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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd June 1857.

No. 98. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 15th June 1857, No. 1185.

Read the following letter from 2nd Lieutenant W. CHRYSTIE, Engineers Assistant Engineer Coimbatore; to Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer Coimbatore, dated 18th May 1857, No. 43.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that a serious accident occurred on Saturday evening last on Trunk road No. 5, between the 8th and 12th miles, this road is carried across Cotton soil, and a thick layer of Jelly is now being laid over this under the Superintendence of Sub Overseer Webb. To obtain this Jelly shafts have been sunk through the Cotton soil into the lime-stone strata below, and Mr. Webb reports that at ½ past 5 O'clock on Saturday evening last, one of these shafts fell in whilst the Coolies were at work, killing one and injuring two slightly.

2. Having been only a week in charge of this range, I am unable to tell if any precautions are used on this work to guard against accident, but intend visiting the place this evening, and to-morrow will send you further particulars.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter, reporting a melancholy accident which occurred on Trunk road No. V, on the evening of the 16th May 1857, be submitted to Government for information.

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

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, No. 1216; dated 23rd June 1857.

Government will await the receipt of the further information promised by the Assistant Engineer of Coimbatore, regarding the accidental death of a man on Trunk road No. 5. It would have been better if Colonel Faber waited for all the information necessary on such subjects, and submitted complete reports, instead of sending up separately each paper as it is received from the Local Officers.

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

No 1185

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George
Under date the 15th June 1857.

No. 2.

Read the following Letter

No 73.

From 2d Lieut R. Chrystie Engineer
Assistant Supt Coimbatore

To Captain P. M. Francis
District Supt Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that a serious accident occurred on Saturday Evening last on Trunk Road No 5. Between the 8th and 12th Miles - this road is carried across Cotton soil, and a thick layer of Jelly is now being laid over it under the Superintendence of Sub Overseer Pitchi. To obtain this jelly shafts have been sunk thro the Cotton soil into the limestone strata below, and Mr Pitchi reports that at ½ past 5 o'Clock on Saturday Evening last, one of these shafts fell in whilst the Coolies were

were at work, killing one and injuring
two slightly.-

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in charge of this Range, I am unable
to tell if any precautions are used
on this work to guard against ac-
cident, but intend visiting the place
this Evening, and tomorrow will send
you further particulars.-

Apl Comps Office
Steel Range
May 18th 1857.

I have &c
Wm Chrystie
Apl Insr
/True Copy
Wm Pitt Francis
Dy Insp Commander

To
Colnel C. S. Dodd
Chief Engr. P.H.
Fort St George

For information

Resolved: that a copy of
the foregoing letter, reporting a melancholy
accident

accident which occurred on Trunk Road
S.E. on the evening of the 16th May 1857, be
submitted to Govt for information.-

/ Wm Sykes /

A.C. Todd Capt
Chief Engineer

To the Secy: to Govt
Pt St

Compd JS

P. W. D

No. 1216

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th June 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of
the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 15th June 1857 No. 1185.)

Government will await the receipt of the further information promised by the Assistant Engineer of Coimbatore regarding the accidental death of a man ~~coolg~~ on Trunk road No. 5. It would have been better if Colonel Faber waited for all the information necessary on ~~this~~ such subjects and submitted a complete report, instead of sending up separately each

paper

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 15th June 1857 No. 1185.)

Submits for the information of Government Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer regarding the accidental death of a man on Trunk road No. 5.

(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary.

Fort St. George
the 23rd June 1857.

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the local officers

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Awaiting the receipt of
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by the Assistant Engineer of
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dental death of a man
on Thurles road. No 05.

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