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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No. 10 Press Mis.

18-19

Dated 5 - 1 - 1859.

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No. 18. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 25th November 1858, No. 5786.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2442 dated 18th instant, I have the honor to solicit the early orders of Government as to the employment of the Engineers, eleven in number who are shortly to arrive at Madras for the service of this Department.

2. Nothing can in my opinion be more prejudicial to the welfare of such persons than to leave them without stated regular employment and I am most anxious to be prepared to employ them at once on their arrival, but I am not at present in a position to do so.

3. Some of the men will of course be sent to the Godavery and Kistnah Divisions and to Negapatam where the Dredges have been forwarded, but for those who remain at Madras a Systematic means of performing regular duty is necessary.

4. Information has been given to me that much valuable Machinery intended for this Department has long been lying exposed to the weather for want of room in the Arsenal Stores and it was a knowledge of this fact and of its injurious consequences that led me to urge the transmission of all available stores to the Districts.

5. Moreover great inconvenience is felt from our inability to set up and examine Machines properly before they are sent away.

6. Under these circumstances I beg most strongly to recommend that I may be permitted to form the beginning of a Presidency Store and Work-shop of the Public Works Department, and although I am quite sensible of the difficulty involved in this application, yet considering that the Home authorities continue to send out, not only Machines but men to work them, it seems clear that they contemplated some expenditure taking place to render them serviceable.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 10; dated 3rd January 1859.

Before passing orders on the suggestion offered in the above letter for the establishment of a Presidency Store and Workshop of the Public Works Department, the Government desire to be furnished with details of the plan contemplated, and of the cost involved in the proposition both on account of the construction of Buildings, as well as of the Establishment necessary for working out the scheme. Colonel Faber will at the same time quote the dates of any correspondence that may have passed with Government on the same subject. He will also state with reference to his application of the 14th January 1858, No. 6617, on which the services of the Mechanical Engineers referred to by him were engaged for this Presidency, whether there is any record or other information, shewing the mode in which that Officer contemplated the employment of the Engineers on their arrival in this country.

(Signed) W. .H BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 25 Nov.r 1858

No. 5786.

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government Dep.t

Sir

Referring to S. M. C No. 2242 dated 18 instant, I have the honor to solicit the early orders of Government as to the employment of the Engineers, eleven in number who are shortly to arrive at Madras for the service of this Department.

2. Nothing can in my opinion be more prejudicial to the welfare of such persons than to leave them without stated regular employment and I am most anxious to be prepared

Public Works Department

No. 10

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th January 1859

Read the following letter
from the Officiating Chief
Engineer.

(Hereunder 25th Nov/58 & No. 3780)

Before suspending orders
on the suggestion offered in the
above letter for the establish-
ment of a Presidency Store
and Work Shop of the Public
Works Department, the Govt.
desire to be furnished with
details of the plan contem-
plated, and of the cost
involved in the proposition,
both on account of the
construction of Buildings,
as well as of the establishment
necessary for working out the
Scheme. Colonel Fraser
will at the same time quote
the

DP Vide Secy Govt
Pub Works Dept
No. 2858 dt 30/12/58

Sir

The Offg Chief Engr
& The Secy to Govt. 1858

dated 25th November 1858
rec'd. 28th

No. 3780

Soliciting the orders of
Govt. with reference to G.O.C.C.
No 2442 of 6th inst. on the
employment of the Engineer
who are shortly to examine the
Railway by the Line of
the Bore Hole, made in connexion
with the recommending the
formation of a Presidency
Store and Work Shop for
the Public

Sir

I have &c.
(Sd) W. Ellis
Offg Chief Engr
17th January 1859.

the dates of any correspondence that may have passed with Government on the same subject. He will also state with reference to the last application of the 4th January 1858, No. 6617, on which the services of the Mechanical Engineers referred to by him were urged for this Presidency, whether there is any record or other information, shewing the precise grounds on which that Office contemplated the employment of the Engineers on their arrival in this Country

W. H. B.

W C Jun to the Chief Engr's Dated 4th

Ey to Com 23d Nov 1858 N:35

Public Works 1859 Depth.
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Dy 3d January 1859.

Desiring to be furnished with details of the Plans contemplated and of the cost involved in the proposition both on account of the construction of Buildings as well as of the Establishments necessary for working out the scheme and calling on Chief Engineer to state whether there is any record shewing the mode in which he contemplated the employment of the Engineers on their arrival in this Country.

N:16419.