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No. 7. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 15th June 1856, No. 1186.

SIR,

With reference to para. 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1117, of the 10th Instant, I have the honor to state, that the view taken by Government of the addition proposed by me to be made to Rule No. 3, in para. 4 of the Notification of the 27th January last is correct, and my reasons for suggesting it are:

1st. That Officers, though employed for a length of time on any one work, are obliged to keep up their Camp equipage, and generally to reside in tents, for it seldom happens that other accommodation is provided for them.

2nd. That in the event of such work being stopped from want of funds, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Officers are liable to be called upon to undertake other duties, so that they are obliged to keep up their marching establishments.

and 3rdly. That Officers so employed, are exposed the greater part of the day in superintending the Executive operations, and though no actual marches may be made by them, they have their supplies of materials to look after, in the way of bricks, stones, chunam, wood &c., which often obliges them to ride long distances, and to find other shelter than their standing Camp.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1278; dated 1st July 1857.

In his letter of 22nd April last, the Chief Engineer suggested that Officers in charge of particular works should be permitted to draw travelling allowance during the whole time of their stay on the spot, and the Government, remarking in Extract Minutes Consultation 10th June para. 2, that no such rule exists in Bengal, called upon Colonel Faber to state his reasons in support of his proposition.

2. In reference to this requisition, the Chief Engineer now forwards the letter above recorded, submitting his grounds for the suggestion he has made.

3. Marching allowance is not paid to Officers, as Colonel Faber appears to suppose, because they reside in a tent, but to re-imburse them for the expense of carrying their tents and camp equipage about. The proposed rule is therefore inapplicable to cases in which Officers remain in one spot for a lengthened period, and consequently do not keep up a travelling establishment.

4. The supposed case of a work being stopped for want of funds, advanced by the Chief Engineer as a second ground, is not very likely to occur, and no officer will consider it necessary to keep up his marching establishment on the chance of such a contingency.

5. The third or last reason submitted by Colonel Faber, is that an officer may have to ride about to look after his bricks, his lime kilns, &c. This may be very true, but as no unusual expense will arise in consequence, no extra remuneration is needed. It must be remembered that, although an officer lives in his tent, or goes to some small expense in erecting a bungalow, he is at the same time saved all expense for house rent.

6. The Public Works Department being liberally paid, the Government are, for the reasons above stated, not willing to accede to the present proposal of the Chief Engineer.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George 15th June 1857.

No 1184

From

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government

P.W. Department

"Public"
Travelling allowances.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No 1117, of the 10th instant, I have the honor to state, that the view taken by Government of the alteration proposed by me to be made to Rule No 3, in para 4 of the Notification of the 27 January last is correct, and my reasons for suggesting it are.-

1st That Officers employed for a length of time on any one work are obliged to keep up their Camp equipage, and generally to reside in tents, for it seldom happens that other accommodation is provided for them.-

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and 3dly.- That Officers so employed, are exposed the greater part of the day in Superintending the Executive Operations, and tho no actual marches may be made by them, they have their supplies of materials to look after in the way of bricks, Stones, Cement, Wood &c. which often obliges them to ride long distances, and find other shelter than their standing Camps...

Central Office of Ord
Ord & Genl
15th June 1837

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
A. Foster Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
D. Mjr Gen. Ord. &c.

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From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
R.W. Department.

Dated 30th June 1837.
Recd 16th July

No 1186.

Sec No 1278. 1st July

States in reply to Gen Comm
No 1117 of the 10 Instant this
reasons for suggesting an
addition to be made to Rule
No 3 in para 4 of the Notification of the 27 January
last.

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reasons for the Measures
they did not think proper
to adopting them.

The reasons and
observations by the Chief
Engineer, I do not
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Govt. to withdraw the
Rule to be established.

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Comprising the
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P. W. Dept.

No 1278

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 1st July 1857

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 15th June/57 No 1186)

In his letter of
22nd April last the Chief
Engineer suggested that
Officers in charge of par-
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Copy to the Chief Engr. Dispatch.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dr to Cons. 7th July.

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Extract Mins: of Cons.

From the Chief Engr 3/20 Oct 57
Ct No 2589 in Rec. 30 Jan 58
No 202

Dft 1st July 157.

Passing orders on a letter from the Chief Engineer submitting reasons for suggesting an addition to be made to rule No 3 in para 4 of the Notification of the 27th January last, relative to the Officers in charge of particular works being permitted to draw travelling allowance, during the whole time of their stay on one spot.

No 1718.

From the Chief Engr 18th July Ct No 1453 Cons. 18 Augt
From Chief Engr 3/23 Oct 57
Ct No 2106 inf. 17th Nov
From Do 24th Dec 58.
Ct No 3183 inc:

Cy Genl 829