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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Statistical Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1612	Press Mis.
Dated	18

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Read the following letters.

No. 10. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 14th August 1857, No. 2940.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 6th August 1857, No. 1534, I have the honor to submit the following observations for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. In my letter dated 13th August 1856, No. 5753, I entered very fully into an examination of the work performed by the several Departments of the Central office. The remarks in para. 25, will have shown the Government that the distribution of clerks originally sanctioned for particular Departments was found unsuitable in some instances, and that in consequence, rearrangements had to be made to carry on the duties of the office. The necessity for further adjustments of this kind became evident as the office grew in experience, and from the earlier months of the past year, the work of the Proceedings Department has been managed entirely by the following establishment viz.

		Rs.
1 Head Clerk	... ...	60
1 Examiner	... ...	40
2 Readers at 20 Rs.	... ...	40
2 Indexers at 60 and 40	... ...	100
2 Overseers at 30	... ...	60
1 Reference picker	... ...	30
12 Copyists { 3 at 30	... ...	90
12 Copyists { 9 at 20	... ...	180
	Total Rupees...	600

which is its strength at the present moment; the former Manager of the Proceedings Department (who was so merely in name) and two Clerks, having been withdrawn to the Current Department where their services were more needed, after the arrears that then existed in the Proceedings Department had been brought up. The order of Government under reply will, therefore, be considered as having reference to the establishment now bona fide working in the Proceedings Department the amount of which, as shewn above, is 600 Rupees per mensem.

3. In directing the discontinuance of the office and broken sets of Proceedings, and the substitution of a weekly list of disposals, I take it for granted that it is the intention of Government that I should have the assistance necessary to enable me to carry out these orders, out of the sum proposed to be discontinued. The amount of work involved in the preparation of this list will be seen from the accompanying paper for the 1st week of August, and I have to submit that it is fully sufficient for the employment of three Clerks, one to prepare the original, and two to transcribe the same. Should Government admit the correctness of this opinion, I would respectfully solicit permission to retain three Clerks on 60, 30 and 20 Rupees per mensem for the above purpose.

4. In the next place, I must hope to be allowed also some equivalent for the loss of the services of so large an establishment of Clerks frequently employed hitherto in copying papers which had accumulated both in the Current and Audit Departments, and but for whose timely assistance, those arrears would inevitably have accumulated still more, to the exceeding inconvenience and derangement of the office. It is needless for me to dwell upon the fact that in all large offices, assistance is occasionally rendered by one Department to another, and this has perhaps been more frequently the case in the Central office than in any other, owing to the many changes that have taken place in the conduct of Public Works in the Provinces, which have prevented the business of the various Departments from assuming the character of permanence which otherwise it must have done. Hence it has not been possible hitherto to fix with certainty what ought to be the permanent strength of each Department. I estimate the assistance rendered by the 21 subordinates of the Proceedings Department on the various occasions, on which their services have been called into requisition for copying, examining, or indexing files

of papers, reports and statements both in the Current and Audit Departments, as fully equal to the fixed services of three permanent Clerks, and I have therefore to request the permission of Government to retain the services of such three Clerks on 40, 30 and 20 Rupees on this account.

5. With these exceptions amounting to Rupees 200 per mensem, the rest of the Proceedings Department is to be considered under the orders of Government now acknowledged liable to summary displacement, thus representing a saving of Rupees 400 per mensem ; but adverting to the indispensable increase solicited in my letter of the 13th August 1856, No. 5753, being at length speedily sanctioned (the matter having been already transferred from the Public Works to the Financial Department of the Government of India) I would respectfully submit for the consideration of Government whether it would not be highly advisable to distribute the parties subject to elimination among the different Departments of the office in the manner finally decided on by Government as detailed in their letter to Colonel Baker, of 4th December 1856, No. 2253. This would be a most important assistance to the office at the present time and particularly to the Audit Department, wherein, owing to its present numerical weakness, it is found most difficult to bring up the Journal and Ledger, and to prepare the monthly returns required by the new rules ; and where no less than 2187 bills have accumulated within the last three months, and now await examination and audit.

6. In para. 9, of the orders under reply, Government require me to report what reduction can be effected in consequence of the discontinuance of the Collections. I beg to state in answer that the Collections have been called for only on few occasions since the establishment of this office, and that the requisitions were met on those occasions by a temporary cessation of the proceedings, and by the employment of that department in the above work, in conjunction with 12 Volunteers. No part of the establishment was set apart for that duty, and hence the discontinuance of the Proceedings Department virtually involves that of the Collections, which it would be altogether impossible in future to supply with the few Clerks that will belong to the copying Department, after those of the Proceedings branch have been dispensed with.

Vide report of 13th August 1856, No. 5753.

7. I propose to address Government separately with reference to para. 4, in connection with previous orders on the same subject.

No. 11. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th August 1857, No. 2994.

