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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Per 5/11/58

G.O. No. <i>2900</i>	☒ Press ☐ Mis.
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Dated <i>30-10</i>	18 58

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th November 1858.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 13th October 1856, No. 4494.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2086, dated 8th Instant, I have the honor with reference to para. 8 to submit a draft Circular cautioning District Engineer's in regard to the encouragement of complaints by their subordinates against the Police authorities. At the same time I have thought it advisable to point out what appears to me to be the safest course for the Officers of the Department of Public Works to adopt in the event of any real grievances being brought to their notice, as I understand that, direct application to the Magistrates on such subjects is informal, and cases may arise where redress is fairly sought.

2. I trust that I have not mis-understood the views of Government, and that my instructions may meet with approval.

Circular : Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated October 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

(Here enter 8th October 1858, No. 2086.)

In the foregoing orders, the Government express their dissatisfaction at the course pursued by the District Engineer of and in referring to the Chief Engineer for submission to higher authority complaints preferred by certain subordinates against the Magisterial Officers of those Districts, and it therefore becomes necessary for the Officiating Chief Engineer to point out to all Officers of the D. P. W., the line of duty to be observed under similar circumstances.

2. District Engineers are cautioned against the encouragement of such complaints as are here referred to, and are prohibited from addressing the Magistrates direct on such subjects, but in case of representations being made by their subordinates of undue interference with their public duty or maltreatment on the part of the Police, District Engineers should satisfy themselves that the allegations are well-founded, for if considered frivolous, the complainant is liable to punishment, but if there appear good ground for believing that harsh or illegal acts have been committed, the complainant should be instructed to appeal to the local court for redress, whose decision may if necessary, be reported to the Chief Engineer, and no complaint will be attended to in the Central Office, in which this course has not been followed.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 2300; dated 30th October 1858.

It appears to Government that in place of issuing the proposed Circular which is by no means clear or explicit, it would be better for the Chief Engineer to communicate to the Officers of his Department, copies of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 8th Instant, with the omission of names, offices and localities.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Circular

Draft

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated October 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

f. N. Co. 8th October 1858 N^o. 20861

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Samuel Smith *Lieut. Colonel.*
Officiating Chief Engineer

L. May

Central Office of M.O.
Fort St George 13 Dec 1858

No 4494

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government D.M.O.
Sir

Public

Encls: 1 Draft
Circular.

In acknowledging the receipt of G. M. O. of Gov: No 2086 dated 8th Instant, I have the honor with reference to Para 8 to submit a draft Circular cautioning District Engineers in regard to the encouragement of complaints by their subordinates against the Police authorities. At the same time I have thought it advisable to point out ^{what} appears to me to be the safest course for the Officers of the Department of Public Works to adopt in the event of any real grievances being brought to their notice, as I understood that, direct application to the Magistrates on such subjects is informal, and cases may arise where redress is fairly sought -

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Enclosure in a letter from
the Officiating Chief Engineer to the
Secretary to Gov: D.M.O.

Dated 13th Dec 1858

No 4494

M.O. 2143/58

Draft copy of a
Circular proposed to be
issued to the District
Engineers D.M.O. (regarding
to the encouragement of
complaints by subordinates
against the Police authorities
noticed by their subordinates)

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Your most obedient Serv^t

Fort St George
13th October 1858.

5th May

Samuel Kent Clavel
Officiating Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Gov^t
D.M.

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1858 28th Nov
By to Com. 13 1858
J. S. 2413.

The Offs Chief Eng.
To the Secretary to the
Army.

Dated 13th Oct 1858
Received 15th Oct 1858

Encl. 1 No 4494

Submitting for
approval a draft cir-
cular containing dis-
tinct Engineers in regard
to the arrangements
of complaints against
the Police authorities -

With an order -

10 2300.30 4 Oct 1858.

No 2300

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