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No. 81. Circular from the Chief Engineer; to all District Engineers, Civil Architect Garrison Engineer, and Superintendent E. C. Canal, dated 11th July 1857, No. LXVI of 1857-58.

SIR,

Preparatory to more detailed instructions which will be issued at the earliest possible period, I do myself the honor, under orders, to intimate to all members of the D. P. W., the necessity of putting an immediate and absolute stop to all outlay whatever on works of internal improvement throughout the Presidency.

2. This interdict is not to be partial in its operation, but universal, the interpretation being relaxed only so far, as to admit of works being prosecuted to such a stage, as may ensure their comparative security.

3. Thus, whilst road improvements can be abandoned at once, it may be necessary in bridges, to complete arches already commenced, to uncentre them, and to place the structure, though still incomplete, beyond the risk of injury by exposure to the weather.

4. But with the spirit of the order, there nevertheless is to be no paltering, and references recommending exemption for exceptional reasons will be received with marked displeasure. In all cases however critical, there must always be a certain discretion confided to local Officers; but they, whose expenditure is the most rapidly reduced to a cypher, will at the present conjuncture, best exhibit their discretion.

5. Even repairs are to be in no wise liberally *prospective*; that which is indispensable to arrest decay, or to prevent danger, must be performed, and performed well; but this limit of bare safety is not to be overstepped.

6. For Military works, and buildings for the accommodation of Troops, there is however to be no falling off in energy of prosecution.

7. All estimates in the Military Department will therefore be worked out, and doubtless with all the greater rapidity, that the strength of the executive will in so large a measure be concentrated upon these works.

8. Finally, it is not meant that there should be an unwise parsimony in the execution of bonâ fide ordinary repairs on works of irrigation, on which the land Revenue is dependant; nor should materials collected already in large quantities, such as bricks and lime, be unnecessarily sacrificed. Whenever the value of these can be recovered by the addition of workmanship, thus converting the stores into an unfinished building indeed, but one unlikely to be injured by exposure, it may be the truest economy to use up materials of an unenduring character. Timber however, and granite, may be stored with safety, and the Officer who ventures to prolong executive operations under this specialty, will incur a most serious responsibility, and be liable to the substantial displeasure of Government.

9. Attention is drawn to the subjoined resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Financial Department, No. 2603 of the 27th June 1857, and to the following Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the D. P. W. under date the 3rd Instant, No. 3265.

Resolution.—"Having regard to the Financial position of the Government, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council considers it expedient, that all Public Works of every description, except works in the Military Department, and inexpensive works of a very urgent nature, should, forthwith, be stopped at all the Presidencies, and that the establishments of the Public Works Department should without delay, be reduced to the lowest possible scale."

"Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for the issue of the necessary orders."

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

"In forwarding for the guidance of the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, No. 2603, dated 27th Ultimo, I am directed at the same time to transmit copy of an Extract which has been made in this office from the Budget of the Current Official year received with your letter, No. 462, dated 12th March, which will give an idea of the description of works which alone appear to the Government of India necessary to be carried on, it being considered that all others should be at once suspended. I am however to add, that while this selection of works is not intended to be absolutely binding on the Government of Madras on the one hand, on the other, it is not to be understood as giving any authority to continue works, the necessity for which, is not absolute, and that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council depends upon the Government of Madras acting without any reservation on the spirit of the Resolution in regard to the temporary limitation of expenditure on the Public Works now ordered in the Financial Department.

2. "In regard to the sums set down opposite the works of improvement, amounting to Rupees nine lacs and seventy-nine thousand, it is to be understood that this amount represents the estimated probable expenditure up to the date on which the suspension of these works may take place from the 1st May last and conveys no authority to expend that sum, if it has not already been laid out. The stoppage of all such works is for the present to be understood as absolute, and to take place immediately."

3. "With reference to repairs, the sum set down in the Budget has been reduced, on the consideration, that there will be some repairs which, though generally advisable, may, without risk, be deferred for the present; and it will be understood, that a strict watch is to be maintained upon this branch of the Public Works expenditure, with a view to its being kept down to the lowest possible amount which is consistent with the security of the works or buildings in charge of the Public Works Officers. Where any repairs can be deferred, it must be put off as long as possible, having due regard to the real security and stability of each separate class of structure &c. &c."

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

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 1445; dated 27th July 1857.

In para. 8 of the Circular above recorded, the Chief Engineer has directed the Officers of the Public Works Department "to use up materials of an unenduring character," such as, "bricks and lime;" so as to convert "the stores into an unfinished building unlikely to be injured by exposure."

2. The Government conceive that misapprehension may arise from the wording of the Chief Engineer's Circular, and that Officers may from it, consider themselves authorized to make use of all the bricks and lime stone that may have been collected for any work, and they therefore wish that such explanatory orders may be issued as will prevent such proceedings.

3. Burnt bricks and unburnt lime will not be injured by exposure, and whatever may have been prepared should be carefully preserved, and made available when the present restriction on expenditure may be removed. Burnt lime, or chunam, alone, will spoil by keeping; but as it is generally prepared only for daily use, and no large quantity ever is, or ought to be, on hand, but trifling loss will result from abandoning what may be ready, even if it cannot be sold.

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

Circular.

No LXVI of 1857-58.

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Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for the issue of the necessary orders. -

(A true extract)

(Sig^d) C. H. Lushington

Secretary to the Govt of India

(True copy)

(Sig^d) W. E. Baker Esq.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant.

W. E. P. Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

Public Works Dept.

No. 1445.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 27th July 1857.

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(Here entered 17th July 1857)

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