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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th March 1859.*

No. 81. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 24th February 1859, No. 8125.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorandum in original, from the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, P. W. with which for the most part I agree, and I solicit permission to defer further prosecution of the revision of the new Bengal Code now in process, until further information shall have been received from Calcutta, or until orders may be issued on the present application.

Memorandum of Lieutenant Colonel LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, dated 23rd February 1859.

Having in obedience to the Chief Engineer's orders of the 21st February 1859, No. 8053, begun the discussion of the Bengal Code, it appears to me more than ever difficult to adopt it systematically in this Presidency, so long as the constitution of the Central Office remains on its present footing, and it is very doubtful in my opinion, how far the rules relating to Superintending Engineers can be carried out consistently even in Bengal, where those Officers would seem to exercise conflicting functions, partly as Assistants to the Chief Engineer, and partly as Subordinate Heads of Circles, with distinct authority.

2. It is understood however, that the Government of India have decided on a change in this part of the system, and that orders may be expected for converting all Superintending Engineers into Chief Engineers of the 2nd Class, and this will involve a complete alteration of the Rules as regards these Officers, it seems better to await such orders before a new Madras Code is drawn up, and in the mean time the intentions of this Government, as declared in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 50 of the 6th January 1859, of adopting the provisions of the Bengal Code, wherever they are applicable to this Presidency, could be gradually and safely carried into effect.

3. It was indeed always my opinion that the adoption and enforcement of these Rules should be gradual, and that not until each Chapter had been successively approved and published, or else rejected, should the entire Code as finally authorized, be made, the guide book of this Department, and I still think this the best plan.

4. It is impossible to adopt the Bengal system of Accounts, with our present Establishment, and it is evident that the Madras Account branch requires great modification, yet it is not known what principles the Government propose to establish, and the Code would be most imperfect without due provision for this important Department.

5. I do not record these remarks with any intention of delaying or obstructing that review of the Bengal Code which has been ordered to be made, but merely to show that, as far as I can judge, the gradual adoption of such of its Rules, as admit of incorporation with our present system, and their general promulgation hereafter in a complete form, would be preferable to the plan of deciding at once on the entire Code.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 516; dated 8th March 1859.

The Governor in Council assents to the Chief Engineer's proposal to defer for the present, the examination of the Bengal Code of Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,  
Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.  
Fort Saint George  
24<sup>th</sup> February 1859.

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From  
The Chief Engineer

To  
The Secretary  
to Government D.O. 1016

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Your most obedient servant

W. H. P. Colonel  
Chief Engineer

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From Mr. H. H. Rogers  
to the Secretary

to the Secretary  
to the Secretary

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The Revenue in Bengal  
is assigned to the Chief Secretary  
for the present the ex-  
amination of the Bengal  
code of public works.

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