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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Consd 27-4-1858

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Dated	24-4-1858	

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No. 53. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 3rd March 1858, No. 7755.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated the 23rd October last No. 2002, I have the honor to submit the accompanying statement, shewing the number of Cash Chests required by the Officers of the Department, as reported by themselves. No requisitions

Letters since received from the District Engineer, Godavery Division in which he states that Cash Chests were provided prior to the receipt of the Chief Engineer's Circulars and from the District Engineer Cuddapah who has applied for 24 Cash Chests both letters accompany.

have been received from the District Engineers of the Godavery Division, and of Cuddapah. I am disposed to think, however, that no Chests are required for Rajahmundry, as from the facilities afforded in that District, and from the fact of the Executive having been in the hands of the District Engineers for several years past, Cash Chests must have been already and probably long ago made up in the Workshop there whenever required.

2. I would beg to observe that the requisitions do not generally appear to me to have been made according to any fixed rule. They vary from 1 to 6 Cash Chests for each executive range. Thus it will be seen, that while the District Engineer of Malabar has applied for 18 Cash Chests with only 3 ranges in his District, six cash Chests are stated to be the number required for Canara, in which there are 7 ranges.

3. The total number applied for is 162 Cash Chests, but in modification of this number I beg to propose, that two Cash Chests be allotted to each Executive range, and one for each District Engineer, either for his own use, or to be kept in reserve to meet any sudden or temporary demand. The aggregate, agreeably to this proposition, will be 176 Cash Chests, which is considerably below the Number, viz. 350, originally considered necessary for the whole of the

* Extract Minutes Consultation, 24th October 1857, No. 2004.

Districts. For this number less one, which has been already sanctioned,* I now beg to solicit the sanction of Government. The cost not to exceed the limit fixed viz., Rupees 31 each.

4. The above number viz. one hundred and seventy-six, the Government will see (by the accompanying statement) is exclusive of Rajahmundry, but includes 11 for Cuddapah, from which District no requisition has been received, the number allotted to it, however, is agreeably to the rule observed in allotting the number for the other Districts.

5. I must here bring to the notice of Government, that the District Engineer of Nellore has intimated having made arrangements with Messrs. Shaw and Co. for the supply of twenty wrought Iron Cash Chests fitted with Chubs' Locks at 85 Rupees each Lieutenant Mullins appears to have taken this step with reference to the order of Government dated the 4th April last, No. 630, which was circulated to all District Engineers with the view to measures being adopted for carrying out the order of Government alluded to above, viz. that Officers of the Department be supplied with proper boxes for the public cash. It was obviously necessary however that he should have taken the orders of the Central office before entering into this expensive arrangement with Messrs. Shaw and Co. He now finds (the Public Works establishment being reduced) that 10 Chests are enough for his District, and he proposes that the remaining ten be made available for the other Districts. I cannot say how the Government may be disposed to view the case, but if these chests are to be made the property of the Government, I would beg to suggest, as Iron Cash Chests are not I believe always procurable at Madras, that the whole twenty be retained in Store, at the Presidency, for the use of the Public Works or any other

* Dated 5th August 1857, No. 1495. 6th November 1857, No. 2241.

Department of Government. I beg to submit Lieutenant Mullin's two letters* on the subject for the information of Government.

Dated 8th August 1857, No. 151.

6. I beg also to forward a letter received from the District Engineer Coimbatore in which he submits an estimate for 11 Cash Chests, one of which he states is an Iron patent Chest which he has already purchased for one hundred Rupees, another, he states Lieutenant Shaw Stewart had caused to be made for the Neilgherry range for sixty-two Rupees, and the other nine are for the ranges of his District, and for detached Overseers. The Cash Chest for sixty-two Rupees the Government have already sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated the 24th October 1857, No. 2004. The

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• In the Statement.

number allotted for Coimbatore* viz. 13, is intended to include the one alluded to above, as well as the other for Rupees 100 for the District Engineer should the Government consider it proper to permit which I would recommend, as the District Engineer considers such an Iron safe necessary for his office.

7. The number, for which sanction is now solicited I consider to be equal to the wants of each District in the present reduced state of the Public Works establishment, I have no doubt however, that on the Department being brought to its complete strength, or on any District's present establishment, being increased, fresh requisitions will be made for more Cash Chests. In this case, or in any special emergency, I beg to be honored with the orders of Government, as to whether or not I may authorize a supply, provided always that the cost of each Cash Chest shall in no case exceed the present limit for its construction, viz. Rupees thirty-one.

Statement shewing the number of Executive Ranges in each District, the number of Cash chests applied for, and the number proposed by the Chief Engineer.