SIR,

As stated in para. 7 of my letter of the 14th Instant, No. 2940. I now proceed to reply to para. 4 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 6th August 1857, No. 1534, and to para. 5 of a previous order of Government No. 1370, dated the 17th July 1857, requiring a report on the progress made in bringing up the arrears of Proceedings of the late Board of Public Works, undertaken on an estimate of Rupees 16,020 sanctioned by the Government of India on the 22nd March 1856. In entering upon this report it is gratifying to me to be able to state, that the progess made in the transcription of the Proceedings has been very satisfactory, and that if permitted to continue the completion of the entire work may be looked for at an expense considerably below the authorized amount.

2. The following statement exhibits the amount of work already performed.

Proceedings of 1846 1st and 2nd Sets completed with rough and fair Index in duplicate.
Do. 1847 1st and 2nd Sets completed with rough Index.
Do. 1848 1st and 2nd Sets completed with rough Index.
Do. 1849 1st and 2nd Sets completed with rough Index up to 31st October.
Do. 1850 1st and 2nd Sets completed up to September. The Sets for October November and December are being copied.
Do. 1851, 1852 and 1853 The Proceedings of these years were written up in the old Office of Public Works, with a few omissions which have been supplied.

3. The following work remains to be done to render the above transcription complete and available for use and reference.

1847 Fair Index.
1848 Fair do.
1849 Rough Index for November and December and Fair Index for the whole year.
1850 1st and 2nd Sets for October November and December, now in the hands of the Copyists and will be completed in 3 weeks.
1851, 1852, 1853 Rough and fair Index.

4. The Proceedings of the period from January 1854, to July 1855, or one year and nine months, are the only portion of the arrears which have not yet been undertaken and which therefore remain to be brought up.

	Rs.
5. The amount sanctioned by the Government of India for bringing up the whole of the arrears is.....	16,020
The amount disbursed for temporary establishment in the months of May, June and July 1856, to prepare the Proceedings for transcription at 120 Rupees per month is.....	360
Do. For temporary establishment for writing up arrears from August 1856, to July 1857, being 12 months at 745 Rupees per month	8,940
Total.....	9,300
Balance remaining available.....	6,720

6. The Proceedings for the months of October, November, and December 1850, will as already observed, be completed within 3 weeks, or by the end of the present month. What will then remain to render the work available for use and reference is so little, that I do not think that Government will consider it expedient to save this expense, when by so doing the Indexes will remain uncomplete, and most of what has already been accomplished will thereby be rendered comparatively of little or no use.

7. The transcription of the arrears not yet commenced upon, may of course be abandoned ; but I would respectfully observe that, the Government of India in ordering the discontinuance of the Chief Engineers Proceedings, do not seem to have contemplated that of the Proceedings, of the late Board of Public Works, which are being worked up on a separate and independent estimate, and not by the Establishment of the Office now ordered to be discontinued.

Para. 25, communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation 17th July 1857 No. 1370.

8. The Honorable Court also in their recent despatch on the subject, approve of the means adopted for bringing up the late Board's arrears, and it does not appear to have been at all intended by them, that any portion of it should be discontinued before the completion of the whole.

9. Under these circumstances, and in connection with the small further expense which he completion of the work on hand will involve, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council nay perhaps consider it proper to direct, that it should be proceeded with, so as to render the vhole available for use and reference.

10. The additional expense required for this purpose is as follows

	Rs.
Salary of present Establishment for 2 months, viz. August and September 1857 to bring up the arrears to July 1855, at Rupees 745 per mensem....	1,490
Do. of a reduced Establishment for 3 months, viz. from October to December 1857, to fair copy Indexes &c. and completing proceedings @ Rupees 400	1,200
Total.....	2,690

which being deducted from the available surplus on 1st August viz. Rupees 6,720, leaves a saving of Rupees 4,030, to be ultimately effected from the amount sanctioned.

11. As respects the necessity for having the proceedings of the late Board of Public Works brought up, I trust I may be permitted to mention, that many of the records of the old Department are defaced and injured by use, and as no printed copy of them exists, it seems desirable that the original documents should be transcribed for preservation, either *separately* or together in a volume in the shape of Proceedings, and the latter seems the better course.

12. I trust that in making this recommendation, as well as that contained in my letter of the 14th Instant, I shall not be impugned for want of co-operation in any economical plan which may be thought expedient for the benefit of the public service at the present conjuncture. I beg to assure the Government that it is my own most sincere desire to effect every retrenchment possible, but whilst making this avowal, I cannot forget the great responsibilities of my position nor that, if the means of an efficient discharge of duty be withheld from the Department Public Works, delay, dissappointment and discredit must inevitably ensue. It may too be pointed out with all possible deference, that diminished means and facilities, resulting from reduced establishments, by no means ensure a corresponding abatement in the *requirements* of higher authorities, and I apprehend, that the Chief Engineer may be expected to fulfil the engagments of his position withasmuch efficiency, as if he had never been compelled to represent the inadequacies of his establishment, nor been obliged, from the very first, to contend against a numerical insufficiency which being after close scrutiny fully admitted by His Lordship in Council, still continues to be unrelieved by the Government of India.

No. 12. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st August 1857, No. 3085.

SIR,

The Civil Auditor* having called upon me to furnish him with the particulars which make up the amount of the Establishment ordered to be discontinued in Extract Minutes Consultation 6th August 1857, No. 1534, with the view of a corresponding deduction being made from the abstract of this office. I have the honor to solicit, that you will be pleased to lay the matter before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and obtain His Lordship's sanction for the enforcement of the above order being held in abeyance, until the decision of Government has been passed upon my letter of the 14th Instant†.

