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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 16th June 1857.

No. 98. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd May 1857, No. 569.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Salem No. 17, dated 7th May 1857, it is on the subject of the construction of a bridge over the Kullair at Naicoondy, not far from Vaniembaudy.

2. An estimate for the construction of this bridge, amounting to Rupees (2,600) two thousand six hundred was forwarded with my letter No. 11561, dated 3rd April, but Government declined to sanction it in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 750, under date the 22nd April 1857, on the ground that the work cannot be looked upon as an emergent one, in the absence of a Statement that the traffic on the road is actually stopped.

3. The District Engineer is able to state that the traffic is liable to be stopped for several days together, at any time between May and December, he also remarks, that owing to the Official year commencing at the most inconvenient season for all work but road making, the estimate if entered in the Budget for 1858-59 cannot be fully carried out until June 1860, he also observes that it is very desirable that the bridge should be completed during the working season of 1857-58, as the Railway is then expected to be completed up to Vaniembaudy shortly afterwards.

4. Although I am inclined to think that the bridge may be finished earlier in the year 1860, than June, though it certainly cannot be begun before December 1858, if deferred for entry in next seasons Budget, yet considering the great importance of having every road leading to the Railway finished as soon as possible, I am of opinion that it is very desirable that the work should be sanctioned at once, I have therefore the honor to solicit a reconsideration of the question by Government, and to recommend that the work be sanctioned out of the 4 lac fund for 1857-58.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, No. 1153; dated 15th June 1857.

With this letter, the Chief Engineer submits one from the District Engineer of Salem, on the subject of the construction of a bridge over the Kullair at Naicoondy, which the Government declined to sanction as emergent.

2. The District Engineer states that the traffic is liable to be stopped for several days together at any time between May and December. He also alludes to the official year commencing at the most inconvenient season for works, and to the desirability of the bridge being completed during the working season of 1857-58. The Government are aware of these circumstances; but they must observe that the District Engineer ought to have thought of them before, and submitted the estimate for entry in the Budget of 1857-58. The attention of the Chief Engineer will be called to the late letter from the Government of India, (communicated to him with Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd June 1857) in which the necessity for forethought is so strongly pointed out. It will certainly be difficult to establish any regular system, if it is to be evaded on every occasion by a report of emergency.

3. In consideration however of the work being useful to the Railway, which it is expected will be completed up to Vaniembaudy before the commencement of the next official year, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to accede to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, and accordingly sanctions, out of the one lac fund the estimate for the bridge, amounting to Rupees (2,600) two thousand and six hundred, in view to its being proceeded with at once. Under this order the sanction granted in the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 22nd April 1857, No. 750 for the entry of the work in question in the Budget of 1858-59, will be considered cancelled.

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

For Orders 3

Public Works' Department No 1040.

From the Chief Engineer 22nd May 1857.

This is merely the old story
over again - I do not know
whether the 4 lac funds will
have two suppose - if so. in
Committee when it comes up
the Railway - item work might
be sanctioned - but how by
Supt cannot ascertain - and
he called to the Lahore Station

from the Sec[y] of Salem - to which
the inquiry is forthwith to
strongly pointed out -

It is utterly useless to attempt
any further Explanation - if this
be treated in any manner
by a report of Emergency.

No 1153

ct from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th June 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer

/ Here enter 22d May 1857 No 694 /

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of

of 1858/59 will be considered
cancelled —

J. B. T.

Copies to the
Chief Engr
with Enclos.

Dispt 16.

Continuation of the
Bridge over the Eastern
at Salem.

D/to Cons 28th April/57 N° 788

Public Works 1857 Dept.
D° to Cons 16th June
N° 1153.

Extract Mins of Cons.
D/ 15th June/57.
From the Chief Engr 10th Feby/57
C N° 323 in Cons 25th Feb.
From the Chief Engineer 30th
Novr./56 C N° 2780 in

Sanctg out of the one
lac fund an Estimate for
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the Kullair at Naicondy
in the Salem District
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at once & observing that
under this order the sanction
granted in C. M. Cons: dated
22d April 1857 for the outlay
of the work in question in the
Budget of 1858-59 will be consi-
dered Cancelled.

N° 98 & 99.