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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

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Men of the Militia Battalion who may be permitted to exchange into a Regiment of N. I. will be allowed to reckon their service in the Militia.

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Arrangements will be made by the Town Major in regard to Barracks and Lines for the Battalion.

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The Commandant of the Battalion will be placed in direct communication with the Adjutant General upon the subject of the foregoing paragraph.

All appointments connected with the Battalion will rest with the Governor.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

To the Secretary to the Government of India. } (Here enter 21st July 1857, No. 2414.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 111, ORDER THEREON, No. 1460; dated 28th July 1857.

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(True Extract.)

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" Town Major.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.
" Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
" Medical Board.
" Clothing Department.
" Department Public Works.
" Chief Engineer.
" Commissary General.
" Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.

Exd. R. Spears.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
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