* In letter dated 18th August 1857, herewith submitted in original to be returned.

† No. 2940.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 1673; dated 2nd September 1857.

In the first letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer replies to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 6th August 1857 No. 1534, in which he was requested to report what reduction he would be able to effect in his Establishment in consequence of the discontinuance of the Collections. Colonel Faber states that no part of the establishment was set apart for copying Collections; that the duty has been performed by the Proceedings Department, and that therefore the discontinuance of that Department virtually involves that of the Collection Department.

2. Colonel Faber's letter would imply that no consideration whatever was had to the preparation of the Collections in the formation of the Central Office. Such was not however the case. In the list of the establishment submitted with that Officer's letter dated 17th May 1855, separate provision was made for the Collection Department to the extent of 13 Clerks, at a monthly cost of Rupees 450, and no material alteration appears to have been afterwards made in this respect, though the final division of the office into particular Departments was at that time postponed. The Government are however aware that the list was prepared at a time when

no knowledge of the extent of the duties of the office had been obtained, and as Colonel Faber states that Collections have been prepared in the Proceedings Department, and that no separate provision was made for them in the recent classification of the office, they will not urge a separate reduction on account of this branch of the work, which has now been discontinued.

From Chief Engineer 13th August 1856.

3. Colonel Faber sets down 600 Rupees as the cost of the Proceedings Department, instead of 760 according to the classification of August 1856. He explains that the distribution of Clerks originally sanctioned for particular Departments was found unsuitable in practice; that in consequence new arrangements had to be made to carry on the duties of the Office, and that from the earlier months of the past year, the work of the Proceedings Department has been managed entirely by a strength of 21 individuals at a cost of Rupees 600.

4. The Government cannot assent to this change in the cost of the Proceedings Department. By Colonel Faber's own shewing the distribution of the Office establishment in August 1856, was made, after experience of what was necessary had been obtained, and if, as he states, the work of the Proceedings Department was from the earlier months of 1856, performed by 21 individuals at a cost of 600 Rupees, there was no occasion to have apportioned 760 Rupees for that Department in the distribution made in August of that year. The Government moreover observe that the chief, if not the sole cause of the changes made appears to have been a wish to transfer the Manager* of the Proceedings Department to the Current branch. Colonel Faber remarks that the requirements of the Current Department rendered this transfer necessary, but this the Government must question. The Current Department had already two highly paid Managers, viz. the General Manager* and the Manager of the copying branch,† and it could hardly have needed more supervisors. The Current as well as all the copying branches of all Departments of the Secretariat have been managed only by Clerks paid between 50 and 80 Rupees a month, even before the introduction of printing. All the addition that was represented in the Chief Engineer's letter of the 13th August 1856, as necessary for the Current Department was four Copyists and two Readers, at an increase in expenditure of Rupees 73, and the Government are willing to allow this sum from the Proceedings Department till the final orders from the Supreme Government are received on the application for an increase to the Central office, because Colonel Faber remarks in para. 4 of his letter, that the discontinuance of the Proceedings Department will deprive the Current and Audit Departments of the assistance which they occasionally derived from the copyists of the former, and Colonel Faber is also authorized to retain 2 Copyists for the Audit Department on the same terms. The Chief Engineer next proposes to retain three servants from the Proceedings Department at 60,30 and 20 Rupees per mensem, to prepare the weekly list called for in the order of Government, dated 6th Ultimo, No. 1534. He adds that one of them will prepare the original copy, and the other two transcribe the same. There appears to be no necessity to employ a clerk at 60 Rupees to prepare the original of this list. If the Registers in the Current Department are properly kept, the list will be no more than a copy of the abstracts entered in them and these copies, a copyist of ordinary intelligence will be able to make without any difficulty. The Government will allow the Chief Engineer to retain three copyists, one on 30 Rupees and two on 20 Rupees each per mensem, for the preparation of this list.

* Salary Rupees 130.

* Salary Rupees 150
† Do. „ 105

	Present.			Proposed.		
	No.	Rate of pay.	Total.	No.	Rate of pay.	Total.
Copyists	2	40	80	2	40	80
Do.	3	30	90	3	30	90
Do.	5	20	100	2	20	40
Do.	..	...	...	7	15	105
Total...	10	...	270	14	...	315
Readers	...	...	..	2	14	28
Total...	10	..	270	16	..	343
	...	...	..	10	..	270
Increase	...	...	...	6	...	73

5. Lastly, Colonel Faber requests that the sum actually saved by the discontinuance of the Proceedings Department may be distributed among the servants of the other Departments as the subject of the increase to the Central office has been transferred from the Public Works to the Financial Department of the Government of India. The Government cannot comply with this request in anticipation of the orders of the Supreme Government.

