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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th January 1858.*

No. 54. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 5th January 1858, No. 6399.

Read the following letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Bobberbenka, 22nd December 1857, No. 798.

SIR,

I regret to have to inform you of the death of Mr. James Rundall Assistant Executive Engineer. This event took place on the 20th Instant, and was the result of an acute attack of Liver Complaint.

2. I have the honor to request, you will be good enough to post another Officer to this District and if I may be allowed to make a selection, I would beg to recommend Lieutenant A. Burn of the 43rd Regiment Native Infantry, who was formerly employed in this District, and therefore somewhat better acquainted with the particular duties required than a stranger would be.

3. It is my intention to place Mr. W. Rundall in charge of range No. IV, and therefore another Officer is required to take up his work in Range V.

Resolved, in sending up to Government the foregoing report of the death of the late James Rundall Esq., Assistant Executive Engineer in the Rajahmundry District No. 798, dated 22nd December 1857, for the information of Government to point out with reference to para. 2 that unless the full strength hitherto supposed to have been permanently authorized by the order of Government of the 18th July last be permitted to be maintained, (with the revised number of 32 Officers in all of the Subordinate or Assistant Grade of the Engineer Establishment, viz., 21 Assistants, and 11 Supernumerary Assistants,) it will neither be practicable to replace the casualty now reported, nor any future vacancies that may be caused by the sickness, removal, or death of present incumbents.

2. Resolved also in soliciting the favorable consideration of Government, towards both the inconveniences to the Public Service, and the loss to the annual Revenue which is to be anticipated from the action of a Department of strength insufficient for the effective discharge of its duties, it be further pointed out that all the Subsidiary Departmental arrangements which have been made since the issue of the Fort Saint George Gazette extraordinary of the 18th July 1857, have been governed by the belief that the reduced numbers shown in the revised list then published were fully intended to be permanently available for the duties of the Department; and that if it had been known the number of Assistants was to be only 21 instead of 32 agreeably to the printed enumeration, other arrangements would have been suggested and the required reduction would have been recommended to be realized from a different branch of the D. P. W., to that on which the measure of excision has now fallen with a heaviness so unexpected and so destructive of general efficiency.

3. Resolved further, that a copy of para. 1 from the foregoing letter No. 798, of 22nd December 1857, be forwarded for the information of the Civil Auditor.

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

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 123; dated 25th January 1858.

The real purport of the communication quoted above is to obtain a grade of Supernumeraries as a permanent class in the Public Works Department, and the Chief Engineer is very well aware that such was never the intention of Government.

2. Colonel Faber is no less well aware that this Government is pledged to the Government of India to absorb the present Supernumeraries as occasion offers, and as he has very lately been made aware of the resolution of the Government to adhere to that pledge, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers that his present representation should not have been made.

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

N<sup>o</sup> 6399

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer  
in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 5 January 1858.

Read the following

(P. 6398)

From Captain J. H. Randall  
District Engineer 1st D.

Colonel C. S. Taber  
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Public Serv.

I regret to have to inform you  
of the death of Mr. James Randall  
Assistant Engineer. This  
event took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant  
and was the result of an acute at-  
tack of Liver Complaint.

2. I have the honor to request, you will  
be good enough to post and this officer  
to this District, and if I may be allowed  
to make a recommendation, I would beg to  
recommend Lieutenant A. K. Davis of  
the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Nat. Infy. who was  
formerly employed in this District,  
and therefore somewhat better acquainted  
with the particular studies required,  
than a stranger would be.

3. It is my intention to place  
Mr. Randall in charge of Range No. 11,  
and

and therefore our Officer is required to take up his work in Range V.

I have, &c.  
D. S. S. Office, &c.  
Camp at Bobbinkent, &c.  
22<sup>d</sup> December 1837. D. S. S. Office, &c.

Resolved, in sending up to Government, the foregoing report of the death of the late James Randall Esq. Assistant Executive Engineer in the Rajahmundry District No 798 dated 22<sup>d</sup> December 1837 for the information of Government, to point out with reference to para 2 that unless the full strength hitherto supposed to have been permanently authorized by the order of Government of the 18<sup>th</sup> July last be permitted to be maintained, (with the revised number of 33 Officers in all of the Subordinate or Assistant Grade of the Engineer Establishment, Nij 31 Assistants, and 11 Supernumerary Assistants) it will neither be practicable to replace the Casualty now reported, nor any future vacancies that may be caused by the sickness, removal, or death of present incumbents.

2. Resolved also, in soliciting the favorable consideration of Government towards both the inconveniences to the Public Service, and the loss to the Annual Revenue which is to be anticipated from

from the action of a Department of strength insufficient for the effective discharge of its duties, it be further pointed out that all the Subsidiary Departmental arrangements which have been made since the issue of the Fort Saint George Gazette extraordinary of the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1837, have been governed by the belief that the reduced numbers shown in the revised list then published were fully intended to be permanently available for the duties of the Department; and that if it had been known the number of Assistants was to be only 31 instead of 33 agreeably to the printed summation, other arrangements would have been suggested and the required rectification would have been recommended, to be realized from a different branch of the D. S. S. to that on which the measure of excision has now fallen with a heaviness so unexpected and so destructive of general efficiency.

3. Resolved further, that a copy of Para 1 from the foregoing letter No 798 of 22<sup>d</sup> December 1837 be forwarded for the information of the Civil Auditor.

W. L. S. Colonel  
Chief Engineer  
Secretary to Government  
P. W. Department

N<sup>o</sup> 128

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1858-

Read the following Extract  
from the Proceedings of the Chief  
Engineer.  
(Here enter 5<sup>th</sup> January 1858 No 399)

The real merit of  
the communication  
quoted above is to do-  
tain a grade of su-  
perintendents as a  
permanent class in  
the Public Works Dept,  
and the Chief Engineer  
is very well aware that  
such one never the  
invention of Genl-  
Colonel Baker is  
very well aware

Baker

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'A', 'H', and 'H' in a stylized, cursive script. The signature is written on a white background.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> Friday 1859 No. 40

209 North 13th St. A. Pitt  
A. to Cons: 26th January;

Get out from the proceedings  
of the Chief Engineer  
to the Board of Ordnance  
Rev. Department

Dated 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Dec. 1863  
 January 1868

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No. 54-1-35-

Report to the Court of  
James Randall Esq. of the  
Executive Engineer in 1849  
and remarks on the reduced  
costs obtained at present  
in the Department for  
filling up the same & other  
various that may occur

[illegible]

But Sir John is  
pledged to the Govt of  
India to uphold the  
present superannua-

-ries on occasions

of war, and as he

has very lately been

made aware of the

resolution of the Govt

to adhere to that pledge,

J. N. McNeill concludes

that his present pro-

rehearsal should

~~ending in a letter~~

not have been made

~~in a letter to the Govt~~

of Sir John to the Chief Secy

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H. J.

Genl. H. H. H. / 57 47 40.  
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u-240 240 48.

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to 10 Cons: 26th January.

No. 128.

Extract from: of Cons:  
Date 25th Jan 1859.

Continuing that the  
Engineer is aware that it is a  
great advantage to have  
instructed the Cons: Work 1859  
of Government and they must  
also be aware that the  
Cons: Work 1859.

No 54-455.

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