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From

H. FORBES, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

To

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. E. BAKER,

Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 27th March last, No. 560, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer at Madras, with a Tabular Statement of the establishment he would propose, for conducting the duties of the executive division, of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, at a monthly expense of 571 Rupees. A copy of the letter from the Brigadier Commanding H. S. Force received with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 12th May, on the same subject is also herewith transmitted.

Dated 20th April 1857, No. 11879, with Tabular Statement.

2. Colonel Faber offers observations in his letter on the constitution of this Division, and the mode in which the agency is to be conducted; from which it will be observed that his sentiments accord entirely with those, which this Government have already submitted in my letter of the 27th March last, as to the necessity for unity of control and in this opinion, it will be observed, that Brigadier Coffin concurs. In para. 2, Colonel Faber comments on the acts of Colonel Henderson, in holding correspondence with the Officiating Resident at Hydrabad and the Government of India, while still holding the subordinate position of Superintending Engineer, without consulting either the Madras Government on matters affecting them, or his then official superior the Chief Engineer at Madras; and in para. 9, he points out the inconsistency of Colonel Henderson retaining the executive control of the building of the Trimulgherry barracks, as it involves the anomaly of a Chief Engineer being his own executive; and he reports that the barracks estimate only provides an allowance of 200 Rupees per mensem for Superintendence, while Colonel Henderson would appear to draw a special allowance of 350 Rupees a month. On this point however, this Government observe that the allowance is included in the extra establishment of Rupees 668-7-6 sanctioned temporarily for the barracks. Lastly, in para. 12, Colonel Faber adduces an instance of the confusion likely to arise from the anomalous position, which it is proposed that the Chief Engineer at Hydrabad shall occupy, in his relation to the Madras Presidency. Colonel Faber is at a loss to conjecture, what connection the assigned Districts of Hydrabad have with the brick making machine supplied to the Trimulgherry barracks; and he properly remarks that, he is coerced into a position, from which he ceases to be able to make enquiries, or to issue any instructions, respecting valuable professional plant. These are points, which this Government leave to the Government of India, to take into consideration, in determining the question now before them.

3. I am directed to take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 21st April last, No. 1837, communicating the orders issued by the Government of India, in the Financial Department regarding the Public Works Establishments authorized for the Hydrabad Territory. It is observed that the arrangements proposed as regards the executive Division, of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, are the same as those already fully considered and objected to in paras. 4 and 5, of the Extract Minutes Consultation communicated with my

recent letter of the 27th March last; the establishment proposed, as chargeable against the Madras Revenues, viz. Rupees 572, being the same as that enumerated in para. 5 of the Extract and being in excess, by one Rupee, of that now recommended by Colonel Faber. As the Government of India, have offered to re-consider the question, with reference to my recent Despatch, this Government have simply communicated the instructions of the Supreme Government for the information of the Chief Engineer, and for his guidance, until the receipt of further orders. The Government observe from para. 4 of your letter, that the whole of the expenditure will be checked and passed in the Chief Engineer's office at Hydrabad, under the orders of the Government of India; but they understand that that Officer will, at the close of the official year, furnish a Statement of the expenditure chargeable against the Madras Revenues, to the Accountant General at Madras for the necessary adjustment being made in his books; and that Colonel Henderson will, in his capacity of Superintendent of the Trimulgherry barracks, render the accounts of that work to the Chief Engineer at Madras, for audit and adjustment.

ave the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

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

Public Works Dept.
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To

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Secy, Govt of India

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Fort St. George
31st May 1854

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The Secretary to the
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Dp.t 30th May 57.

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