		Rs.
Total of the Proceedings Department		240
To be retained.		
For the weekly list.....	1 copyist.....	50
	2 do. @ 20 each	40
		90
Four copyists and 2 readers to assist the Current Department till the sanction of the Government of India is received for the increase required for the Central office,		72
Two copyists for Audit Department.....		80
		152
	Total..	392

7. In the second letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer reports the progress made in bringing up the arrears of the Proceedings of the late Board of Public Works, for which the Government of India sanctioned the disbursement of Rupees 16,020 and requests permission to complete the entire work at an expense considerably below the authorized amount. The Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 15th April 1856 No. 519.

Proceedings of the years 1846 to 1853 have been copied with a few exceptions, and the work remaining to be done consists in the preparation of the rough and fair indexes for the Proceedings of seven years, and the copying of portion of the Proceedings of 1853 and 54. The portion of the authorized amount disbursed in the employment of the temporary Establishment up to July last amounted to Rupees 9,300. There remains a balance of Rupees 6,720, and Colonel Faber states that he will be able to complete the Indexes, and bring the account up to July last at a cost of Rupees 2,690, leaving a saving of Rupees 4,030. He remarks also that the records of the late Board of Public Works are defaced, and injured by use, and as no printed copy of them exists, it seems desirable that the original documents should be transcribed for preservation. The Government are also of opinion that good and complete Indexes for the Proceedings should be available, and that the records of the late Board of Public Works, which are represented to be in a bad state, should be transcribed, and they therefore authorize the completion of the work at the reduced cost proposed by the Chief Engineer.

8. Colonel Faber's first two communications having been disposed of, his third letter, dated 21st August No. 3085, requesting the Government to instruct the Civil Auditor to postpone carrying out the instructions contained in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 6th October in regard to the reduction of the Establishment of the Central office stands for orders.

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

No 2940 — Central Office of Public Works

From

The Chief Engineer,

To

The Secretary to Government F.R.W.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 6th August 1857 No 1534, I have the honor to submit the following observations for the favorable consideration of Government.—

2 In my letter dated 13th August No 3753. 1856, I entered very fully into an examination of the work performed by the several Departments of the Central Office. The remarks in para 25, will have shown the Government that the distribution of Clerks originally sanctioned for particular departments was found unsuitable in some instances, and that in consequence, re-arrangements had to be made

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made to carry on the duties of the Office.

The necessity for further adjustments of this kind became evident as the Office grew in experience, and from the earlier months of the past year, the work of the proceedings Department has been managed entirely by the following establishment viz:

1 Head Clerk		Rs 60
1 Examiner		40
2 Readers at 20 Rs		40
2 Indexers at 60 & 40		100
2 Overseers at 30		60
1 Reference picker		30
12 Copyists { 3 at 30		90
{ 9 at 20		180
Total Rupees		600

which is its strength at the present moment, the former manager of the proceedings Department (who was so merely in name) and two Clerks, having been withdrawn to the Current Department where their services were more needed, after the arrears that then existed in the proceedings Department had been brought up. The order of Government under reply will, therefore, be considered as having reference to the establishment now bonâ-fide working in the proceedings Department the amount of which, as shown above, is 600 Rupees per Mensem.

3. In directing the discontinuance of the Office and broken sets of proceedings and the substitution of a weekly list of disposals, I take it for granted that it is the intention of Government that I should have the assistance necessary to enable me to carry out these orders, out of the sum proposed to be discontinued. The amount of work involved in the preparation of this list will be seen from the accompanying paper for the 1st week of August, and I have to submit that it is fully sufficient for the employment of three clerks, one to prepare the original,

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and two to transcribe the same.
Should Government admit the correctness of this opinion, I would respectfully solicit permission to retain three clerks on 60, 30 & 20 Rupees per mensem for the above purpose.-

4. In the next place, I must hope to be allowed also some equivalent for the loss of the services of so large an establishment of clerks frequently employed hitherto in copying papers which had accumulated both in the Current and Audit Departments, and but for whose timely assistance, those arrears would inevitably have accumulated still more, to the exceeding inconvenience and derangement of the Office. It is needless for me to dwell upon the fact that in all large Offices, assistance is occasionally rendered by one department to another, and this has perhaps been more frequently the case in the Entral Office than in any other, owing to the many changes that have taken place in the conduct of public works in the Provinces, which have prevented the business of the various departments from assuming the character of permanence which otherwise it must have done. Since it has not been possible hitherto to fix with certainty what ought to be the permanent strength of each department. I estimate the assistance rendered by the 21 subordinates of the proceedings Department on the various occasions, on which their services have been called into requisition for copying, examining, or indexing files of papers, reports and statements both in the Current and Audit Departments, as fully equal to the fixed services of three permanent clerks, and I have therefore to request the permission of Government to retain the services of such three clerks on 40, 30 and 20 Rupees on this account.-

5. With these exceptions amounting to Rupees 200 per mensem, the rest of the

the proceedings Department as to be conducted under the orders of Government now acknowledged liable to summary dismissal, thus representing a saving of Rupees 400 per mensem; but according to the indispensable increase solicited in my letter of the 13th August 1856 No 3753 bring at length speedily sanctioned the matter having been already transferred from the Public Works to the Financial department of the Government of India I would respectfully submit for the consideration of Government whether it would not be highly desirable to distribute the parties subject to elimination among the different Departments of the Office in the manner finally decided on by Government as detailed in their letter to Colonel Baker of 4th December 1856 No 2253. This would be a most important assistance to the Office at the present time and particularly

particularly to the Audit Department, wherein, owing to its present numerical weakness, it is found most difficult to bring up the Journal and Ledger, and to prepare the monthly returns required by the new rules; and where no less than 187 bills have accumulated within the last three months, and now await examination and audit.—

