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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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27th February 1877. No. 658.*

No. 653. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Secretary, Public Works Code Committee, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th February 1877, No. 9 P.W.C. :—

IN continuation of my letter No. I Public Works Code, I am directed to forward Chapter I of the Government of India Public Works Code similarly revised.

No. 654. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1877, No. 658.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 34-B.

IN circulating for general information and guidance the preliminary issue of Chapter I of the Public Works Code, His

Excellency the Governor in Council feels it necessary to point out to all officers of the department how greatly the removal of all defects in any Code of Regulations can be facilitated by the intelligent criticism of the officers who are called upon to carry these regulations into effect.

2. His Excellency, therefore, invites all District Engineers and Executive Officers to carefully read through this, and each succeeding Chapter of the Public Works Code as issued, with the object of placing before Government such suggestions as may occur to them for improving either the substance or the letter of the regulations.

3. The first and most important requisite in any Code of Regulations is that every order contained in it should be absolutely explicit and intelligible, and it is to this point, therefore, that the attention of the departmental officers should be principally directed.

In other respects, while it is probable that the wider experience of the senior officers will enable them to point out in nearly every chapter of the Code a few points on which the draft regulations may yet be either defective or impracticable, the attention of the junior officers may usefully be confined to a more thorough study of such portions of the Code as affect their own interests and every-day duties.

4. All suggestions whatever relating to the Code should be addressed to the Secretary, Public Works Code Committee, and if effect is to be given to them in the final issue of the first edition of the code, they should be received by the Code Committee within a reasonable time, say two months, of the preliminary issue of the chapter of the Code to which they refer. Suggestions will however be gladly received at any time, and will, if approved, be embodied in the Standing Orders by which the Code will from time to time be supplemented.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Secretary, Public Works Code Committee.
" Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
" Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads.
" Consulting Architect.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Fort St George -
10 March 1877
Office Note

To C.

Go. 65-8 dated
27th February issues
to day — When
do you expect to
have Chapter I
of the Code ready?
I may perhaps
issue it direct
to those concerned

18/3/77

FROM THE SECRETARY,

P.W.CODE COMMITTEE,

TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

FOR IRRIGATION.

PORT ST. GEORGE. 24TH. FEBY. 1877.

NO. 9. P.W.C.

SIR,

IN CONTINUATION OF MY LETTER NO. I.P.W.C. I AM DIRECT-
ED TO FORWARD CHAPTER I OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PUBLIC
WORKS CODE SIMILARLY REVISED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDT. SERV'T;

Lowry Gordon.

SECRETARY, P.W.CODE COMMITTEE.

P.W.D.
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FROM THE SECRETARY

P.W. CODE COMMITTEE.

TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT.

FOR IRRIGATION.

NO. 9. P. W. C.

DATE. 24TH. FEB. 1877.

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FORWARDS CHAP. I OF THE GOVT.
OF INDIA P.W. CODE REVISED.

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UNDER date the 27 Feb/77
Read the following:—

LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO THE
PUBLIC WORKS CODE COMMITTEE NO. 9. P.
W. C. DATED FEBRUARY 23RD. 1877.

ORDER THEREON.

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IN CIRCULATING FOR GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE THE PRELIMINARY ISSUE OF CHAPTER I OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FEELS IT NECESSARY TO POINT OUT TO ALL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HOW GREATLY THE REMOVAL OF ALL DEFECTS IN ANY CODE OF REGULATIONS CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE INTELLIGENT CRITICISM OF THE OFFICERS WHO ARE CALLED UPON TO CARRY THESE REGULATIONS INTO EFFECT.

2. HIS EXCELLENCY THEREFORE

INVITES ALL DISTRICT ENGINEERS
AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS TO CARE-
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EACH SUCCEEDING CHAPTER OF THE
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J. P. Engle
Ex. H. L. W.
Secy. P. W. C. C.
C. E. S. L. Dept.
C. E. B. R.
Com. A. H. W.

12-3-77

Mr. H. L. W. ? the Chap
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