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No. 174. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. K. WORSTER, Barrack Master, Presidency, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd December 1862, No. 908 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government of the 27th November 1862, No. 2,839, I have the honor to state on re-consideration, that I believe the proposition, "that this Department should undertake trifling repairs to fixtures," cannot be carried out satisfactorily on the conditions specified.

2. It involves the search (perhaps an unsuccessful one) for a Carpenter, the loss of the services of the messenger for the time being, who can ill be spared in so limited an establishment from his other duties; proper supervision and comparatively high rates of payment, as there would be difficulty in inducing Artificers to leave their homes without increased allowance for casual and minor work.

3. With a Carpenter on monthly hire, the inconveniences attending the proposed plan would be obviated. There is ample work besides that to fixtures, such as repairs to Office furniture, &c., the supervision would fall into the daily routine inspections, and not at irregular intervals, while frequent applications to the Commissariat as well as to the Engineer Department would be avoided.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1862, No. 2,944.

1. Before passing final orders on the subject referred to in this letter, the Government would wish to be furnished with a Statement showing the amount paid by the District Engineer's Department during the past six months on account of Carpenters employed in the execution of trifling repairs to fixtures in the various buildings at the Presidency.

2. The Barrack Master will be good enough to state on what salary he proposes to entertain the Carpenter alluded to in paragraph 3.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

No 908

Barrack Master's Office  
Fort Saint George.  
31 December 1862

From

Colonel W. E. Worster  
Barrack Master  
Accidenty.

To

Colonel W. J. Birdwood R. E.  
Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department.

Sir

With reference to the Order of Govt. of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1862. No. 2389. I have the honor to state on reconsideration that I believe the proposition that this Department should undertake trifling repairs to fixtures, cannot be carried out satisfactorily on the conditions specified.

It involves the search (perhaps an unnecessary one) for a Carpenter—the loss of the services of the Carpenter for the time being—who can ill be spared in a limited and established establishment from his other duties—superintendence—and comparatively high rates of payment, as these would be difficult in inducing Artificers to leave their homes without increased allowances for board and minor work.

With a Carpenter on monthly hire, the inconveniences attending the proposed plan would be avoided. There is ample work besides that to fixtures, such as repairs to Office Furniture &c. the supervisors would fall into the daily routine inspections and not at irregular intervals, whilst frequent applications to the Commissioner as well as to the Engineer Department would be avoided.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. E. Worster

Barrack Master.

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subject referred to in this letter, the Govt

would wish to be furnished with a

statement showing the amount paid by

the District Engineer's department during

the past 6 months in account of ex-

-penditures employed in the execution

of building repairs to structures in the

various buildings at the Presidency.

The Bureau Board will be glad

enough to state in what salary he has

been paid to sustain the Carpenter's

to the property of the Bureau Board.

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