6. In para 9 of the orders under reply, Government require me to report what reduction can be effected in consequence of the discontinuance of the Collections. I beg to state in answer that the Collections have been called for only on few occasions since the establishment of this office, and that the requisitions were met on those occasions by a temporary cessation of the proceedings, and by the employment of that department in the above work, in conjunction with 12 Volunteers. No part of the establishment was set apart for that duty, and hence the discontinuance of the

Vide Report of 13th Augt 1856 No 3753.

proceedings

proceedings department virtually involves that of the Collections, which it would be altogether impossible in future to supply with the few clerks that will belong to the copying Department, after those of the Proceedings branch have been dispensed with.—

7. I propose to address Government separately with reference to para 4, in connection with previous orders on the same subject.—

Central Office of Ry. Fort Saint George 4th August 1857.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Most Obedient Servant

Lieut Colonel Chief Engineer.

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2 The following Statement exhibits the amount of work already performed:-

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Do ——— 1847 1st and 2nd Lts completed with rough Index

Do ——— 1848 1st and 2nd Lts completed with rough Index.

Do 1849 1st and 2nd Lts completed with rough Index up to 30th Sept. The Lts for Octr Novr & Decr are completed

Do 1850 1st and 2nd Lts complete up to September. The Lts for Octr Novr & Decr are completed

Do 1851, 1852 and 1853 { The proceedings of these years were written up in the old office of P.P. Work & corrections which have been supplied.-

3 The following work remains to be done to render the above transcription complete and available for use & reference

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1849 Rough Index for November and Decr and Fair Index for the whole year

1850 1st and 2nd Lts for October. Novr and Decr, now in the hands of the Copyists and will be completed in 3 weeks.-

1851, 1852, 1853 } Rough and fair Index.

4 The proceedings of the period from January 1854 to July 1855, or one year and nine months, are the only portion of the arrears which have not yet been undertaken, and which therefore remain to be brought up.-

5 The amount sanctioned by the Govt of India for bringing up the whole of the arrears is Rupees 16,020

The amount disbursed for temporary Establishment in the months of May, June and July '56 to prepare the proceedings for transcription at 120 Rs per month is Rs 360

Do for Temporary Establisht for writing up arrears from Augt 1856 to July 1857 being 12 months at 715 Rupees per month Rs 8940

Total —— 9300

13 balance remaining available —— 6720

6 The proceedings for the months of October, November, and December 1850, will as already observed, be completed within 3 weeks, or by the end of the present month. What will then remain to render the work available for use and reference is so little, that I do not think that Government will consider it expedient to save this expense, when by so doing the Indexes will remain incomplete, and most of what has already been accomplished will thereby be rendered comparatively of little or no use.

7. The transcription of the arrears not yet commenced upon, may of course be abandoned; but I would respectfully observe that, the Government of India in ordering the discontinuance of the Chief Engineers Proceedings, do not seem to have contemplated that of the Proceedings of the late Board of Public Works, which are being worked up on a separate and independent Estimate, and not by the Establishment of the Office now ordered to be discontinued

8. The Honorable Court also in their recent despatch on the subject, approve of the means adopted for bringing up the late Boards arrears, and it does not appear to have been at all intended by them, that any portion of it should be discontinued before the completion of the whole.

para 25 Govt communicated with Govt of India 17th Feb 57 No 1370

9 Under these circumstances, & in connection with the small further expense which the completion of the work on hand will involve, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may perhaps consider it proper to direct, that it should be proceeded with, so as to render the whole available for use and reference

10 The additional expenses required for this purpose is as follows

Salary of present Establisht for 6 months, viz Augt & Sept 1857. to bring up the arrears to July 1855 at Rs 745 per mensem	Rs 1490
Do of a reduced Establishment for 3 months, viz from Octr to Decr 1857, to fair copy Indexes &c, and complete proceedings @ Rupees 400	1200
Total	2690

which being deducted from the available

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surplus on 1st August, viz Rupees 6720 leaves
a saving of Rs4030 to be ultimately de-
feated from the amount sanctioned.

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having the proceedings of the late Board
of Public Works brought up, I trust
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conjuncture. I beg to assure the Govt,
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but whilst making this avowal, I
cannot forget the great responsibilities

of my position, nor that, if the means
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sulting from reduced establishments,
by no means ensure a corresponding
abatement in the requirements of higher
authorities, and I apprehend, that the
Chief Engineer may be expected to
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never been compelled to represent the
inadequacies of his establishment, nor
been obliged, from the very first, to con-
tend against a numerical insufficiency
which, after close scrutiny, fully admitted by
His Lordship in Council, still continues
to be unrelieved by the Govt of India.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed't
Humble Servant Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of PW
Fort St George
17th Augt 1837
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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
21st. August 1857

No. 3085

From.

