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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th September 1858.

No. 78. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated Fort William, the 5th August 1858, No. 3813.

Read the following Circular from Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to the Local Governments and Administrations subordinate to the Government of India, dated Fort William, 5th August 1858, Nos. 3803 @ 3812.

SIR,

I am directed to request your attention to paragraph 2, p. 166, of the Public Works Code, by which it is laid down that Committees shall no longer be employed to investigate accidents or losses unless under special orders.

2. In such matters, the action of Committees, always irresponsible and usually ignorant, too often serves only to set up a screen between Public Officers who have been guilty of neglect or worse offences, and their responsibilities.

3. As a general rule, it will be the duty of the Chief Engineer, under the orders of the Chief Civil Authority, to institute such enquiries as are necessary to get at the facts, and thereon a judgment on the case will be passed. If the formal record of evidence on the spot appears necessary, the District Civil Officer will be available for the duty.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George for information.

By order of the Honorable the President in Council.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Major,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 1817; dated 6th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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CIRCULAR.

No. 3803 @ 3812

FROM

MAJOR R. STRACHEY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

The Local Governments
and Administrations
subordinate to the Govt of India

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 5th August 1858.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,—

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Strachey Major
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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By order of the Honble the President in Council

For Wm
Public Works Depart.
the 5th August 1838

C D Mackay
Offg Secy to the Govt of India

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P.W. Works 1858 Depmt to
Dy. to Comr. of Sept.

No. 1946.

From the Offg. Secty.
to the Govt. of India

Dated 5th
Recd 25th } Augt 1858

No. 3803.

Referring to para 2 of the
Public Work Code forbidding
the appointment of Committees
to investigate and
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Public Officers who have
been guilty of neglect, and
stated that he considered it
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No. 1817. 6th September 1858.

I am order

No. 1817.

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From Lt. George
6th Septr 58

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No. 7879.

c 27th Augt. 24th Sept.