District.	No. of Executive Ranges.	No. of Cash chests applied for.	No. of Cash chests proposed by the Chief Engineer.	Remarks.
Ganjam.	3	9	7	
Vizagapatam.. ...	3	6	7	
Godavery Division... ..	7	14	15	
Kistnah Division... ..	4	20	9	None applied for and none admitted as they are not considered to be required in this District.
Nellore.	7	11	11	None applied for but 11 admitted according to the number of ranges in this District.
Cuddapah.	5	6	13	
Bellary	6	6	7	
Kurnool.. ...	3	6	7	
Chingleput.	3	6	7	
North Arcot... ..	5	16	11	
South Arcot	4	6	9	
Tanjore.. ...	4	7	9	
Trichinopoly.	4	9	9	
Madura.. ...	4	8	9	
Tinnevely.. ...	5	10	11	
Coimbatore... ..	6	11	12	Including the one sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th October 1857, No. 2004 and the Iron one purchased for the District Engineer's office Rupees 100.
Salem.. ...	3	4	7	
Canara... ..	7	6	15	
Malabar	3	18	7	
Total.....		162	175	

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Bobberlunka, 22nd February 1858, No. 922.

SIR,

With reference to your memo. dated 14th December last, I have the honor to state that all the Officer's and Overseers of this Division have been provided with Cash Chests prior to the receipt of your Circular No. 136, dated 28th October 1857, and of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 630 dated 4th April 1857.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW, STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah, 24th February 1858, No. 1221.

SIR,

With reference to the Circular from the Central office, No. CXXXVI of the 28th October 1857, which sanctions the construction of two Cash Chests for each Executive Range, I have

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the honor to bring to your notice that the number thus allowed for this District, viz. ten, is wholly inadequate to its requirements. I request permission to construct 24, being 14 in excess of the number already sanctioned.

2. It is scarcely necessary to point out the very false economy of stinting the number of safe depositories for Government money. It is not long since I was obliged to report a robbery of Rupees 305, which it is quite possible might have been prevented, had the money been kept in a Cash Chest. The cost of one, Rupees 31, is so very insignificant when compared to the value of the property which it renders secure, that I earnestly trust you will sanction the immediate construction of the full number now applied for by me.

Letter from Lieutenant JOHN MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Boochureddypolliem 5th April 1858, No. 1495.

SIR,

With reference to your Circular No. LXXV of 1857-58, I have the honor to inform you that no Cash Chests of the description therein alluded to will be required for this District, as some months since arrangements were made with Messrs Shaw & Co. of Madras for the supply of wrought iron Chests fitted with Chubb's Locks at the rate of Rupees 85 for each Chest.

Letter from Lieutenant JOHN MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Nellore, 6th November 1857, No. 2241.

SIR,

With reference to Circular Extract from your Proceedings, No. CXXXVI, of 1857-58, dated 28th October 1857, and my letter No. 1495, dated 5th August 1857, I have the honor to request your instructions as to the disposal of the Iron Cash Chests, which I have ordered to be made up, and which I expect to receive in another month, as in the first place their cost greatly exceeds the price of the wooden box, a plan and estimate of which were forwarded with your letter, and secondly as Government object to 350 Chests for the whole of the Presidency. Twenty the number which I ordered, before the reduction in the Department took place, is far more than will now be required in this District.

2. I would suggest that 10 of these Iron Chests should be kept by me for this District, and that the remaining 10 be made available for any other District or Districts in which they may be required. There is no doubt that where large sums in Cash are kept, an Iron Chest is required, and as, even with the reduced expenditure now permitted, it is often necessary for an Officer to draw 4 or 5000 Rupees at once, I think that the wooden box, for it is not a Chest, is in the absence of any guard, an insufficient protection, though this box in the case of Sub Overseers will generally be found of sufficient strength to protect the few hundred Rupees, which are from time to time in their possession.

3. I may in conclusion remark that it was my intention to pay for these chests out of the estimates of the works on which they might be required, and to charge one for each of the Executive Engineer's to the works in each range generally. This plan should still I think be followed, unless the Cash Chests can be issued and paid for like machinery for the use of the Department generally, in which latter case the Chests would be brought on the returns of machinery or Civil Stores.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 8th August 1857, No. 151.

SIR,

With reference to Circular No. LXXV, dated 25th July 1857, I have the honor to inform you that the lowest number of Cash Chests required in this District is eleven, 6 for the 6 ranges and four others for Overseers employed on Detached duties, and one for the District office but I would bring to your notice that I have already purchased an iron patent Cash Chest for Rupees 100 for my own office and Lieutenant Stewart caused to be made for the Neilgherry range one for Rupees 62.

