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

No. 84. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 13th March 1857, No. 10901.

SIR,

1. In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 2077, dated 10th November 1856, Government observed, that the Execution of Military Works hitherto carried on by Staff Officers of Divisions, and Stations, must under the new Organization of the Public Works Department be now performed by the District Engineers, and in desiring to be distinctly informed whether in fixing the District Establishments provision has been made for this additional work, directed that no changes be made until the District Establishments are fully completed, and finally sanctioned.

2. To complete fully the District Establishments, it only remains to appoint the Members of the 2nd and 3rd Classes of the Lower Subordinates, and the several District Engineers are now engaged in preparing the requisite nominal Rolls for approval. These arrangements are likely to be finally completed very shortly, when the District Engineers will be in a position to take over charge of the Military Works in their respective ranges.

3. In proposing the Establishments as now authorized, provision was made for all duties to be performed by the Engineer Department, and it may be considered expedient from the 1st May next, by which time the Establishments are likely to be fully completed, to rescind the order contained in G. O. G. allotting Rupees (4) four, and Rupees (2) two, per diem for Superintendence allowance to Staff Officers.

4. Exclusive of the Saugor, Mysore, and Hyderabad, Territories, the permanent establishments hitherto maintained for the construction and repair of Military Buildings in the Division under this Presidency are as follows.

	Rs.	As.
Northern Division per month	105	
Centre do.	63	
Southern do.	105	
Cannanore do.	129	8
Ceded Districts	105	
Neilgherry Hills	28	
Total	535	8

5. These Establishments from the 1st May next will have to be reduced, and with the approval of Government, the District Engineers concerned, will be directed as far as possible, to provide other employment for them, or failing in that, to recommend the members for appropriate gratuities on the reduction being made.

6. It is hardly necessary to observe that the saving of Rupees 6,424 yearly will be a very notable reduction from the ostensible cost of the D. P. W.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, No. 852; dated 2nd May 1857.

The Chief Engineer in his present letter reports with reference to Minutes Consultation dated 10th November 1856, No. 2071, that provision was made in the new Establishment for the additional work that would devolve on the District Engineers by taking charge of the Military works which have been heretofore executed by Staff Officers with the aid of separate Establishments at a total monthly charge of Rupees 535-8,* and recommends that the works in question be transferred to the former Officers from 1st May next, by which time he believes the Establishments are likely to be fully completed. Colonel Faber also points out that G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852 allotting allowances to Staff Officers for the superintendence of the works should be cancelled.

*Northern Division	105	0
Centre do.	63	0
Southern do.	105	0
Cannanore do.	129	8
Ceded Districts	105	0
Neilgherry Hills	28	0
Total..	535	8

Engineers by taking charge

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2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of the works alluded to, to the District Engineers, from 1st May 1857, and under this arrangement the permanent Establishments hitherto maintained as stated above will be discontinued. The incumbents will, as proposed by the Chief Engineer, be provided with other employment, or recommended for gratuities.

3. Pending the final settlement of the question of Superintendence in Military Cantonment, referred to in Minutes of Consultation of this date No. 850, the G. O. G. No. 24 of 1852, referred to by the Chief Engineer, will remain unaltered.

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

Public Works Dept.

No. 852

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

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer.

No.

Store entered 13 March 1857
No 10901

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Northern Division	—	105
Centre	— do —	68
Southern	— do —	105
Canara	— do —	129-8
Ceded Districts	—	105
Neilgherry Hills	—	
	Total	52

2. The Right Honble the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of the Works alluded to, to the District Engineers from 1st May 1857, and under this arrangement the permanent Establishments hitherto maintained as stated above will be discontinued. The incumbent will, as proposed by the Chief Engineer, be provided with other employment, or recommended for gratuities.

3. Orders will be issued from the Military Dept to cancel that G.O. No. 24 of 1852 referred to by the Chief Engineer.

Pending the final settlement of the question of superintendence in Military Establishments referred to in these cases, this date Rup 850. Re G.O.G. No. 24 of 1852, referred to by the Chief Engr. will remain unaltered

J.G.

4 Copies to the Chief Engr
3 — Auty Qr Mr Genl
1 — Accountant / Civil Auditor

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Do to Cons: 5 th May.

No 852.

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From the Cons.r of Public Works 27 April 57 Ref.d 1299
Cons.d & Appd
From Chief Engr 29 June 57 &
No 1316 in 4 to 14 July

Sanctioning the transfer of the work of repairing & constructing Military Buildings to the District Engrs from 1st May 1857 and directing the discontinuance of the Permanent Establishment hitherto maintained & the incumbents be provided with other employment has recommended for gratuities

No 84 & 85.

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