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No. 157. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 21st July 1860, No. 2,909 :—

SIR,

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Qualifications, Appointments and Promotions.
CHAPTER III.
Fines, Suspensions, and Dismissals.
CHAPTER XXIII.
Relative to Military Authorities.
CHAPTER XXV.
Rules relating to Military members of the Department.

Chapters III, XXIII, and XXV do not call for any remark.

2. All four Chapters have, as usual, been circulated to the most experienced Officers of the Department at the Presidency and in the Provinces for an expression of their opinions, the whole are generally approved of, except the tests for subordinates in Chapter II, which many Officers consider too high; not only with respect to the present standard of education in this country, and the consequent non-probability of obtaining duly qualified candidates, but in regard to the nature of the duties which these classes have to perform.

3 I have little doubt but that for some years to come the only source of supply will be the Civil Engineering College, except for the 2nd Class Sub-Overseers, whom I hope to obtain in time from the Apprentice class in the several Districts, but it has yet to be proved that the College when fairly in operation will not be able to meet the demand, and it is so *recently* that the tests objected to received the approval and sanction of Government, I am not at present disposed to recommend any alteration.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON 9th November 1860, No. 2,320.

1. With this letter the Chief Engineer submits for approval Chapters II, III, XXIII and XXV of the new Code for the Public Works Department relating to Qualifications; Fines, suspensions and dismissals; Military Authorities; and Military members of the Department. The Government have carefully considered these Drafts, and proceed to record such observations as seem necessary on certain of the provisions contained in them.

Chapter II, Section I. Rule I.

2. The appointment of Garrison Engineer having been abolished, there appears no necessity for making such an exception as that introduced in Rule I, which should therefore be omitted.

Rule II.

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Rules VI and VIII. There may be good reasons for preferring these provisions to those of the Madras Notification of June 23rd 1857; but they are not stated, and the Government wish the Chief Engineer to explain the considerations which actuated him in doing so.

Rule IX. 6. Rules 9 should be more distinct; it should give the test in full.

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Chapter II, Section IV. Rule V. conditional sanction and was never intended to be a rule of the Department. The Rule should be omitted.

Rule IX. 9. A slight verbal alteration has been made in Rule 9.

Chapter III. Rule XIX. 10. This Rule should be omitted and a slight alteration made in Rule 17 as marked in the Draft. A new rule is added to come in as No. 20

Chapters XXIII and XXV. 11. Some verbal alterations have been made in Rule 4 of Chapter XXIII and Rule 3 of Chapter XXV.

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

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To
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9th ~~October~~ Nov. 1860.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer -

Submitting for the approval of Government 4 Sections of the revised Code relating to Qualifications, Fines, Military authorities, and Military Members of the Public Works Department.

(Secretariat 21st July 1860 No. 2909.)

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from P.W.D. 1860, Volume
Public Proceedings 1818.

From the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 21st July 1860.
Rec'd 23 July, 1860.
No. 2909.

Submitting for the approval of Government a Code of Instructions relative to the Qualifications, Duties, Fines, Suspensions and dismissals of Military Authorities and Military Members of the P.W.D.

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From the Chief Engineer
d/ 7 December 1860 C.A. No 2941 in

Passing observations on Chapter II, III, XXIII and ~~XXIV~~ of the New Code relating to qualifications, Fines, suspensions and dismissals, Mil.o authorities, and Military Members of the Department.

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