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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st July 1857.

No. 13. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL Esq., Acting Collector of Guntoor; to HENRY FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Condaveed, 23rd June 1857, No. 12.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the following arrangement to facilitate the payment of the salaries of the subordinates of the Department of Public Works in this District.

2. At present these subordinates are scattered at numerous places, and I have endeavoured to have their salaries disbursed in the several Talooks in which they are stationed. When there are no funds in the Talooks, it is necessary to send Peons expressly to convey the salaries to the several subordinates. The Talook collections are remitted on 15th of each month to the Hoozoor and the abstracts of Department Public Works do not reach me till about the 14th 15th or 16th of each month, so that it is impossible to disburse them from the collections, and money has often to be sent from the Hoozoor expressly for the purpose. Deductions from the Collections to be retained in the Talook for this object are objectionable as they prevent the test afforded by the remittance of the whole amount of cash credited in the accounts.

3. A simple remedy for the matter is to be found in the earlier audit of the abstracts of the Department. These are despatched from Bezoarah on the 1st of the month, and it is 3 days Tappal to Madras; the Civil Auditor promises to pass all abstracts, within 48 hours and it is again 3 days Tappal back to Bezoarah and 1 more to me again at Guntoor, making altogether 9 days as the full period required for the pre-audited bills to reach me. Now if bills reached me even on the 11th or 12th of the month, I could conveniently make the necessary arrangements for the payments alluded to from the Talook collections under the proper head to which they belong.

4. I should not have troubled you with this communication, had I seen any prospect of more expedition in the Audit Department which I have addressed on the subject on a former occasion.

5. To further expedite the payments of salaries on the Department Public Works. I proposed in my letter of the 6th February last, to the Accountant General that the abstracts when passed should be returned to me direct by the Civil Auditor, instead of to the District Engineer at Bezoarah, which would save 2 days post. Any corrections or deductions made by the Civil Auditor in the abstracts, I could pass on to the District Engineer, or the Civil Auditor might in such cases send the bills direct to the parties concerned.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 1367; dated 16th July 1857.

The arrangements proposed by the Accountant General for remedying inconvenience in regard to the late receipt of their salaries by Officers of the Department of Public Works, having been ordered in the Extract Minutes of Consultation Financial Department, dated 6th June 1857, No. 320 no orders appear necessary on the subject of the letter above recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No 12.

Guntur District
Collector's Office
Received 25 June
1857

From

H. Newell Esq

Acting Collector of

Guntur

To

Henry Forbes Esq

Acting Secretary to Government

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Yours most obediently
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Acting Collector

29th Nov. 32 (Nov) / 57 M. 14-18.

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The arrangements proposed by the Accountant General for remedying inconvenience in regard to the late receipt of their salaries by Officers of the Department of Public Works having been ordered in the latest minutes transmitted Financial Department dated 6th June 1857 No 336 no orders appear necessary on the subject of the letter above recorded.

24 July 57

Fort St. George
16th July 57

Order to the Agents of Customs

29th Nov 57 32 (Nov) / 57 M. 14-18.

From the Agent of Customs
to the Secretary
of the Department
of Public Works

read 1838 June

Recd 29th 28 1857

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For consideration of any
sum of money to be
paid to the Agents of the
Customs of the Public
Works of the State

With our order
of 16th July 57

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