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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

No. 62. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated, 17th May 1858, No. 353.

SIR,

In obedience to the instructions contained in the Extract from Minutes Consultation, No. 855, of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Covenanted 1st Class Engineer Mr. Flockhart has renewed personally before me the claims that he first asserted as having formed part and parcel of the original agreement under which his engagement for service at Madras was completed.

2. On the other hand, the formal indenture executed by himself, is silent as pointed out by Government on the two points, 1st of a moiety of salary being allotted to him from the date of executing the Covenant until arrival at Madras, and 2ndly of such moiety being permanently payable to Messrs. Forrester and Co., in his behalf for the support of his wife, just as had been arranged in the similar case of Mr. Thompson the Mechanical Engineer attached to Nasmyths Patented Steam Pile Driver in 1856.

Vide Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 3520, dated 7th October 1857.

3. Of the perfect bonâ fides with which Mr. Flockhart asserts the above mentioned claims I cannot entertain any doubt, and if there be any misunderstanding, it must plainly have been caused by the assurances of Messrs. Forrester and Co., (vide the statement sent herewith, taken from Mr. Flockharts own dictation on the 14th Instant,) being in excess of what that firm was authorized to make.

4. I have to respectfully request therefore that an early reference may be made for the instructions of the Honorable Court, pending which I beg that authority may be given for me to draw Mr. Flockharts full salary at the rate of Rupees 166-10-8, per mensem (or 200£ per annum) from the 5th Ultimo, together with compensation for the Quarters, Government is bound to provide, and the rate of which it is advisable to define, and so too the manner in which the working pay is practically to be drawn of four shillings a day (2 Rupees) when the steam is up, and his apparatus actually at work.

5. I do myself the honor to inquire if I am at liberty to apprentice two native youths to the 1st Class Engineer, a shilling (8 annas a day for each native lad, being Mr. Flockharts perquisites for tuition, and I see no difficulty in finding smart youths fully capable of benefitting by the practical instruction, if the same stipend be allotted to them that is given to the apprentices in the Central office, namely an average of Rupees 14 each for five years.

6. In conclusion I have to apply for the preparation and issue of a Warrant in Mr. Flockharts name conferring the rank and standing of a first Class Engineer as in the Indian Navy, the form of which might perhaps be conveniently adopted. I infer from the terms of the indenture that it will be found expedient to particularly subordinate Mr. Flockhart to the Chief Engineer in the D. P. W., for the time being, and if the form of Warrant (of which I am ignorant) admits of the specialty, I strongly recommend its introduction for better security of the services of 1st Class Engineer Mr. Flockhart.

Statement made in person by Mr. JAMES FLOCKHART, Covenanted 1st Class Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer D. P. W., Fort Saint George at the Central Office on Friday the 14th day of May 1858.

"Mr. Flockhart states that when about to sign his Covenant with the Honorable Court, he observed that no notice had been taken in the document regarding his receiving half pay from date of engagement or signature of Covenant till date of arrival in India, or of leaving behind him any allowance for his family, and that he therefore refused to attach his signature until he was informed by a member of the firm of Messrs. Forrester and Co. that the omission was of no importance, as arrangements would be made at the India House for the payment of the amount, and that it was generally understood that according to the rules of the Indian Navy, all Officers were entitled to half pay from the date of entertainment in England, as well

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"as cost of passage to India, and had also the privilege of leaving half pay in England for their family, and he then authorized Messrs Forrester and Co. to draw the half pay from the Home Authorities for his wife, and he Mr. Flockhart left perfectly satisfied that every thing would be done for him as promised by those Gentleman, namely that date of half salary and date of signing indenture should be the same, and that half stipend should be paid to Mrs. Flockhart through Messrs Forrester and Co.

That the foregoing Statement is true, in token of which I have duly signed my name below.

(Signed) JAMES, FLOCKHART,
1st Class Covenanted Engineer.

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

In the presence of witness.

(Signed) J. BABER.
(") J. MILLS.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 1330; dated 10th July 1858.

Para. 1. With this letter, the Chief Engineer forwards a statement made by Mr. Flockhart on the subject of his claim to half pay from the date of his engagement in England to the date of his arrival in India; and in respect to the amount payable in England for the support of his wife.

