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No. 357. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 10th January 1862, No. 125 :—

SIR,

1. During an interview which Lieutenant-Colonel Rundall lately had with His Excellency the Governor General, it was mentioned by that Officer incidentally that the Establishments employed on the Upper Godavery Works are not on the same footing as other Establishments of the Department. Further explanation being desired by His Excellency, it was stated that, because they are paid from the Estimates for the works, they are not considered to belong to the regular Establishment of the Department, and that they are deprived of the privileges enjoyed by its members in case of sick leave and promotion.

2. In the absence of an explanation of this arrangement, it does not appear to the Governor General in Council desirable that there should be such distinctions, and it is certainly objectionable that the charges for Establishment on the Godavery should not appear in the annual Estimates under the head of Establishments, which is understood to be the fact at present. No reduction of the proportion of Establishment charges in the Department will be effective till the real amount of those charges is separately shown. Charging a part of what is really Establishment to works, so that they do not appear in the aggregate of Establishment charges, tends to obscure the subject and to prevent the real amount being seen.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched :—

No. 358. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 21st February 1862, No. 281.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo, No. 125, I am directed to offer the following observations on the points noticed therein.

2. The Establishment hitherto employed on the Upper Godavery has been engaged exclusively with reference to those works, and, with few exceptions, consists of persons not previously connected with the Public Works Department.

3. The whole of the salaries, whether Military or Civil, are defrayed from the Estimates, and do not, therefore, undergo pre-audit by the Civil Auditor. The posts of those Officers who have been transferred from their substantive appointments in the Department to the Upper Godavery, are filled up by other Officers who draw the salaries assigned thereto, hence a difficulty has arisen as to how the allowances to which they are avowedly entitled are to be defrayed. The Government, however, are of opinion that the Officers and their Establishments should be placed upon the same footing as respects privileges with other Members of the Department, and arrangements will be made accordingly; but I am directed to observe that there will be no other funds except that of the Estimate to provide for the salaries of absentees.

4. As regards promotions, this Government have already empowered Captain Haig to reward special merit by increase of salary, and they also consider that a rank corresponding to such salary may be added thereto; but as all persons employed on the strength of the permanent Establishment are obliged to pass certain examinations both for entry and subsequent promotion, they consider that it would not be fair to admit to the same footing on that Establishment those who have been exempted from such examinations.

5. As the works progress and the successive reaches of the river are made navigable, a permanent Establishment will become necessary, and will afford opportunity for selecting the most deserving from amongst those at present only temporarily employed.

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6. With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter I am directed to observe, that it has been the custom in this Presidency to consider the term Establishment to include all that is requisite for the general supervision and control of the Departmental expenditure. The minor executive agency necessary for supervising the petty details of construction and expenditure, while it is all brought under the scrutiny and check of the Chief Engineer, is nevertheless provided for in and debited to the Estimates, and passed in the Bills for the works, as is the case apparently in the other Presidencies.

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Fort St. George
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Officer in Charge
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