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No. 132. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 6th September 1858, No. 3410.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1669 dated 19th August 1858, I have the honor to state that the object of my reference on the subject of the orders of the Government of India, conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultaion No. 1294 dated 6th July 1858, was to point out that such orders are inconsistent with the present system of conducting business in the Madras Department Public Works.

2. The Government of India gave distinct power to Superintending Engineers to sanction Estimates of new works up to 500 Rupees, and expressly exclude the Chief Engineer from initial action in such cases; but in Madras a Superintending Engineer cannot sanction any Estimate, or issue any order, except in the name of the Chief Engineer.

3. It is thus evident that either the instructions of the supreme authority cannot be carried out, or that our local rules must be altered to suit them, and in this case it must necessarily follow, that Superintending Engineers should sanction repairs as well as minor new works, so that my suggestion did not really involve an extension, but only the completion of the views of the Government of India.

4. For the present, I have placed the order of the Government of India, in regard to Estimates for new works under 500 Rupees on the same footing as that for Repairs to be sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, and if this temporay arrangement is satisfactory, no further orders are required.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, No. 1904; dated 14th September 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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For the present, I have placed the order of the Government of India, in regard to Estimates for new works, under 500 Rupees on the same footing as that for Repairs to be sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, and if this temporary arrangement is satisfactory, no further orders are required.

Central Office Ry I have the honor to be
Fort St George Sir
4th September 1858 Your most obed Servt

[signature] Major
Officiating Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Govt Dept
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To
The Secretary to Govt
D.P.W.
Dated 6th Sept 58
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Submitting the
Report of his proceedings
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No 1194 dated 6th
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By the Council