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No. 77. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th March 1858 No, 8199.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 350, dated 2nd March 1858, which calls for a report on the system adopted in the Madras Presidency in the performance of certain duties similar to others now performed by the Bengal Engineers, but belonging properly to Barrack Masters, or to the Officers of the Quarter Master General, or of the Commissariat Department.

2. In reply I have the honor to state, that the duties in question have been performed in this Presidency either by the Commissariat Department or by the station staff Officers, and I trust they ever will be.

3. The District Engineer of Trichinopoly was lately called upon to perform duties not hitherto performed by members of this Department, and this gave rise to a reference to the Quarter Master General of the Army, who has agreed to define the duties of this Department as those "which require the submission of estimates or bills to the Central office of Public Works."

4. I take this opportunity of requesting the sanction of Government to the adoption of this regulation, and do myself the honor to forward copy of the correspondence* which led to the simple rule above transcribed being proposed and agreed to by Army Head Quarters.

* To the Quarter Master General of the Army No. 7275, dated 8th February 1858.
From Do. No. 12 dated 22nd February 1858.

Letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, dated 8th February 1858, No. 7272.

SIR,

With reference to the Deputy Quarter Master General's letter of the 15th January 1856, No. 127, I beg to refer you to the orders of Government contained in E. M. C. 4th September 1856, No. 1581, P. W. D. from which it is to be inferred, that the D. P. W. has no concern with the supply of mats and blinds, nor of house or office furniture to any department whatever, nor consequently with the repair of these articles, nor still less with their removal from one building to another, a duty which appears to have been required of the District Engineer's Subordinates in Trichinopoly.

Vide page 375, of C. O. Book.

Vide D. E. letter No. 1178, dated 30th December 1857.

2. The general principle to serve as a future guide in such cases appears to me to be this. "If estimates or bills for the works or duties in question are required by the rules of the De- "partment to be submitted to the Central Office of Public Works, then such are within the "province of the District Engineers Establishment to perform; but if otherwise, either the "Ordnance or Commissariat Department, or the Officer in charge of the station buildings, should "do what is required."

3. I hope you will concur with me in thinking, that by thus being guided by the precedent of former practice, a safe line of procedure cannot fail of being eliminated in each case as it arises.

Letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Bangalore, 22nd Februray 1858, No. 12.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 7272, of date 8th Instant, regarding the duties which properly belong to Executive Engineers of Divisions &c., I am instructed by the Commander in Chief to say, that he concurs with you in the rule laid down, and His Excellency has directed the same to be made known to all concerned.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, No. 708; dated 16th April 1858.

The Government will await the report called for from the Military Department, in Extract Minutes Consultation 2nd March last, No. 350, before replying to the letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, on the above subject, dated 22nd December 1857, No. 6147.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 7272

To

The Quarter Master General of the Army

Sir,

With reference to the Deputy Quarter Mr. McLeod's letter of the 15th January 1858 No 127. I beg to refer you to the orders of Government contained in G. M.C. 14th September 1836 No 1371 Vide ¶ 375 of C.O. Book from which it is to be inferred, that the Board has no concern with the supply of mats & blinds, nor of house or office furniture to any department whatever, nor consequently with the preparation of these articles, nor with their removal from one building to another, as duty which appears to have been required of the District Engineers subordinate in Presidency.

Vide D.E. Letter No 1178 dy 30th Dec/57

2. The general principle to be observed as a future guide in such cases appears to me to be this. If estimates or bills for the works or duties in question are required by the rules of the Department to be submitted to the Central Offices of the, then such and such provinces of the District Engineer establishment to perform; but if otherwise, either the Ordnance or Commissariat

"Department, or the Officer in charge of the
"Station Bridonize, should do what is required."

3 I hope you will concur with me in thinking, that by this being guided by the precedent of former practice, a deference of procedure cannot fail of being eliminated in each case as it arises.

I have &c
Signed C. B. Faber. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office S.W.
Portobello. 8th Feby 1838

Quarter Master General's Office

To

The Chief Engineer S.W.

Sir.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No 7272 of date 8th Instant, regarding the duties which properly belong to Executive Engineers of Districts &c. &c. &c. instructed by the Commander in Chief to say, that he concurs with you in the Rule laid down, and His Excellency has directed the same to be made known to all Concerned

I have &c
Signed F. A. Aird
Dy Mr Genl

Head Quarters
Bangalore 22nd Feby 1838

True Copy
C. B. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

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Contract Office of Mr.
Sat Aberdeen Railway
No. 1844.
From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government N.W.P.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Govt. Cir. No. 350 dated 2d March 1858, which calls for a report on the system adopted in the Meerut Division in the payment of certain duties similar to others now performed by the Bengal Engineers, but belonging professionally to the Bengal Master, or to the Officer of the Revenue Master General Department.

2. In reply I have the honor to state, that the duties in question have been performed in this Residency by the Commissariat Department or by the station Staff officers, and should they cease will be.

3. The District Engineer of Trichinopoly were lately called upon to perform duties not attendant

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Executive Engr
Trichinopoly

Dated 17th
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No. 8199.
P.W. 566/58.

Copies of Correspondence regarding the duties of Executive Engineers to be fixed by the Commissioner in Chief

"be by members of this Department, and
"at this game rise to a reference to the Quarter
Master General of the Army, who has
agreed to define the duties of this De-
partment as those which require the
"submission of Estimates or bills to the
"Central Office of Public Works"

4. I take this opportunity of requesting the sanction of Government to the adoption of this regulation, and do myself the honor to forward copy of the correspondence which led to the simple rule above transcribed being proposed and agreed to by Army Head Quarters.

