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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 42. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 7th January 1858, No. 6142.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Guindy, 28th December 1857, No. 1544.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2365 of the 22nd Instant, forwarded with your Memo. No. 6264 of the 24th Instant, I have the honor to offer an apology for the discourtesy of my reply to the General Commanding the Division; but I would beg to state in explanation that the request was made through the Brigadier and my reply, the curtness of which I regret, was merely intended to point out the correct channel for any remarks on my proceedings.

2. I would beg respectfully to submit to the notice of Government that it would be far more satisfactory to the Department and save considerable delay in reference and correspondence if due notice was given, to either me or the Executive Officer, that any of the Military authorities intended to inspect the works.

3. In both cases of the visits of the General Commanding the Division and His Excellency the Commander in Chief, I was not informed of their purpose though actually present at my Head Quarters and I have reason to believe that only a portion of the works in progress were pointed out and no mention made of the completed ones.

Resolved to forward to Government copy of the foregoing letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput, No. 1544, dated 28th December 1857, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2365, dated 22nd Idem and to express the Chief Engineer's hope that Lieutenant Moberly's apology and explanation may prove satisfactory.

Resolved also to forward for the information of Government copy of a Memorandum, circulated to all District Engineers requiring them to submit to Officers Commanding Divisions monthly Statements of the progress of Military works, by which means, the Chief Engineer hopes to prevent the necessity of future references to Government, similar to those recently made by the Military authorities respecting the works at the Mount.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 6079.

MEMORANDUM.

1. It being necessary that the Military authorities should be kept acquainted with the progress of all works, the proposals for which emanate from that Department, District Engineers will, in future, be pleased to forward, on or before the 5th of each month, a Statement in the annexed Form, to the Officers Commanding Divisions, and the Central Office.

2. As no accounts are to be entered, there is no excuse for delay; and therefore punctuality in the submission of these reports will be strictly required.

3. Works are to be entered until reported complete.

4. A similar report will be made by the Garrison Engineer to the Town Major.

5. The above Statements are to be entirely independent of the progress reports which include the amount of expenditure.

3 In both cases of visits of the General Commanding

6. Blank reports are not required in case of no works having been ordered, or executed.

Govt. Lithographic Press of Central Office of P. W., Fort Saint George, 17*th December* 1857.

By Order,
P. O'CONNELL, Lieutenant,
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

To all District Engineers, and the Garrison Engineer.

Monthly return of Military Works in progress under the District Engineer of

Name of Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Authority and date of sanction.	Present state.	Probable date of completion.
Repairing Barracks of N. I., ...	Rupees...426.	Officer Commanding the Division, 4th Augt. 1857.	One-fourth completed.	30th November 1857.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 165; dated 29th January 1858.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department, with reference to para. 2 of Lieutenant Moberly's letter which accompanied the above Proceedings.

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

No. 2642 3

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George
Under date the 7th January 1858.

Read the following

No 1524.

From,
Lieutenant A. P. Moberly,
District Engineer of Chingleput

To,
Colonel C. E. Faber,
Chief Engineer Department of P. Works

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No 2365 of the 22nd Instant forwarded with your Memo. No 2642 of the 24th Instant I have the honor to offer my Apology for the discourtesy of my Reply to the General Commanding the Division; but I would beg to state in explanation that the Request was made through the Chief Engineer and my Reply, the wording of which I regret, was merely intended to point out the correct channel for any Remarks on my proceedings.

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Dist. Engrs. Office,
Camp. Gwandy,
28th December 1857

I have &c
Sydney V.C. Doherty Lt.
Dist. Engineer &
Chief Deputy

To
Colonel C. E. Thaker
Chief Engineer Dept. of Public Works

Respectfully forwarded for information

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Divisions monthly Statements of
progress of Military Works

No 165

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department with reference to para 2 of Lieutenant Mitchelly's letter which accompanied the above Proceedings.

Fort St George
9th January 1858

3 Copies to the Chief Engr Ceylon