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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st April 1857, No. 1318.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring for consideration paras. 27 and 28 of Chief Engineer's letter dated 3rd February 1857, No. 10005, renewing his former application that the like proportional amount of warrant promotion that has been bestowed on the Bengal Army should be accorded to the Madras Corps of Sappers and Miners. } (Here enter 2nd April 1857, No. 608.)

Ordered that the required promotion of Warrant Officers be notified in G. O. as soon as the grades and number shall have been determined upon in the Public Works Department and nominations made of the individuals to be promoted.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 874; dated 6th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 3rd February 1857, No. 10005.

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

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1318.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 21st April 1857.

Read the following,

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, ~~under~~ date the 2nd April 1857, *No.* 608.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 3rd February 1857, No. 10005.

Para. 7. In paras. 27 and 28 of his letter the Chief Engineer calls the attention of Government to the omission in the letter from this Government to the Government of India dated 10th October 1856, No. 1842, of the application contained in his former letter of 9th August 1856 No. 5652, that the like proportional amount of Warrant promotion that has been bestowed on the Bengal Army should be accorded to the Madras Corps of Sappers and Miners,

Para. 4. copies of the para. of Notification of the 17th June 1856, and of paras. 27 and 28 of Colonel Faber's present letter and of para. 3 of his former letter will be furnished to the Military Department for consideration and disposal.

Extract from the Rules Prescribing and Regulating the duties of the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Chief Engineer, dated 17th June 1856, *No.* 989

4. The Chief Engineer shall have authority.

I. To order the investigation of projects, and the preparation of surveys, plans and estimates for any works.

II. To sanction, duly recording his reasons, necessary alterations in the constructive details of works during their execution, provided that no increase of charge to the amount of more than 5 per cent. above the estimate is caused by such alterations.

III. To sanction all estimates for repairs that cannot be sanctioned by any inferior authority; with the exception in the case of buildings of estimates exceeding one-fourth of the value of the buildings.

IV. To pass finally all Bills for work done on estimate, except such exceed the corresponding estimates by more than 5 per cent. or bills for emergent work to irrigation works, roads and bridges, and canals, or such bills as, on account of fraud failure, fault or irregularities require to be specially brought before the Government.

V. To pass bills for expenditure made on annual allowances, when within the amount of the allowance.

VI. To post and transfer all Commissioned and Uncovenanted Officers below the rank of Assistant District Engineer and first Class Executive Officer, as well as all Sub Engineers and Overseer: recording his reasons for all transfers for the information of Government if called for, and submitting monthly returns of all such postings and transfers.

VII. To grant leave for one month in each year to Sub Engineers and Overseers, when duly applied for through their proper Superior Officers, recording his motives for the indulgence in each case.

VIII. To pass indents for stores, machines, tools and instruments according to the fixed allotment for each District and each functionary of the Department.

IX. To direct the movements and operations of the inferior Officers and subordinates, so far as he may consider necessary, but without infringing on the necessary authority of the local Engineers.

X. To sanction contracts for the execution of work.

XI. Generally to issue orders on all matters not specially provided for in the Rules, or reserved for the decision of Government.

Extract from a letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 3rd February 1857, *No.* 10005.

Having now replied as fully as I am able to the orders of Government under acknowledgment, I have to solicit the early and particular attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to the apparently accidental entire omission in the letter of the 10th October 1856 No, 1842 of the application contained in Para. 3 of my own despatch No. 5652 of the 9th August 1856.

28. It was in conformity to para. 4 of the G. O. G. G. No. 117 of the 17th June 1856 that I respectfully claimed on behalf of the Corps of Sappers and Miners in the Madras Presidency, the like proportional amount of Warrant promotion that has been so liberally bestowed on the Bengal Army. His Lordship in Council and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief are fully aware in how disadvantageous a position compared with Bengal and Bombay, the European Non-Commissioned Officers of the Madras Sappers and Miners have long been placed with but a single Warrant Officer at Regimental Head Quarters throughout the whole Corps. If I do not greatly mistake Deputy Commissaries, Assistant Commissaries and Deputy Assistant Commissaries, have already been appointed under the G. O. G. G. 17th June 1856; and feeling sure that the Madras Government will vigorously support the just pretention thus brought forward. I now respectfully renew my application of the 9th of August last, and I trust that His Lordship in Council will recommend the Warrant Commissions to bear the same date in the Madras Presidency, that they already do in Bengal.

Extract from a letter from Chief Engineer, dated 9th August 1856, *No.* 5652.

3. In further accordance with the provision, (which in this Presidency has so long been anxiously looked for) for the promotion of deserving Non-Commissioned Officers in the Department Public Works, in order to supply a Staff of Warrant Officers for service in the Field, it is proposed, that in conformity with para. 4 of the Notification of the 17th June 1856, No 117, the following establishment be filled up by promotion, from the Non-Commissioned Officers employed in the Department Public Works viz.

Establishment of Warrant Grades for the Non-Commissioned Officers of Sappers and Miners.

Deputy Commissaries.....	2
Assistant do.	2
Dy. Assistant do.	2
Conductors	9
Sub Conductors	12

the numbers being obtained, as nearly as fractions permit, by maintaining the ratio of 3 in Madras to 5 in Bengal, drawn from the strength of the Corps of Engineers in the two Presidencies, there being 5 Battalions in Bengal, and 3 Battalions in Madras.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the required promotion of Warrant Officers be notified in G. O. as soon as the grades and number shall have been determined upon in the Public Works Department and nominations made of the individuals to be promoted.

(True Extracts.)

S. W. Brownlow

Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With a spare Copy

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Extract from the Mins.
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From Genl. Dt. of Engrs & Chief Engr's
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Ordering that the
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With an order
N°. 874. 6th May

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Ordered to be commu-
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with reference to his letter dated
3d February 1857 N°. 10005

Fort St George
6th May 1857

J Cooper to the Chief Engr Dep.t