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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 23-7-57

G.O. No.	1439	Press Mis.
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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 70. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, to Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 25th July 1857, No. 1439.

Sir,

I have the honor, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3rd Instant No. 3265, and to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that his instructions therein contained for the stoppage of Public Works, and the reduction of the Public Works establishment have been duly carried out.

2. The Chief Engineer was requested to suspend all, save Military works without delay, and to furnish a statement shewing those which it will be proper to continue under the limitations prescribed by the Government of India; and when that statement is received, every care will be taken to restrict the expenditure in this Presidency within the narrowest practicable limit.

3. The reduction in the establishment has been already ordered as will be seen from the

No.	Description of Officers.	Officers Pay.		Establishment.	
		Rate.	Total amount per mensem.	Rate.	Total amount per mensem.
7	Executive Engineers 3rd Class.....	Rs. 400	Rs. 2,800	Rs. 150	Rs. 1,050
9	do. 4th Class.....	300	2,700	104	936
12	Assistant Executive Engineers.....	200	2,400	69	828
63	Assistant Overseers.....	70	4,620	27	1,782
3	1st Class Sub Overseers 1st Grade.....	60	180		
10	do. 3rd Grade.....	40	400		
342	3rd Class Sub Overseers.....	25	6,550		
		20 & 15			
	Total.....		19,650		4,596
	Total per mensem.....				24,246
	Total per annum.....				2,90,952

Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary, dated 18th Instant. The extent of reduction as specified in the margin amounts to Rupees 2,90,952 per annum. The total annual outlay for Public Works Establishment is about Rupees 13,75,000 and a further reduction of Rupees 53,000 will have to be made to make the aggregate saving one-fourth of the whole as required in para. 4 of the letter under acknowledgment. This Government have been unable

immediately to meet the wishes of the Government of India to the full extent; but when they have come to a conclusion as to what works shall proceed, as they hope soon to do, the instructions of the Government of India will meet with full attention.

4. The Government direct me to point out that in the selection from the last Budget of the works to be executed this year, a list of which accompanied your letter under acknowledgment, the Government of India do not appear to have made any provision for the prosecution of those important lines of road which are highly necessary in a Military point of view, inasmuch as they would tend in no small degree to facilitate the march of Troops, and I am to request their orders on the subject. The Government believe that at least ten lacs of Rupees might be judiciously employed upon such works, with great advantage to the State, and this expenditure, if authorized will afford means of subsistence to a proportion of the large number of laborers who have been now thrown out of employment; from which an increase of crime is much apprehended:

5. In conclusion I am desired by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to assure the Government of India that he will give his cordial aid towards that restriction of expenditure, which he is fully sensible is now highly necessary, while at the same time he cannot but deplore that this Presidency should have to suffer for the delinquencies of others.

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Public Works Dept

No 1437

To
Colonel H. C. Baker

Secretary to the Government of
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To the Secretary to the
Govt of India. D. 8th
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To the Secy to the Govt of India.
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Intimating that the
instructions contained in the
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Yours