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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

No. 91. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 11th March 1859, No. 8519.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 492, dated 3rd Instant, I do myself the honor to observe, that the practice of excluding Punkahs from the category of works to be executed by professional Officers has not in my opinion, been attended with benefit to the State.

2. The duty of designing, hanging, and supplying Punkahs, requires not only skill, but often Science also; and it necessarily follows that in the non-professional department, which now has the supervision, the work may possibly be not executed with so much success and attention to these essential points, as might be the case with Officers of the D. P. W., whose employment is for the most part to be attributed to Scientific attainments.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request the favorable consideration of His Lordship in Council to the proposition now made, of transferring to this Department, the duty, which legitimately appertains thereto, of furnishing and putting up Punkahs for all Public Buildings requiring them.

4. Should the Government accede to this proposition, I shall issue the necessary instructions to the District Engineer, North Arcot, for the preparation of an Estimate, for the supply of a well devised scheme for Punkahs in the Church at Vellore.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, No. 860; dated 12th April 1859.

In a letter of the 10th June 1857 para. 8, the Chief Engineer recommended that the putting up and repairing of Punkahs and other fixtures in Public Buildings should be performed without the intervention of the Public Works Department; the object being to prevent such works forming a debit to that Department. To this recommendation the Government assented in para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation of March 12th 1858, No. 446, and directed that the charges in question should be included among the Contingent charges of the Department for the behalf of which they might be undertaken.

2. In a subsequent order of August 12th 1858 No. 1599 Government assented to a recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer that as the Barrack Master at the Presidency had not a sufficient Establishment to undertake the putting up and repairing of fixtures, the work of that kind should be done by the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, in the Buildings under their charge respectively; provided that the cost should still be included among the Contingent charges of the Department concerned.

3. In his present letter the Chief Engineer represents that as respects Punkahs, the practice established by the order of March 12th 1858, has not been beneficial, the unprofessional persons now entrusted with the duty of designing, hanging, and supplying Punkahs, being without the necessary science. He recommends therefore that the order, passed as it was on his own recommendation, may be abrogated so far as regards Punkahs.

4. It has been already noticed that the order has been reversed as respects the Presidency. The Governor in Council resolves now to modify it to the extent proposed by the Chief Engineer as respects the Provinces also. Engineer Officers will give their aid when applied to in the designing, preparing and putting up, as well as in the repairing, of Punkahs in Public Buildings; but the charges will be included among the Contingent charges of the Department concerned, and will not be debited to the Public Works Department.

New Punkahs will require previous sanctions; repairs will be executed immediately, subject to the general rules.

5. The District Engineer of North Arcot will act on this order in the matter of the Punkahs for Vellore Church, if his assistance is wished for by the local authorities concerned.

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

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Central Office of P. W.

Public

No. 8519

Fort Saint George,
11th March 1859.

From

The Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of Esc: Mins: Cons:
No 192 dated 3d Instant, I do myself the honor to observe,
that the practice of excluding Punkahs from the
category of works to be executed by Professional Officers
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to the State.

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attention to these essential points, as might be
the case with Officers of the D. P. W, whose
employment

employment is for the most part to be attributed to scientific attainments.

3 Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request the favorable consideration of His Lordship in Council to the proposition now made, of transferring to this Department, the duty, which legitimately appertains thereto, of furnishing and putting up Punkahs for all Public Buildings requiring them.

4 Should the Government accede to this proposition, I shall issue the necessary instructions to the District Engineer North Arcot, for the preparation of an Estimate, for the Supply of a well devised Scheme for Punkahs in the Church at Vellore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
H Ed Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
11th March 1859.
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To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th ult.o March 1859.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief
Engineer

(Recieved 11th March 1859
No 551)
In a letter of
the 10th June 1857 Paras
the Chief Engineer re-
commended that the
putting-up and repair-
ing of Punkahs and
other fixtures in Public
Buildings should be per-
formed without the in-
terventions of the Public
Works Department; the
object

From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
N.W.P.

Dated 11th March 1859
Rec.d 11th "

No 551

Sir

I have &c.
Chief Engineer

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No 86 = 12th ult.o
Public Department

Government transmitting
to the P.W.D. the duty of
designing supplying & hanging
Punkahs for all Public
Buildings requiring the same.

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Secretary to Government N.W.P.

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had not a sufficient Establishment to undertake the putting up and repairing of pictures, the work of that kind should be done by the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer, in the buildings under their charge respectively; provided that the cost should still be included among the contingent charges of the Department concerned

3 In his present letter the Chief Engineer represents that as respects Punkahs, the practice established by the order of March

12/58 has not been beneficial, the unprofessional persons now entrusted with the duty of designing, hanging, and inspecting Punkahs, being without the necessary science. We recommend therefore that the order, passed as it was on his own recommendation, may be abrogated so far as regards Punkahs.

4 It has been already noticed that the order has been reserved for the Presidency. The Governor in Council resolves now to modify it to the extent proposed by the Chief Engineer as respects the Provinces also. Engineer officers will give their aid when applied to in the designing, preparing, putting up, as well as in the repairing of Punkahs in Public buildings; but the charges will be included among the contingent charges of the Department concerned, and will not be debited to the Public Works Department.

New Punkahs will require previous sanction; repairs will be executed immediately, subject to

to the general rules.

5 The District Engineer of North Circuit will act on this order in the matter of the Buntals for Vellore Chuna if his assistance is wished for by the local Authorities concerned.

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No 860.

Extract Mins of Cons.
D.d 12th April 1859.

Read the Att.l Gen.l Dep.
d 27th ult.o & to C.t 21st
in Pro.s 28th Aug.t No.1833.

Passing orders on
the subject of designing pre-
paring and putting up,
as well as in the repairing
of Furniture in all pub-
lic Buildings.

No 1892.