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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.

No. 29. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st July 1857, No. 1684.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, a copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners to the Adjutant General of the Army on the subject of the Warrants conferred on two men now doing duty with the Sappers and Miners.

2. Mr. Ryan was in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 26th May appointed a Deputy Commissary, and Mr. Kennedy was at the same time appointed a Conductor.

3. It will be seen from the letter of the Commandant of Engineers, that neither of these men can be spared from the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners, as there are no men competent to take their places at present; it will also be seen that even if there were men competent to take their places, none of the Non-Commissioned Officers of Sappers and Miners would relieve them so long as there are opportunities of joining the Department of Public Works open to the Non-Commissioned Officers generally.

4. These two men are thus placed in the positions of trainers and instructors to young men about to enter the D. P. W. Mr. Ryan being a Conductor of Sappers and Miners and Mr. Kennedy an Instructor of Surveying, while at the same time they themselves do not belong to the recently defined strength of the D. P. W. and consequently are not legally entitled to hold their Warrants, unless the orders of the Government of India on this subject, which were published in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1168 dated 14th July 1856, and contained in para. 4 page 11, be applied not literally but exceptionally in behalf of Messrs. Ryan and Kennedy, so as to obtain what the order itself really aims at, viz. the obtaining for Military purposes the services of men qualified for employment in the D. P. W., I think it clear that this rule is intended to provide for the Military exigences of the State and that but for its promulgation such men as Messrs. Ryan and Kennedy would do well to obtain their discharge from the Corps of Sappers and Miners and seek employment as Civilians in the D. P. W.

5. I have therefore the honor to recommend that Messrs. Ryan and Kennedy whose services are required at the Head Quarters of Sappers and Miners be allowed to remain there, and also to hold their Warrants by the special authority of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council notwithstanding that membership of the D. P. W. is a sine qua non to the tenure of such higher and warrant rank.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 1289; dated 4th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department for consideration.

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

Central Office of P.W.
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No. 1684.

From

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt Servt
Alfred Taylor Col
Chief Engr

Fort St George
1st July 1887.

To The Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

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Commander in Chief
Letter from the Officer Com.
Sappers and Miners in the
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to the Warrants Conferred
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and recommends that their
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