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No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 15th November 1858, No. 4106.

Referring to a question mooted by Colonel Lawford whether the Ordnance Department is to be empowered to carry on the execution of Public Buildings and to call on the Officers of the Public Works Department to inspect them Observe that the practice has been in force, under certain Circular Order of the Military Board; but as under the existing arrangements it may not be convenient to enforce the observance of the system, the propriety of continuing the practice will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(Vide Military Consultation, 16th November 1858, Nos. 110-111.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 2654; dated 8th December 1858.

The Government do not consider it necessary at present to pass any special orders on the question raised in para. 2 of the Officiating Chief Engineer's letter of the 27th October last No. 2272. The Bengal Public Works Code, which has been ordered to be adopted to the wants, and circumstances of this Presidency, will, it is presumed, explain to all Departments of the State, on whom will devolve the duties, first of execution, and afterwards of inspection of Public Buildings.

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

No. 4106.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 15th November 1858.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department, under date the 27th October 1858, No. 2372.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel E. Lawford, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 29th September 1858, No. 4101.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1971, dated 24th September 1858, I have the honor to observe that the general question on which, I sought an authoritative opinion from Government has apparently been overlooked.

2. That question is whether the Ordnance or any other Department is to be empowered to carry on the execution of public buildings, and to call on the Officers of D. P. W., to inspect the same when completed, for if such be the intention of Government it will follow that the charges of the buildings so constructed will not be entered in the Books of this Department.

3. I am opinion that the course adopted in the case of the Workshop in the Bangalore Arsenal is inexpedient, as being at variance with the principles established by the Government of India, and I think that if it was desirable to reduce the cost of the building by means of the Store Lascars as seems to have been the Inspector General's object, the labour of these men should have been made available by the Executive Engineer.

4. I have not the least desire to disturb the arrangement lately ordered at Bangalore, but I can see no advantage likely to be gained by a deviation from established rules in future.

5. A report on the Workshop when complete will be submitted to Government, and the Bill will, I presume be prepared by the Ordnance Department and sent up through the Inspector General.

Referred to the Military Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department dated 12th August 1858, No. 2865.

(True Extract.)

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Acting Secretary to Government.

It is observed that under the Military Board's Circular Order No. 26 dated 9th October 1854, in connection with Minutes of Consultation No. 2141 dated 8th August 1854—Engineer and Executive Officers where available, were required to report on buildings of the description referred to in Colonel Lawford's letter—as under existing arrangements it may not be convenient for Officers of the Public Works Department to inspect temporary Buildings erected under the orders of Government, the propriety of continuing this practice will be considered in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract & Copy.)

S. Marshall Colonel
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With 20 spare Copies
„ Inspector General of Ordnance.

Exd. R. Spears.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 8th December 1854 -

Read the following extract
from the Minutes Comm. in the Military
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(Here enter 15th Nov. 54 No 4106)

No. 2811. The Govr. the said Comr. [illegible] Lieut. Colonel Commg. Royal Engrs. to pass an Special order on the Queenstown Canals in A.D. the Offr. Chief Engr. Eastern Dist. the 2d Captain & 2272 the Royal Engrs. Code which has been ordered to the duplicate of the Proceedings, with this Memd. explaining the Departments of the State on whose title devolves the duties, first of Executive and afterwards of inspection of public buildings.

To Colonel the Hon. Offr. Chief Engr. Dublin Dist.
& ——— Military Department

Dublin Castle 8th Dec. 1854.

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Sd. [illegible]
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