The Chief Engineer,

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

The Civil Auditor having called upon me to furnish him with the particulars which make up the amount of the establishment ordered to be discontinued in Extract Minutes Consultation 6th August 1857. No. 1531, with the view of a corresponding deduction being made from the abstract of this office, I have the honor to solicit, that you will be pleased to lay the matter before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and obtain His Lordship's sanction for the enforcement of the above order being held in abeyance, until the decision of Government has been passed upon my letter of the 14th instant No. 2940

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt Svt
Wd Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of PW
Fort St George 21st Augt 1857
E. Sulivan

In letter of 28th Augt by
accounts Statements in
original blue Book

Dated 1st September 1857.

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Registered No. 2994

Referring to Consultation
dated 6th August 1857
No. 1531

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a Statement of the Establishment employed on the Public Works, which it is proposed to discontinue, in accordance with the Resolution of Government, dated 6th August 1857, No. 1531.

2. The Statement shows a saving of Rupees 1,25,920 per annum, which will be realized by the discontinuance of the Establishments mentioned in the Statement.

3. The Civil Auditor has been requested to make the necessary deduction from the Abstract of the Establishments, and to report the amount of saving which will result from the measure.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Chief Engineer.

28th Augt 1857.

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28 Aug. to 18 Sept.

Public Works No. 10 3rd Septr.
Fin. Cons. No. 1671

From
The Chief Engineer
to
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dated 11 August 1857
Rd. 22nd Sept. No. 3082
Entd. 1 Current

Requesting to will state the number of Government ... the Civil Auditor ... cleared ... the orders of Government directing the discontinuance of the Accounting Department of this Office until the decision of Government is obtained on a letter from the Department dated the 14th instant No. 2940.

...of Proposed Offices and Salaries in the new ...ment of the Chief Engr. in the Depart. of Pub: W.

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Designation	Class	Salary	Duties
...minated Assistant		350	To assist the Chief Engr. in his correspondence & tabulate returns & prepare comparative Statements &c.
...minated Assistant		250	To have the management of the entire Depart. & be responsible for its interior economy & available for the general controlling duties of the Department.
Manager	1st	150	Superintending the Special Depart.
Do	2nd	130	Do Current Depart.
Do	3rd	105	Do Proceedings Depart.
Clerks			
Clerk	1st	80	Superintending Collection Depart.
Do	1st	80	Head Examiner Special do
	1st	80	Examiner Proceedings Depart.
Do	2nd	60	Assistant Examiner Special do
Do	2nd	60	Do Do Do Do
Do	2nd	60	Examiner Current Depart.
Do	2nd	60	Assistant Proceedings do
Do	2nd	60	Examiner Collection do
Do	3rd	40	Assistant Examiner Special do
Do	3rd	40	Assistant Special do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Assists. Current Depart.
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Proceedings Depart.
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Collection Depart.
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
Do	3rd	40	Do Do Do
		2055	

No.	No.	Designation	Class	Salary	Duties
	27			2,885	
	1	Clerk	4th	30	Assist. Account Depart
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Accountant Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Proceedings Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Collection Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	4th	30	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	[illegible] Measure Depart
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Assist. Account Depart
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Proceedings Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Collection Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	1	Do	5th	20	Do and entering Estimates &c in the Estimate Depart
	1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	60			2,885	

No.	Designation	Class	Salary	Duties
60			2,880	
1	Clerk	5th	20	Copyist & entering Estimates &c in the Estimate Depart.
1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
1	Do	5th	20	Do Do Do
	Estimate Makers			
1	Estimate Maker	1st	120	Superintending the Depart. finally examining all Estimates
1	Do	2nd	95	Assists in the above duties
1	Do	3rd	70	
1	Do	3rd	70	
1	Do	4th	50	
1	Do	4th	50	Examining checking & correcting Estimates, Bills & Statements checking data lists &c &c
1	Do	5th	30	
1	Do	5th	30	
1	Do	6th	20	
1	Do	6th	20	
	Audit Depart.			
1	Accountant	1st	300	General Superintendence.
1	Do	2nd	200	Assisting in Do
1	Do	3rd	120	
1	Do	4th	100	
1	Do	5th	70	
1	Do	5th	70	
1	Do	5th	70	
1	Do	5th	70	
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	6th	50	General duties connected with final Examination of accounts
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	6th	50	
1	Do	7th	35	
1	Do	7th	35	
1	Do	7th	35	
1	Do	7th	35	
1	Do	7th	35	
1	Do	7th	35	
74			4,850	

N°	Designation	Cap.	Salary	Duties
94	Record Keepers		4,80	
1	Record Keeper	1st	1,60	Keeping the Records of the Proceedings of the Board
1	Do	2d	80	Recording
1	Do	3d	40	Examining
1	Do	4th	30	
1	Do	4th	30	
1	Do	5th	20	Clerk to the Board of Examiners
1	Do	5th	20	
	Draftsmen			
1	Draftsman	1st	1,40	Drawing Plans & Profiles of Canals & Railroads
1	Do	2d	1,00	Sketches, Estimates & Reports
1	Do	3d	80	
1	Do	4th	65	
1	Do	4th	60	
1	Do	4th	65	
1	Do	5th	50	
1	Do	5th	50	
1	Do	5th	50	
1	Do	6th	30	
1	Do	6th	30	
1	Do	6th	30	Reducing Enlarging Copying Sheets
1	Do	6th	30	Cutting Tracing &c &c
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
1	Do	7th	20	
	Apprentices			
1	Apprentices			
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
127			1,-	
			61,61	

