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

No. 108. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 18th April 1857, No. 11841.

Read the following letter from ARTHUR HALL, Esq., Collector of South Arcot; to Colonel C. E.FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore 6th April 1857, No. 282.

SIR,

Adverting to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 521, dated 21st Ultimo, directing the total transfer of the executive duties in the Public Works Department of this District, from the Collector to the District Engineer, on the 1st of next month (May) I have the honor to request, that you will be so kind as to inform me, whether I may be allowed to retain any of the servants in my Hoozoor Cutcherry, either temporarily, or permanently, for the purpose of looking after such accounts as it will still be necessary for me to keep even, when the Executive duties rest with the Engineer.

2. I have at present the following persons on my Marahmut establishment viz.

		Rs.
1	Accountant	40 per month.
1	Goomastah	15 do.
1	do.	7 do.
1	do.	5 do.
1	English writer	15 do.

3. To prepare the accounts, and Bills of the works, executed during the Current official year, the services of the Accountant on 40 Rupees, a Goomastah on 15, and an English writer on 15, seem to me to be absolutely necessary for at least six months, otherwise I see no prospect of my being able to draw them up within any definite period.

4. I beg also, to be favoured with instructions as to what should be done with these men at the expiration of that time, if I am permitted to retain them.

5. It is I think very desirable, that one Goomastah on 15 Rupees, a month should be permanently entertained by me under the new system, to keep the accounts of the money transactions, clear, and in simple order, and I therefore beg to solicit sanction for doing so.

Resolved, to forward to Government for favorable consideration, and orders copy of the foregoing letter No. 282, dated 6th April 1857, from the Collector of South Arcot, requesting permission to retain 3* writers of the Maramut Department for six months to prepare the accounts and Bills of works executed during the Current Official year, with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that the application be granted.

	Rs.
* 1 Accountant on	40
1 Goomstah on	15
1 English Writer	15
Total for month	70

With reference to para. 5, of Mr. Hall's letter, the Chief Engineer observes that on the transfer of the Executive to the Professional Department being completed he is of opinion that there will still exist some sort of necessity for the entertainment of a Maramut Servant in the Hoozoor.

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

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, No. 864; dated 5th May 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the retention by the Collector of South Arcot in his office of the three Marahmut servants noted in the margin for six months from the 1st Instant. After that period they will be transferred to the District Engineer.

	Salary. Rs.
1 Accountant	40
1 Goomastah	15
1 English Writer	15
Total	70

2. The Government are unable to entertain Mr. Hall's proposition permanently to employ in his Cutcherry a Goomastah on a salary of Rupees 15 per month. No such additional expenditure was found ne-

cessary in other Districts, and the duties connected with the Public Works Department, which may still devolve on the Revenue authorities, after the transfer, are not, it is supposed, likely to be of such extent and character, as to put it out of the power of the Collector's general establishment to attend to them."

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

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No. 864

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 5th May 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer S.P.W.

(Here enter 18th April 1857 No. 11841)

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council sanc-
tions the retention by the Col-
lector of South Arcot in his
Office of the three Paramut
servants noted in the margin
for six months from the 1st
Instant: after that period
they will be transferred
to the District Engineer.

2- The Government are
unable to entertain Mr. Hall's
proposition permanently
—to

	Salary
1 Accountant	40
1 Goomastah	15
1 English Writer	15
Total	70

to employ in his Cutcherry a Coomastah on a Salary of Rs 5 per month. No such additional establishment was found necessary in other Districts, and the duties connected with the Pub Works Dept, which may still devolve on the Revenue Authorities, after the transfer, are not, it is supposed, likely to be of such extent and character, as to limit it out of the power of the Collr. general establishment to attend to them

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d/ 20th October 1857 C. No 2077.
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Sanctioning the retention by the Collector of South Arcot in his office of the three Marakar-must-Servants for six months from 1st May 85, and to be transferred to the District-Engineer after that period; and observing that Government are unable to entertain Mr. Hall's proposition permanently to employ a Coarmatkar in his Cutcherry.

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