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2. I have the honor to submit a bill amounting to Rupees (450) four hundred and fifty for Cash Chests accordingly.

Estimate of the probable expense for constructing 11 Cash Chests for the use of the D. P. W. in the Coimbatore District.

	Rs.	Rs.
1 Iron Cash Chest for District Engineer's office...	...	100
1 Wooden do. for Neilgherry range ...	...	62
5 do. do. for ranges at 32 Rupees each ...	...	160
4 do. do. for detached Overseers do. do. ...	...	128

Total Rupees... 450

District Engineer's office
Coimbatore,
8th August 1857.

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, Captain,

Dist. Engr. of Coimbatore.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 770; dated 24th April 1858.

The Government, when sanctioning the Estimate for making Cash Chests for the Public Works Department, called upon Colonel Faber to report the number of Chests actually required, as that specified in his Proceedings dated 18th June 1857, No. 1311 was unnecessarily large. With reference to this order, the Chief Engineer with his communication above referred to forwards a statement, and requests sanction for 175 Cash Chests.

2. The Governor in Council authorizes the making of 175 Chests besides the one already sanctioned* at a cost not exceeding Rupees 31 each. The aggregate cost of these Chests will be Rupees 5,425.

3. In paras. 5 and 6, the Chief Engineer states that Lieutenant Mullins of Nellore, has ordered 20 wrought Iron Cash Chests at 85 Rupees each, from Messrs. Shaw and Co. of Madras; and Captain Francis of Coimbatore has purchased one for 100 Rupees. Colonel Faber proposes to give 10 Chests for the Nellore District, as 20 are more than necessary in the present reduced state of the Department, and to retain in store at the Presidency the remaining ten, for the use of the Public Works or any other Department of Government. The number of Chests sanctioned above includes those required for Nellore and Coimbatore, at the sanctioned rate of Rupees 31 each, and the Government will allow that the District Engineer of those Provinces shall be reimbursed the expense they have incurred at that rate, but as the wrought Iron boxes were ordered without sanction, are very inconvenient from their weight, and are not necessary, the Government will not relieve Captain Francis or Lieutenant Mullins from a charge which they had no authority to incur. Ten boxes being the number required according to Colonel Faber's opinion for Nellore, Rupees 310 will be allowed to that District, and Rupees 31 to Coimbatore.

4. In the concluding para. the Chief Engineer enquires whether he can authorize a further supply if more Cash Chests are required when the Department may be brought to its complete strength. On such an occasion an estimate of the number that may be then required should be submitted to Government, and their sanction obtained according to the general rules.

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

No 1221 of 1857/58

From

Lieutenant J. H. Mc. Shaw Stewart
District Engineer ofuddapah.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber

Sir,

Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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2, — It is scarcely necessary to point out the very false economy of limiting the number of safe depositories for Government money. It is not long since I was obliged to report a robbery of Rs. 305; — which it is quite possible might have been prevented, had the money been kept in a cash chest. The cost of one, Rs. 31, is so very insignificant when compared to the value of the property which it renders secure, that I earnestly trust you will sanction the immediate construction of the full number now applied for by me.

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Your most Obedient Servant

J. H. Mc. Shaw Stewart Lieutenant

District Engineer ofuddapah.

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District Engineer's Office
24th February
1858

Central Office of Works,
Fort. Saint George
3 March 1858.

N. 7755

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government,
D. L. W.

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Mr. Richard Engineer
Cuddapah

Mr. Chief Engineer
A. R. M.

On 24th March 1858

Each 20th January 1858

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Requests sanction for
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Sanction

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No. 1493
6th Nov^r/57. No. 2241

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M. J. S. Colonel
Chief Engineer

E. J. S.

Sanction

P.W.D

N^o 770

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 24th April 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 3rd March 1858 N^o 775)

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the Public Works Department,
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unnecessarily large. With
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communication forwards
a statement and requests
Sanction

W. M.

Minis. Cons. dated 23rd Oct^r 1857
N^o 2002.

Cons. 29th Oct^r 1857 N^o 2153.
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- 31st - - - 31st 59.

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27th March 1858.

John
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government (P.W.)

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March 1858
N^o 770-775
7th Dec^r 1857 N^o 14-53

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on the 23rd Oct^r 1857
N^o 2002.

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Sanction for 175 cash chests.

2 The Governor in Council ^{authorizes} ~~sanctions~~ the making of 175 chests

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Abstract of Lowe:

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From the office of the Surveyor of the Board of
 27th July

From the Chief Engineer 27th July 1858

Authorizing the making
 of 1500 copies of the
 new scheme on the 21st of
 Oct^r 1857, at an approximate
 cost of 100 51 25, 1/2. 31 each,
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