N°	Designation	Cap.	Salary	Duties
127			61,61	
1	Apprentices		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
1	Do		1,-	
	Messengers			
1	Messenger	1st	15	
1	Do	2nd	10	
1	Do	2nd	10	
1	Do	3d	7	
1	Do	3d	7	
1	Do	3d	7	
	Clerks			
1	Clerk	1st	12	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	2nd	7	
1	Do	3d	6	
1	Do	3d	6	
1	Do	3d	6	
1	Do	3d	6	
1	Do	3d	6	
	Laborers			
1	Laborer	1st	8	
1	Do	1st	8	
1	Do	2d	7	
155			63,94	

No.	Designation	Salaries	Dollars
155			9,394
1	Lascar	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
1	Do	2	1
	Lascarines		
1	Lascarin	1 44	3
1	Do	1 44	3
1	Do	2	2 50
1	Do	2	2 50
1	Do	2	2 50
1	Do	2	2 50
1	Do	2	2 50
1100	Total of the Central Office of Public Works		6475

Public Works Deptt

No 1673

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 2d ~~14th August~~ 1857.

Read the following

-ing Letters.

From the Chief Engineer

Here enter 14th August 1857
No 29401

From — Do — — — Do —

Here enter 17th — " — " No 29911

From — Do — — — Do —

Here enter 21st " — " " 30857

In the first letter above recorded the Chief Engineer replies to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 6th August 1857 No 15314, in which he was requested to

Report

Ex to Public Works
Con. Cons. 25th Sept.
No 1673
Dated

report what reduction he would be able to effect in his Establishment in consequence of the discontinuance of the Collections. Colonel Taber states that no part of the Establishment was set apart for copying Collections; that the duty has been performed by the Proceedings Department, and that therefore the discontinuance of that Department virtually involves that of the Collection Department.

2. Colonel Taber's letter would imply that no consideration whatever was had to the preparation of the Collections

Collections in the formation of the Central Office. Such was not however the case. In the list of the Establishment submitted with that Officer's letter dated 17. May 1855, separate provision was made for the Collection Department to the extent of 13 Clerks, at a monthly cost of Rupees 450, and no material alteration appears to have been afterwards made in this respect, the final division of the Office into particular Departments not having then been effected. The Govt are however aware that the list was prepared at a time when

when no knowledge of the extent of the duties of the Office had been obtained, and as Colonel Faber states that Collections have been preserved in the Proceedings Department, and that no separate provision was made for them in the recent Classification of the Office, they will not urge — a separate reduction on account of this branch of the work, which has now been discontinued.

3. Colonel Faber sets down 600 Rupees as the cost of the Proceedings Department united

united of 700 according to the Classification of August 1856. He explains that the distribution of Clerks originally sanctioned for particular Departments was found unsuitable in practice, & that in consequence new arrangements had to be made to carry on the duties of the Office, and that from the earlier months of the present year, the work

of

of the Proceedings
Department has
been managed en-
tirely by a strength
of 21 individuals
at a cost of Rupees
600.

4. The Govern-
-ment cannot assent
to the change in
the cost of the Pro-
-ceedings Department.
By Colonel Taberd
even showing the
distribution of
the Establishment
Offices in August
1856, were made,
after experience of what was
necessary had been obtained, and if,
as

as he states the
work of the Pro-
-ceedings Department
was from the earlier
months of 1856, per-
-formed by 21 indivi-
-duals at a cost of
600 Rupees, there
was no
occasion to have appoin-
-ted 760 Rupees
for that Depart-
-ment in the
distribution
made in August
~~allowed to, which~~
~~is much be~~
~~remembered, was~~
~~settled in the~~
~~of the letter~~
Branches of

~~Branches~~ of that

year. The Go-

-vernment moreover

observe that the chief,

if not the sole,

cause of the changes

made

appears to have been awaite

to ~~—~~ transfer ~~—~~

the Manager* of

the Proceedings De-

-partment to the

current Branch. Colonel

Faber remarks

that the requisite-

-ments of the cur-

-rent Dept. rendered

this transfer necessary

but this the Government

must question.

The

* Salary Rs 150

The

Current Department had

already two highly paid

managers viz the General Manager

and the Manager of the copying

branch, and it could hardly have succeeded

by more supervisors. The

current as well as all copying

branches of all Departments of

the Secretariat have been

managed only by clerks paid

between 50 and 80 Rs a month

the introduction of printing.

All the addition that was

represented in the Chief Engi-

neer's letter of the 13th August 1856

as necessary for the current

Department was

four Copyists and two readers,

at an increase in expenditure

of Rs 73, and the Government

are willing to allow this sum

from the Proceedings Department

till the final orders from the

Supreme

° Salary Rs 150.

