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

No. 116. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 10th June 1857, No. 1069.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 23rd May 1857, No. 98.

SIR,

With reference to orders as per margin on the subject of the Bowany bridge at Metapollium, I have the honor to observe that measures were taken successfully last year (at the time that I endeavoured without success to replace the damaged stone work of one pier) to turn the stream flowing on the south side of the Island straight through its opposite arch, so as to make it continue its course, instead of cutting round the east end of the pier and so re-joining the main stream.

Proceedings dated 30th April 1857, No. 12,254.
Resolution No. 302, dated 4th May 1857.
Extract Minutes Consultation No. 898, dated 11th May 1857.

2. I dont apprehend any danger from the Island on the west side of the bridge, of course there is a great danger to the bridge from its having been built too low, the freshes some times rise within a foot of the top of the parapet, and some day I dare say a very extraordinary flood will carry it away; but I dont see how we can raise the bridge without stopping all traffic and almost re-building it and meanwhile it stands bravely the assaults of floods and of floating trees; the tree which damaged the pier on the Northern side has been removed, but the displaced stone facing work has not been built in again I am sorry to say, but I have directed Mr. Wright to ascertain whether the pier has sustained any further injury, at present there is too much water in the river to permit an examination but as soon as it can be done I will submit a supplementary report.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 98 of the 23rd May 1857, from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, reporting upon the bridge over the river Bowany at Metapollium, be submitted to Government, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 898, dated 11th May 1857, and with reference to the Report of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, dated 20th April 1857, forwarded on the 30th Idem with Extract Proceedings No. 12254.

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

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, No. 1225; dated 23rd June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No 1069.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works,
Under date the 10th June 1857.

Read the following

District Engineer's Office
Cotacamund 23rd May 1857.

No 98.

From

Captain P. M. Francis
District Engineer
of Coimbatore.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George.

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I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) P. M. Francis.
District Engr of Coimbatore.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing

foregoing letter No 98 of the 23rd May 1857, from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, reporting upon the bridge over the river Bowani at Metapollium, be submitted to Government with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No 898 dated 11th Mar 1857, and with reference to the Report of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle dated 20th April 1857 forwarded on the 30th Idem with Extract Proceedings No 12254.

(True Extract)
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Secy

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Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Compd HS

12th May 1825 at 5 P.M.

Lt Col Fenwick 52nd Regt
since 23rd inst.
No 1190

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
&c.

The Secretary to Government
Cadet Horlock Lieut

Date 11th
Rec'd 11th } June 1825

No 1167

Mr Forrest, as called for,
and a report upon the
subject over the recent
Boundary at Bootyhollum.

Copies
Secretary
Genl Lt Colonel Lieut
Engineer
1825

No 1167

15 June 1825