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No. 94. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th June 1857, No. 1022.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

States that unless the Chief Engineer can shew good ground for Lieutenant Francis' removal to the Coimbatore District the Government prefer that his place in Tanjore should be temporarily supplied, and that he should return to the District at the end of his present leave. } (Here enter 5th June 1857, No. 1072.)

Resolved that in reply to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1072, of the 5th June 1857, the respectful assurances of the Chief Engineer be laid before the Government of his own unqualified adhesion to the principles now enunciated for his guidance.

2. In Colonel Faber's despatch No. 4 of the 1st May last, on a proposition from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle to have a rotation of Officers, the views of the former were strongly urged on the very ground of a sacrifice of local knowledge; and if such disadvantage were foretold as an unavoidable attendant of periodical change in the *same* District, much more would such objection be felt in an entire change of District.

3. With the utmost reluctance therefore, and only when removals have been unavoidable, has the Chief Engineer ever altered the postings of Officers, and in the cases that have now attracted the attention of Government, he for the most part has had no real control over the several appointments justly considered to have been disadvantageous to Tanjore.

4. Major Boileau was removed to meet the demands of His Excellency the Commander in Chief for active Military service. Lieutenant Virtue nominated to Tanjore by reason of his professional ability was promoted to a higher office by virtue of Departmental seniority and the pleasure of His Lordship in Council, Lieutenant McNeill supernumerary in Rajahmundry under the recent distribution besides having lost his health at Martair was selected for Tanjore from his experience in Delta Engineering, and finally Lieutenant A. Francis was exchanged with Lieutenant Chrystie with their mutual consent and at their own desire, because removed was medically prescribed for each, the one being recommended to the dryness of an inland District and the other to the moisture of a coast climate. Removal however in one case has arrived too late, and Lieutenant Francis sustained by the excitement of his operations at the Coleroon bridge was no sooner relieved by their successful completion, than severe illness supervened, and immediate departure to Europe has been pronounced indispensable for his final recovery.

5. Resolved that as it would seem unadvisable to expose Lieutenant Francis on his return to India to a climate which has already proved so hostile to his constitution, the Government be solicited under the explanation now submitted, to confirm the transfer of that Officer to Coimbatore and of Lieutenant Chrystie to Tanjore.

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

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, No. 1151; dated 15th June 1857.

Under the explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council confirms the transfer of Lieutenant Francis to Coimbatore and of Lieutenant Chrystie to Tanjore. In future Colonel Faber will be good enough to support changes of this nature by a Medicial Certificate.

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

No 1072

No 94 Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works
Under date the 8th June 1857
No 1272

Read the following

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

States that unless the Chief Engineer can shew good ground for Capt. Francis' removal to the Combatore Distt. the Govt prefer that his place in Tanjore should be temporarily supplied and that he should return to the Distt at the end of his present leave. —

Here Enter No 1072 of 5th June 1857.

Resolved that in reply to Extract Minutes in Consultation No 1072 of the 5th June 1857, the respectful assurance of the Chief Engineer be laid before the Government of his own unqualified adhesion to the principles now enunciated for his guidance. —

In Colonel Faber's despatch No 4 of the 1st May last on a proposition from the Superintending Engineer S.C. to have a rotation of officers, the views of the former were strongly urged on the very ground of a sacrifice of local knowledge, and if such disadvantages were foretold

as an unavoidable attendant of periodical change in the same District, much more would such objection be felt in an entire change of District!

3. With the utmost reluctance therefore, and only when removals have been unavoidable, has the Chief Engr ever altered the postings of officers, and in the cases that have been attracted the attention of Government, he for the most part has had no real control over the several appointments justly considered to have been disadvantageous to Tanjore.—

4. Major Balcaw was removed to meet the demands of His Excellency the Commander in Chief for active military service. Lieut Virtue nominated to Tanjore by reason of his professional ability, was promoted to a higher office by virtue of Departmental Seniority and the pleasure of His Lordship in Council. Lieut Alg Mill supernumerary in Rajahmundry under the recent distribution besides having lost his health at Mantair was selected for Tanjore from his experience in Delta Engineering, and finally Lieut A. Francis was exchanged with

Lieut Chrystie with their mutual consent and at their own desire, because removal was medically prescribed for each, the one being recommended to the dryness of an inland District and the other to the moisture of a coast climate.— Removal however in one case has arrived too late, and Lieut Francis sustained by the excitement of his operations at the Coleroon Bridge was no sooner relieved by their successful completion, than severe illness experienced, and immediate departure to Europe has been pronounced indispensable for his final recovery.—

5. Resolved that it would seem inadvisable to expose Lieut Francis on his return to India to a climate which has already proved so hostile to his constitution, the Government be solicited under the explanation now submitted to confirm the transfer of that Officer to Coimbatore and of Lieut Chrystie to Tanjore.—

(True Extract)
Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secy to Govt PWD.

Pub. Works 1857 Department
Dto Ors 16th June
No 1174

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
in the D. C. W.
To the Sub. to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 8th June 1857
Received 12th June 1857
No 1022

Solicits Govt. under
the explanation submitted
to confirm the transfer
of Lt. Francis to Coimba-
tore & of Lt. Christie
to Tanjore

Jacob.

With an order
Dated 11th. 15th June

No 1174

No 1157

Under the explanation
furnished by the Chief Engineer,
the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council confirms the transfer
of Lieutenant Francis to Coimba-
tore and of Lieutenant Chrystie to
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changes of this nature by a Medical
Certificate.

Fort St George
15th June 1857

To Copies to the Chief Engr. Dist. 16
Asst Auditor