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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Cons. 26-5-57

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th May 1857.

No. 78. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th April 1857, No. 12045.

SIR,

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 508, dated 20th Ultimo, the expediency of maintaining in force the provisions of Minutes of Consultation No. 1331, Military Department, dated 4th May 1855, was ordered to be considered in the Public Works Department.

2. Having given the subject due consideration, I have the honor to express my opinion in favor of the provisions being maintained, and would suggest further, that under the same limit of expenditure, viz. Rupees 100, the provisions should be expended to buildings, and works of every description.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 1005; dated 26th May 1857.

In this letter, the Chief Engineer submits as his opinion with reference to para. 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 11th March 1857, No. 823 that the provisions of Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department, dated 4th May 1855, No. 1331 viz. that the execution of trifling alterations, and improvements, involving an outlay not exceeding Rupees (100) one hundred, may be effected by the Military Board in communication with the Commander in Chief without the previous sanction of Government should still be kept in force.

Vide Public Works Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 20th March 1857.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the continuance of the rule in question, subject however to modification hereafter, when the rules of the Public Works Department generally are decided upon. The Chief Engineer will take the place of the Military Board in sanctioning the expenditure to the extent alluded to, and the adjustment of all such expenditures will be governed by the rules applicable to repairs, which that Officer is already empowered to authorize.

3. The Government are not at present disposed to extend the above principle of executing alterations and improvements without reference to Government to buildings and works of every description not in the Military Department as suggested by Colonel Faber in his communication above recorded.

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

A. E. Fisher Esqr M. C.

Central Office of R.W.

No. 12045 Fort St. George 24th April 1837.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government

R.W. Department.

Sir.

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 508, dated 21st Ultimo. the expediency of maintaining in force the provisions of Minutes of Consultation No. 1331, Military Department, dated 4th May 1835, was ordered to be considered in the Public Works Department.

2. Having given the subject due consideration, I have the honor to express my opinion in favor of the provisions being maintained, and would suggest further, that under the same limit of expenditure viz: Rupees 100....., the provisions should be extended to buildings, and works of every description.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your most obedt. Servant

A.W. Taylor Colonel

Chief Engineer

A.W. Taylor Esqr. to C.C.

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No. 1005

From the Minutes of Consultation
No. 4331 dated 26th May 1857.

Read the following

Letter from the Chief Engr.

= Engineer.

(Received 24th Oct. 1857 No. 12045)

To the Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Authorities
Sir Sir Sir

Do Navy 2 of Oct. 1857 re
Comm. the Multiplying Depth

Dated 11th March 1857 No. 823

Mark the Accounts of Capt.
Mem. of Comm. Multiplying Depth
Dated 11th May 1855 No. 1331

Recd. the Executions of
Profiles altered as ordered

Public Works 1857 Despatch
Days 26th May
No. 843

From the Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government
Mil. Department

Dated 23rd
No. 2778 April 1857.

I. E. No. 1005. 26th May
No. 12045

With reference to Gl. Mem. Cons.
No. 508 dated 25th ultimo, expressing
an opinion in favor of the provisions
of Minutes of Consultation
No. 4331 Military Department
dated 4th May 1855 being main
tained, and suggesting that they
should be extended to buildings
and works of every description.

Estimate of Parade 5th Dec. 1854
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11th May 1822

improvements involving an outlay not exceeding Rupees (100) one hundred may be effected by the Military Board in communication with the Commander in Chief without the previous sanction of Government should still be kept in force.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the continuance of the rule in question, subject however to modification hereafter, when the rules of the Pub: Works Dept. generally are decided upon. The Chief Engr. will take the place of the Military Board in

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in sanctioning the expenditure to the extent alluded to, and the adjustment of all such expenditures will be governed by the rules applicable to repairs, which that Officer is already empowered to authorize.

3. The Govt. are not at present disposed to extend the above principle of executing alterations and improvements without reference to Govt. to Buildings and works of every description not in the Milty. Dept. as suggested by Col. Baker in his communication above recorded.

9 Copies to the Chief Engr.
3 — Brigr. Genl.
1 — Asstt. Genl.

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Cons 26th May.

No 1005

Enclosed Minute of Cons:
of 26th May 57.

Gen. Chief Engr 20th June 57
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Sanctioning the continuance of the Rule, that the execution of trifling alterations and improvements to Military Buildings involving an outlay not exceeding Rs 100, may be effected by the Military Board, in Communication with the Commander in Chief, without the previous sanction of Govt, subject however to modification hereafter, when the Rules of the P. W. D. generally are decided upon.

No 784 79.

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