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General.

Simla, November 1, 1876.

Proposal that Superintending Engineers should be allowed to sanction Military Minor Works.

Read the following extract from the Report of the Committee appointed to report on working of Executive Engineers' Offices:—

"The Committee consider that the Code Rule Chapter VII, Section ii, para. 4, * * * which states Superintending Engineers have no power to sanction new works or additions other than those belonging strictly to their own Departments excepting in cases of emergency, when there is no local authority of the Department concerned vested with sufficient power," is occasionally injurious to the interests of the Department.

"The General or other sanctioning authority may refuse to sanction a work, not because that he does not consider that it is necessary, but because according to his ideas there are other works which he prefers to sanction, and as funds are restricted, he hesitates to do it.

"The Committee consider that in minor works of the class referred to, power should be given to Superintending Engineers to sanction work within their powers."

RESOLUTION.—It is observed that in dealing with the recommendation made by the Committee, the Inspector General has given it as his opinion that the Code rules should be strictly carried out "as undoubtedly the most conducive to economy." Colonel Hutchinson adds that if the "General Commanding or other sanctioning authority refuses to sanction a work, because there are other works which he thinks more important, he does rightly to place the more important in the first rank. If the power proposed by the Committee be given to Superintending Engineers, the result would be another co-equal sanctioning authority for the same class of works, namely, new works, additions or alterations, and consequently increased outlay."

2. Colonel Hutchinson concludes by saying that if a work were required for the safety and preservation of a building, and the General or other sanctioning authority refused to sanction it on the ground that he did not think it so important, then the Superintending Engineer as the responsible professional officer, if he considered it necessary, would be justified in immediately sanctioning it, and reporting to Inspector General what had been done for approval and confirmation, provided the funds are not taken from that placed at the Commanding Officer's disposal.

3. The Government of India is of opinion that Colonel Hutchinson's views in this matter are correct, and the Code rules will therefore be left unaltered.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Inspector

Governments of Madras, Bombay and Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces and British Burmah.
Resident at Hyderabad, and Governor General's Agents, Rajpootana and Central India.

General of Military Works for information and guidance, and the Governments and Ad-

ministrations noted in the margin for information.

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