2. In submitting this paper the Chief Engineer remarks, as previously pointed out by Government, that the Indenture executed by Mr. Flockhart is silent in both these respects, and he recommends that a reference may at once be made to the Honorable Court of Directors with the view of clearing up any misunderstanding that may exist.

3. Meanwhile however, Colonel Faber makes the following requests.

1st.—That he may be authorized to draw Mr. Flockhart's full salary of 200£ per annum, or Rupees 166-10-8 per mensem, from the 5th April, the date of his arrival in India.

2nd.—That the rate of compensation for Quarters which the Government are to provide, should be defined.

3rd.—As well as the manner in which the working pay of 4 shillings per diem is practically to be drawn.

4. Colonel Faber also enquires whether he is at liberty to apprentice two native youths to Mr. Flockhart and to prepare and issue the warrant conferring on Mr. Flockhart the rank and standing of a first class Engineer in the Indian Navy; and he recommends that for the better security of the Engineer's services, the Warrant should particularly subordinate Mr. Flockhart to the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works.

5. As regards the claim to half pay advanced by Mr. Flockhart from the date of his engagement to the period of his arrival in India, the Government will, as suggested by the Chief Engineer, address the Honorable Court of Directors by the next Mail; but in respect of the family payment, the Chief Engineer will observe from Extract Minutes Consultation 3rd June 1858, No. 1059, that the Honorable Court have arranged for a monthly payment of £8-6-8 being made in England, and that a corresponding deduction will have to be made from the salary payable in India to Mr. Flockhart, besides the recoveries of the advance made in this country under Extract Minutes Consultation 5th May 1858, No. 814. The Government presume that this payment sufficiently meets Mr. Flockhart's wishes; if not, he will state what other he would prefer.

6. As under the Indenture Mr. Flockhart is to be provided with accommodation at the expense of the State whenever he may not be employed in any Ship or Vessel, the Government think that the rate of office rent allowed by Extract Minutes Consultation 13th March 1858, No. 457, to Executive Engineers of the 3rd and 4th Classes in the Department of Public Works, viz., 20 Rupees per mensem should be granted. The Civil Auditor will accordingly be requested to

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pass this allowance from the 5th April 1858, the date of Mr. Flockhart's arrival in India upon Certificates, shewing the period for which such allowance can be claimed; granted by the Chief Engineer when at the Presidency, and by the Engineer of the proper division, when on detached duty.

7. The Government think that Mr. Flockhart should be required to obtain a certificate from his superior Officer, shewing the number of days for each month to which he has become entitled to the extra allowance of 4 shillings per diem under the terms* of his Covenant with the Honorable the East India Company, as quoted in the margin, such certificate attached to the salary bills will be sufficient authority for passing the amount.

8. In reference to the remaining points on which Colonel Faber desires instructions, the Government observe that by their order of the 5th May last, Mr. Flockhart has been placed under the orders of the Chief Engineer for employment wherever his services may be most required. A Warrant has already been issued from the Marine Department to Mr. Flockhart, and no further orders on that head are now called for.

9. The Government are not prepared to pass any orders on Colonel Faber's proposition of apprenticing native youths to Mr. Flockhart. Before sanctioning any measure of the kind, the Government would wish to have some information as to the number and location of the Dredges, the arrangements under which it is proposed to employ Mr. Flockhart, the cost of those arrangements, the necessity of having apprentices, and the cost that will be involved in the measure, in order, that if the Government decide in favor of the proposition, application may be made to the Government of India for sanction to the increased expenditure.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 1330

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 10th ^{July} ~~June~~ 1858.

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a monthly payment of
£ 8:6:8 being made in
England, and that a
corresponding deduction
will have to be made
from the salary payable
in India to Mr Flockhart,
besides the recovery of the
advance made in this
country

Copy of the letter from the
Chief Engineer to the
Honorable Court of Directors
dated 10th June 1858
and the letter from the
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dated 13th March 1858
No 457 to the
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* and also shall and will pay him an additional sum of four shillings per day for such period as the steamer shall be employed in repairing machinery in any Factory, Mint or workshop ashore, or on board any other steamer than that to which he shall be attached, or while employed in fitting the Engineer to any steam vessel, such salary to be paid from the

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Hon. Court authorize the Civil
Auditor to pay to Mr. Stockhart
(Office rent at the rate of 20 Rs
per mensem)

No 62 & 63.