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

No. 4. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 13th November 1858, No. 743.

Communicating to this Department an order from the Government of India, relative to the disposal of the forfeited portion of pay of a Clerk temporarily absent from duty. } (Vide Financial Consultation, 10th November 1858, Nos. 16-17.)

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 2579; dated 1st December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer.

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

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 743.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th November 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 11th October 1858.

Read an Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 3940, dated the 17th August last, relative to the disposal of the forfeited portion of pay of an Office Clerk temporarily absent from duty.

Read a Report from the Civil Auditor, Fort William, No. 2571, dated the 16th Ultimo, on the above subject.

RESOLUTION.—The Secretary in the Department of Public Works enquires whether it is considered regular to permit the forfeited portion of the pay of an Office Clerk temporarily absent from duty, to be given to other Clerks of the Establishment in addition to their fixed salaries, in consideration of the additional labor imposed upon them by such absence. It appears to the Secretary that to give any additional emolument to any public servant over and above that appertaining to his Office, without special permission of superior Authority, is decidedly objectionable and open to abuse, and that it should not be permitted.

2. The Civil Auditor, Fort William, reports that the practice is not unusual and that it appears to him to be unobjectionable, so long as the duties of the absentee are properly conducted and no extra expenditure is incurred. The receipt of the full salaries of two appointments, however, by the same Officer he considers objectionable under every circumstance, and he thinks that the award of the whole of the forfeited portion of the absentee's salary to his *locum tenens*, in addition to his entire pay, should not be permitted in cases in which the sum of the two exceeds the allowances of the highest paid appointment, unless the substantive salary of the Acting Officer is already in excess of that of the absentee.

3. The Honorable the President in Council is of opinion that the practice referred to by the Secretary in the Department of Public Works is objectionable, and that the more expedient as well as regular course will be for the Head of an Office to appoint an Acting man on the forfeited pay of the absentee, whereby the strength of the Office will be really maintained.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Departments,* Governments† and Officers‡ noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

* *Foreign, Home, Military and Public Works Departments.*

† *Governments of Bengal, Fort Saint George, Bombay, North Western Provinces and Straits Settlements.*

‡ *Punjab Chief Commissioner, Civil Auditors Fort William, Madras, Bombay, Agra and Punjab. Accountant General to the Government of India and Mint Committee, Calcutta.*

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat and to all subordinate Offices.

(True Extract and Copy.)

W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department
for record and for communication
to the proper officers

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Dated 7th Decr
No 2810.

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Dated 13th
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No 763

Communicating to
this Depart.t an order from
the Govt. of India relative to
the disposal of the forfeited
portion of pay of a clerk
temporarily absent from
duty.

No 4485.

Fort St. George
1st December 58

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Dated 2d ult. with C. No. C. B. 763.

No. 2579.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer.

W. H.

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