to make any provision as to the wages.

P.W. Depôt

No. 850

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2d May 1857.

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr. with 2 Brigade Books
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do to Cons 5th May.

No. 850.

Extract Minute of Cons.
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Extract from the Proc. of the Chief Engineer dated 30 June 56 No 1300 in 24th Brigadier Charteris's Comp. Cannot against Lieut Mobsby —

From the Chief Engr 15th Jany 57 No 205 in Cons.

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