° Rs — — 105

	Present			Proposed		
	No.	Rate of Pay	Total	No.	Rate of Pay	Total
Copyists	2	40	80	2	40	80
Do.	3	30	90	3	30	90
Do.	5	20	100	2	20	40
Do.	"	"	"	7	15	105
Total	10	.	270	14	.	315
Readers	"	"	"	2	14	28
Total	10	"	270	16	.	343
				10	"	270
Increase	"	"	"	6	"	73

are receive

Supreme Government on the appli-
cation for an increase to the
Central Office, because Colonel
Faber remarks in para 4
of his letter, that the discon-
tinuance of the Proceeding s
Department will deprive
the Current and Audit Depts
of the assistance which they
occasionally derived from the
copyists of the former, — If
Colonel Faber is also au-
rized to retain 2 Copyists
in the Audit Department
on the same terms. The Chief
Engineer next proposes to
retain three servants for the Proceedings Department at 60 - 30 &
90 Rupees per mensem, to
prepare the yearly list called
List on the order of Government
dated 6th Instant No 1586. He
holds that one of them will
prepare the original Copy and the
other two transcribe the same.

The

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There appears to be no
necessity to employ
a Clerk at 60 Rupees to
prepare the original of this
list. If the Registers in the
Current Department are
properly kept, the list will
be no more than a Copy of the
abstracts entered in them and
these Copies a Copy of ordinary
intelligence will be able to
make without any difficulty.

The Government will
allow
the Chief Engineer to retain
three Copyists, one on 30 Rs &
two on 20 Rs each per mensem
for the preparation of this list.

5. Lastly, Colonel Faber
requests that the sum actually
saved by the discontinuance of
the Proceedings Department may

be

servants of the
be distributed among the other Depart.ts
as the subject of the increase to the
Central Office has been transferred
from the Public Works to the Finan-
cial Depart.t of the Government of India.
The Government cannot
comply with the request in anti-
cipation of the orders of the Superior
Government.

5. Under the arrangements
above ordered the Chief Engineer
will ——— without any further
delay discontinue the Proceedings
Department, retaining only 173 Rs
of the total sum of Rs 760 set down
for that Department in the Tabular
Statement submitted to the Govern-
ment, and effecting a saving
of Rupees 587 as pointed out in
the margin. The sum of Rs
173 is to be distributed among
9 Copyists and 2 readers in
the manner already
explained.

Total of the Proceedings Depts		760
To be retained		
For the use of Delhi list	1 Copyist	30
	2 do as Rs 20 each	40
		70
Four Copyists and 2 Readers to assist the Current Department till the sanction of the Govt of India is received for the increase required for the Central Office		73
Two Copyists for Audit Depts		30
		173
		587

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I. In the second
letter above recorded
the Chief Engineer
reports the Progress
made in bringing
up the arrears of the
Proceedings of the
late Board of Public
Works, for which the
Government of India
sanctioned the ad-
ditional establishment of Rs 16020
and requests permission to complete
the entire work at
one expense conformably
to the authorized
estimate. The proceedings
of the years 1846 to 1850
have been copied with
a few exceptions,
and the works
remaining

Govt Order dated 15th April 1856 No 819

remaining to be done
consists in the prepa-
-ration of the rough
and fair indexes for
the proceedings of
seven years, and the copy-
-ing of portions of the
proceedings of 1849 & 50. The portion of the
unauthorized amount
disbursed in the em-
-ployment of the tem-
-porary Establishment
up to July last amounted
to Rupees 9,300. There
remains a balance
of Rupees 6,720, and Colonel
Faber states that he
will be able to complete
the indexes and bring
up the arrears up to
July 1855, at a cost of
Rupees 2690, leaving
a saving of Rupees 4,030.

He

The Governor also
that the records of
the late Board of
Public Works are
defaced and injured
by use and are no
printed copy of them
exists it seems de-
sirable that the
original documents
should be transcribed
for preservation.
The Governor much
are also of opinion
that good and com-
plete indexes for
the proceedings
should be available,
and that the records
of the late Board
of Public Works,
which are represented

to

to be in a bad state, should be transcribed and they therefore authorize the completion of the work at the reduced cash proposed by the Chief Engineer.

8. Colonel Faber's finds two communications having been discovered of, his third letter dated 21st August Ct. 3085 requesting the Govt. to instruct the Civil Auditor to postpone carrying out the instructions contained in Gt Mins Cons dated 6th July in regard to the reduction of the Establishment of the

The Central Office needs no orders.

[signature]

Copies to the Chief Engr Dispr:
1 — Asst. Engrs
1 — Civil Auditor

Pr. Cyc. 15 April 50
No 34-355

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Public Works 185 Dept.
Dr to Cour 8th of September

A.D. 1850.

Extract Minute of Court
Dated 8th September 1850

From the Chief Engineer of the
Public Works Department

From Dr to Secretary Govt of Bombay
Public Works Dept

Authorizing Works
necessary to the Completion of
the Public Works to be hereafter
described to the Amount sanctioned
by Govt in Letter
of 26th

No 10 at 13.

Govt Letter 21 Sept.