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Political DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 9—6— 1857

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 97. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 27th May 1857, No. 711.

SIR,

In reply to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 999 of the 25th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Extract Minutes Consultation No. 673 of the 9th April was received in the Central office on the 15th April instead of the 16th as therein stated, and that the order prohibiting the construction of submerged locks having thus reached me at the commencement of the Easter recess I myself in an antograph letter forwarded (in a cover superscribed "on the public service only") a communication of the prohibition of Government and of its serious displeasure direct to Lieutenant Haig on the 11th April 1857.

2. With this explanation before His Lordship in Council I must express an expectation that all responsibility on my own part will at once be admitted to be at an end; unless indeed it be ruled that the head of the Department possesses no authority over its members and that its Officers are at liberty to neglect the Chief Engineers orders when they extend beyond the authentication of the signature of the Secretary to Government.

3. As the same demi Official communication on which Proceedings have been taken, admitted the receipt of Colonel Faber's intimation of the disapproval of Government (thus shewing on his part a more than common freedom from remissness in the discharge of public duty,) I cannot but feel both regret and surprise that the acknowledged disobedience of Lieutenant Haig has been passed over not only without censure but without comment, whilst the office oversight, which ought to have been of no practical consequence is visited with the "extreme displeasure of His Lordship in Council.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, No. 1103; dated 9th June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Recd the following Letter

No 711

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
27th May 1837.

From,
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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Com 26th May/57 No 66.

Copy sent to Lieut Col. E.
of 3d Nov. 1857. No 18.

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24/4/58

No 97098

Pub. Works 1857 Dept
Com 9th June
No 1082

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secy to Govt PWD

Dated 27th May 1857.
Rec'd 29th May

No 711.

Reports in reply
to Exc: Min Con: No 979.
of 27th May, that the petition of Govt contained
in Exc: Min Con: No 637 of
the 9th April was conveyed
to Lieut Raig by the 8th
of the Offrs on the 11th Idem
instead of on the 16th May as
stated in penal.

No 1103
Recorded
Fort St George 9th June/57

C/ 4th June 58th