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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.

No. 20. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George; to Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 30th July 1857, No. 1474.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th Instant communicating a Notification by the Government of India, by which, under orders from the Honorable Court of Directors, the staff salary of the Superintending Engineers is reduced from Rupees 1,000 to Rupees 800 a month.

2. This Notification was immediately communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Civil Auditor, and from the 13th of September next, the salaries of the Superintending Engineers at this Presidency will be paid on the reduced scale.

3. In making this communication, I am however desired to bring to the notice of the Government of India, the disadvantageous contrast in which the allowances of the Superintending Engineers of Madras appear, when compared with those enjoyed by the same class of Officers in Bengal. House rent to the amount of 180 Rupees and 135 Rupees for field Officers and Captains respectively being received in Calcutta, while no allowance whatever is made on the same account at Madras.

4. The Government of India may possibly not be aware how expensive an item of expenditure house rent at this Presidency forms, while at the same time the great distances from their offices at which of necessity all Officers reside, render necessary a larger expenditure in conveyance than is needed in Calcutta or Bombay.

5. In consideration of the reduction of allowance now ordered by the Honorable Court, and with the view of placing the Superintending Engineers of this Presidency on an equality in point of emolument with those of the sister Presidency of Bengal, I am instructed to request the permission of the Government of India to the payment of house rent at Madras, on the terms that are usual in Bengal.

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No 1474.

To Colonel W. C. Baker
Secy to the Govt of India.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th Instant communicating a Notification by the Govt of India, by which, under certain provisions, the Staff employing Engineers is reduced from Rupees 1000 to Rupees 800 a month.

2. This notification was immediately communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Civil

Civil Auditor and from the 13th of September next the salaries of the Superintending Engineers at this Presidency are to be paid on the reduced scale.

3d On making this communication Lord Hobart desired to bring to the notice of the Govt of India the disadvantageous contrast in which the allowances of the Superintending Engineers of Madras appear, when compared with those enjoyed by the same class of Officers in Bengal. House rent to the amount of 150 Rupees and 135 Rupees for Lieuts & Officers and Captains respectively being received in addition, while no allowance whatever is made on the same account at Madras.

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To the Secretary to the Govt
of India — D. No 172
Dy 30th July 1857.

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Requesting the permission
of the Government of India for
the payment of house rent to
the Superintending Engineers
of the Madras Presidency on
the terms usual in Bengal,
in consequence of the reductions
of their Staff Salaries from Rs
1,000 to Rs 800.

No 20.