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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1863.**

No. 413. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., Civil Engineer, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 4th June 1863, No. 11 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to have the necessary orders passed under the following circumstances.

The Controller of Accounts has refused to audit Mr. Stephenson's pay abstract for April and May, and also those of the Native Surveyor and Draughtsman and Lascars, attached to Mr. Roberts, because they are not permanently employed in the Department, and because there is no provision in the Budget of this year for the special duty on which they are employed.

2. By the Government Order No. 1,011, dated 10th May 1862, on a letter from Colonel Carpendale, it was ordered that "the cost of [this] Establishment of Red Hill Tank water supply. " will be defrayed from the sum of 20,000 Rupees provided for the "work abovementioned,* from the four lacs allotted to this Presidency "in 1861-62 from proceeds of the 1 per cent. Income Tax, &c."

3. The work on which this Establishment is just now engaged is the drainage of Madras and the improvement of the Cooum, but in a short time it will again be employed on the Red Hill Tank Survey.

4. The cost of the Establishment as sanctioned is—

Mr. Stephenson, Surveyor...	Rs.
4 Lascars for do.	150.
	25
	175
<i>Mr. Roberts' Establishment.</i>	
1 Draughtsman and Estimator.	22
1 Native Surveyor...	22
4 Lascars...	25
	69
Total	244

will you be good enough to order this amount to be paid as usual from some other fund, if the one per cent. fund is not now available.

5. I take this opportunity of requesting permission to make a change in Mr. Roberts' Establishment. The Native Surveyor and Draughtsman have not, I find, been employed in these capacities; but only in assisting in chaining, levelling, &c. I am informed that the Draughtsman cannot draw, and I know that the Surveyor cannot survey. For our purposes he is quite useless.

6. Will you be good enough to permit me to employ one good Draughtsman at 44 Rupees per month instead of these two at 22 each.

No. 414. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1863, No. 1,586.

1. The Controller is requested to pass the salaries of Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Roberts' Establishment from the allotment in the Budget for the Pommel Tank.
2. The proposition contained in paragraph 6 is approved.

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

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