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No. 103. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 23rd September 1858, No, 3944.

SIR,

Agreeably to the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1637, dated 16th August 1858, I do myself the honor to submit for the information and approval of Government a draft set of rules, which I would recommend to be circulated to the Officers of the Department for guidance in the periodical inspection of Public Buildings and works, in the preparation of which the instructions of Government have been confirmed to in every particular, and due provision made for ensuring the attention of District Engineers to the several points noticed by the Government of India.

CIRCULAR.

The Government of India having directed that Periodical surveys of Public Works and buildings should be made by Professional Officers, the following Rules on the subject are circulated for the information and guidance of all Officers of the Department.

I. Officers of the Public works Department are held strictly responsible for the condition of all the Public Works and buildings within their executive charge. Subordinate Agents of the Department will be directly responsible to the Executive or other Officer in charge of the range. The Executive Officer will be responsible to the District Engineer and the latter to the Superintending Engineer of the Circle.

II. It is not necessary that the examination of Public works should be made in all cases by the District or Executive Engineer. The duty may in most cases be entrusted to an intelligent subordinate, but the superior Officers are expected to take measures to ensure the duty being performed efficiently, as a general rule it is required that the most important works shall be examined by the higher Officers of the Department, and those of less moment by properly qualified subordinates.

III. The inspection should be made generally once a year *previous* to the usual season for repairs; District Engineers will, however be at liberty to order a more frequent inspection of the works or buildings whenever from particular circumstances they may consider it necessary for the security of the Buildings.

IV. Care should be taken that the examination of Public Works be held at such timely opportunities as to be least expensive to the state, and productive of the least inconvenience to the Public service.

V. In all cases where repairs may be considered to be necessary, Inspecting Officers will be at liberty to forward estimates for execution under the general rules of the Department.

VI. Officers who make surveys required by these Rules will furnish reports thereof through their immediate superiors to the District Engineer, who will at the end of each years report for the information of the Central Office to what extent the Rules now laid down have been conformed to, and with what results.

VII. These rules apply only to *finished* works, whether belonging to the Irrigation, communication, or Building Departments, and not to those in progress under the superintendence of professional Officers, which will continue to be subject to the same rules and regulations as are now in force.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, No. 2195; dated 19th October 1858.

The circular instructions submitted by the Officiating Chief Engineer, for the periodical inspection of public buildings and works by the Officers of the Public Works Department, are approved. In Rule 2 however, for " the duty may in most cases be entrusted to an intelligent Subordinate," it would be well to adhere to the expression in Major Strachey's letter " may *frequently* be entrusted to an Assistant Engineer or to an intelligent Subordinate.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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Officiating Chief Engr

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to
The Secy to Govt
D.P.W.

Dated 23d
Received 3 Septr 58.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 19th October 1858.

Read the following
letter from the Officiating
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(Para under 23rd Sept/58.
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