× To the Deputy Genl. of the Army No 7275 dated 18th Feb/58. From Do No 12. dated 22nd Feb/58

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Svt.
Lieut Colonel.
Chief Engineer

Central Office P.W.
Intelligence
17th March 1858

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Central Office P.W.D.
Fort St. George 17 March 1858.

No. 8194.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Govt: Mem: Con: No. 351 dt: the 11th Inst: & in reply to call for a report on the system adopted in the Madras Presidency in the purchase of Cattle, similar to that now purchased for the Bengal Engineers, I have to forward herewith for the information of Government a Letter from the Quarter Master General of Fort St. George, and to state that the Commissariat Department of the Presidency have been directed to furnish the Public Works Department with the information required.

2. On receipt of this I will submit the Report called for.

3. The Duties of Engineer officers in this Presidency either in the Field or at Stations are so numerous that they cannot be specified in detail, but I will submit a list of the principal duties.

The Madras Staff Officers, and Pursuit of the Engineer officers, are such that they cannot be specified in detail, but I will submit a list of the principal duties.

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Public Works 1858 Sept
Dy to Cons: 27th April
No 566.

From.
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Dated 17th
Rec'd 18 & March/58

Encls. 4th No. 8799
S. C. No 708. 16th April 1858.
stating with reference to the Report called for on the system adopted in the Madras Presidency of the duties of Bonnock Masters that they have been performed in this Presidency either by the Commissariat dept or by the station staff officers. Requesting sanction of Govt to the approval of the Circulars in the declaration of the duties of Engrs & operations in the submission of Estimates or Bills

to the Central Office P.W.D.

No. 77.

27 April 1858.

Con: 2d March/58 No 7774

to define the duties of this Department as those which require the submission of Estimates or bills to the Central office of Public Works:

4. I take this opportunity of requesting the sanction of Government to the adoption of this Regulation, and do myself the honor to forward Copy of the Correspondence which led to the simple rule above transcribed being proposed and agreed to by army Head Quarters.

† To the Sec. Mil. Gen. of the Army No 2727 dated 8th Feb. 58
From do No 12 8/22 Feb. 4/58.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
17th March 1858

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
Signed C. E. Fabar
Chief Engineer

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№ 7272

To The Quarter Master General of the army

Sir

With reference to the Deputy Quarter Mr. Gen.ls letter of the 15 January 1858 No. 127. I beg to refer you to the orders of Government contained in E. In. C L.tr. Vide p. 395 of C.C. Books of September 1856 № 1581 P. W. D. from which it is to be inferred, that the D. P. W. had no concern with the supply of mats and blinds, nor of house or office furniture to any department whatever, nor consequently with the repair of those articles, nor is still less with their removal from one building to another, a duty which appears to have been required of the District Engineers & Subordinates in Trichinopoly. Vide D. E. Letter № 11178 d/30th Dec.r/57

2 The general principle to be observed as a future guide in such cases appears to me to be this - "If estimates or bills for the works or duties in question are required by the rules of the Department to be submitted to the Central Office of

Public Works Department
By the Commissioner
No. 5618
From the Chief Engineer
To the Secy to Govt P.W.D

Dated 17th March 1858
Received 18th Ditto
Enclosed one plan
S.C. № 108 of 18 Sheets

Stating with reference to the instructions contained in the Quarter Master General's circular of the 8th Instant that they have been pursued in this Presidency under the Communications of the Commissariat Department, and that the Station Officers of Engineers in the different districts of the Province have been furnished with the Returns of Barrack Furniture required by the Circular.

P.W. Com.r 2nd March 58

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Madras Fort St. George 12th March 1858

My dear Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Return of Barrack Furniture required for the Station of Trichinopoly, which has been prepared in accordance with the Instructions contained in your Circular Letter of the 8th Instant.

To the Secretary to the Public Works Department

"of P.W. when such are within the province
"of the District Engineers Establishment
"to perform; but if otherwise, either the
"Ordnance or Commissariat Department or
"the Officer in charge of the station buildings,
"should do what is required."

3 I hope you will concur with me in thinking, that by thus being guided by the precedent of former practise, a safe line of procedure cannot fail of being eliminated in each case as it arises.

I have &c.

Central Office of P.W. } Signed/ C. E. Faber Colonel
Fort. Geo. 8th Feby. 1858 } Chief Engineer

Quarter Mr. Genl. Office

No. 12

To

The Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 7292 of date 8th Instant, regarding the duties which properly belong to Executive Engineers of Divisions &c. and am instructed by the Commander

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in Chief to say, that he concurs with you in the Rule laid down, and this Excellency has directed the same to be made known to all concerned.

I have &c.

Head Quarters - } Signed/ F.A. Reid
Bangalore 22nd Sept. 58 } Dy. Mr. Genl.

True copy/
Signed/ C. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Encl. D. Jr.

P. W. D.

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No 708.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the April 1858.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engr
(Here Enter 17th March 1858 No 5199)

The first mile must
the report called for from the
Military Dept, in Ex: Min: Con
2d March last, No 350, before re-
plying to the letter from the Offg
Secretary to the Govt of India, on
the above subject, dated 22d Dec:
1857, No 6147.

J. G.

Copies to the Chief Engr
Supt &
Executive Engineers

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Enclosure in a letter
from

The Chief Engineer
To The Secy to Govt PWD
Dated 19th } Answered 58
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No 8199
PW 566/58

Copies of Correspondence
regarding the duties of
Executive Engineers to
be laid before the Com:
when called for

Cons: 2d March/58 No 77878.

Public Works 1858 Despatch
Dy. to Cons: 20th April

No 705
Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 16th April/58

Awaiting the receipt of the report called for from the Military Department regarding the system adopted in the Madras Presidency of the duties of Barrack Masters that they have been performed in the Presidency either by the Commissariat Department or by the Station Staff Officer in the order of the 20th March last at No 350.

No 77878

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