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Dated 2- 6- 1857.

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No. 81. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 20th May 1857, 511.

Read the following letter from Major W. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Lower Annicut, 7th May 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the last Arch of the Coleroon bridge, on Trunk road No. 2, was completed on the 20th of last month, the centering removed on the 2nd Instant, and the structure all safe. Up to this date, 6 of the arches on the North and 6 on the South side, have been plastered, and the rest, I trust, will be completed before the end of the month.

The spandrils and face walls have been built up throughout its whole length. Blocking course with 3 Bricks of the parapet wall over 19 arches on the South side and 11 on the North built up on the completion of which (when raised to the same height throughout) will be constructed a temporary parapet for the season of brick in Mud pillars with Bamboo railings.

The approaches on each side are finished, with the exception of the turfing, which is making rapid progress.

There was a slight fresh of 1 foot on the river on the morning of the 5th which has since considerably decreased.

I am sorry I cannot report so favorably of the bridge over the Northern branch of the Lower Annicut, upwards of two lacs of raw bricks having been destroyed by heavy showers of rain 26 arches however are finished, the centerings turned from 24 and two arches under construction. I have made arrangements however for the drying the bricks under sheds and trust in the course of the next 10 days to be able to report considerable progress.

Resolved to forward a copy of the foregoing letter without number dated the 7th May 1857 from the District Engineer in Tanjore (reporting the safety of the Coleroon bridge on the coast road after removing the centerings of the last arches) be forwarded for the information of Government, with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that the Executive Engineer of the 4th class, Lieutenant A. Francis is entitled to very favorable mention for his assiduity and skill in having brought this important Public Work to so advanced a stage thus early in the season.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 1049; dated 2nd June 1857.

The Government learn with satisfaction the completion of the great bridge across the Coloroon at Aunacaren choultry, and are gratified to see the terms in which the Chief Engineer speaks of the exertions of Lieutenant Francis.

2. In taking credit to his Department for the early completion of the work however, Colonel Faber should keep in mind the great extent of work already done, and the great mass of materials already prepared, under the orders of the Sub Collector of Tanjore, to whom the Government are aware that their acknowledgments are chiefly due for the successful completion of this fine bridge.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 511

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George
Under date the 20th May 1859

Read the following letter

From
The District Engineer
Tanjore

To Colonel A. Cotton
The Chief Engineer &c &c
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the last Arch of the Coleroon Bridge, on Trunk Road No. 2, was completed on the 20th of last Month, the Centering removed on the 22d Instant, and the Structure all safe. Up to this date, 6 of the Arches on the North & 6 on the South side, have been plastered, and the flesh, I trust, will be completed before the end of the Month.

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The approaches on each side are finished, with the exception of the Curbing, which is making rapid progress.-

There was a slight Crack of Thunder on the River on the morning of the 5th which has since considerably decreased.

I am sorry I cannot report so favorably of the Bridge over the Northern Branch of the Lower Annicut. Upwards of 1/3rd Lacs of raw Bricks having been destroyed by heavy Showers of Rain.- 26 Arches however are finished, the Centerings turned from 24 and two Arches under construction. I have made arrangements however for the drying the bricks under Sheds and trust in the Course of the next 10 days to be able to report considerable progress.-

I have &c
Sd/ H. Goodwyn
Dr Pope
Dr Sanford

Conservancy
May 7th 57.

Resolved to forward a Copy of the foregoing Letter without number dated the 7th May 57 from the District Engineer with a Memorandum reporting the safety of the Coleroon Bridge on the Coast Line after removing the Centerings of the last arches be forwarded for the information of Government with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that the Executive Engineer of the 1st Class, Lieut A. Francis is entitled to very favorable consideration for his assiduity and skill in having brought this important Pub. Work so far advanced a stage thus early in the season.-

True Extract

Sd/ Colin C.
Chief Engr

Sd/ Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

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N° 1049

Extract from the Minute of Consultation
Under date the 2d. June 1857

Read the following
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G.O. N° 1049. 2d June 1857

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Forwarded for the information
and entry in the Collection of
Tank Accounts of the Chief
Engineer, Public Works Department
and Secretary to Government
Marine Department.

To Lt Col. Pasley Chief Engineer
&c &c &c

By Command of the Right Honble
the Governor in Council

C.C. Taylor
Secy. to Govt

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