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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 124. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th August 1858, No. 2685.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying abstract of my Staff Salary as Officiating Chief Engineer for the month of July last, which the Civil Auditor has declined to pass quoting as his authority Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd July 1857, No. 1410.

2. The order above alluded to was passed on a reference made by the Civil Auditor himself, and was clearly intended to provide for cases where a junior Officer may discharge the duties of a superior, *without* a direct appointment from Government. The object of the rule is to grant an indulgence in such cases *after* a certain period, to an Officer not legally entitled to any additional Salary, but not I respectfully submit to curtail an allowance, to which an Officer is clearly entitled under existing regulations.

3. At page 173 of the Bengal Code, for the Public Works Department, it is provided, that when an Officer, relieves another in any office the Salary for the day of relief shall belong to the relieved Officer, and the increased allowances, if any to the relieving Officer from the *day after*. From this, and the paragraph succeeding, it seems obvious, that when an appointment is made by Government by a Notification in the Gazette, the increased allowances take effect from the date of assuming charge, or from the date of the Notification.

4. I would also further observe that the term "deputation allowance" is peculiar to the Covenanted Civil Service Rules, and has no application to the Public Works Department, in the sense which it bears in those Rules; also, that the term "Officiating" as used in the Notification of the 27th January 1857, and in the Notifications of the Government of India is synonomous with "Acting," for which it seems to be universally used in Bengal.

5. Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration that my appointment as Officiating Chief Engineer, appeared in the Gazette, and that I had been performing the duties of the appointment for more than three weeks previously, during the absence of Colonel Faber, on privilege leave, I am of opinion, that the order referred to, by the Civil Auditor is wholly inapplicable to my case; and should the Government concur in this view, I request that that Officer may be directed to pass my salary Abstract for last month.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, No. 1648; dated 17th August 1858.

Referred to the Civil Auditor for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Works,
Fort Saint George:
10th August 1858.

No 2585

From

The Offg. Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

To

The Secretary to Government
F. D(o).

Sir,

Public

I have the honor to solicit your
consideration and orders on the accompanying Abstract of my Staff
Salary as Officiating Chief Engineer
for the month of July last, which the
Civil Auditor has declined to pass,
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Consultation 23rd July 1857 - No 1410.

Enclosure
1 Abstract

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Abstract for last month.

Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort St George.
10th August 1858

I have the honor to be,
Sir.
Your most obedt Obedt Servant
C Crawford
Offg Chief Engineer

Comm: 28th July/57 No 1247/13

From the Civil Architect
& 23rd Augt/58 & Oct 1930
in Comm
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Copy to Supdg Engr in
24 Sept/58 - No
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No 1247/1205

P.W. Works 1857
Comm 17th Aug 1792
From

To Offg Chief Engrs
Dept

To Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 16 August 1858
Recd 17th " "

No 1648
S.E. No 1648 17th August 1858
Submitting for the
orders of Govt Abstract
of the Staff Salary as Offg
Chief Engineer for the
last month, which he
& Auditor has declined
to pass; and requests that
under the circumstances
represented, that Officer
may be directed to authorize
his drawing the same &

No 1648
Copy of the Civil Architect
dated 17th August 1858
with Abstract
Dated 17-8-58

From Govt Secy
17th August/58