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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 25th August 1857.

No. 12. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 10th August 1857, No. 2809.

SIR,

Referring to that portion of the interdicting order of the Government of India, contained in Colonel Baker's despatch No. 3265 of the 3rd Ultimo, which exempts Military Works from the operation of the stringent restrictions on further expenditure for the improvement of the country, I do myself the honor to solicit the early favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council to the claims of the large unfinished Bridge and which is now in course of construction across the river Palaur on the Bangalore road near Vellore, to be treated as a Military work likely to exercise the greatest influence on the movements of troops and supplies between the Presidency and the capital of the Mysore territory.

2. Unbridged, the river Palaur, as His Lordship is aware, may in flood interrupt operations of importance, and the fortress and garrison of Vellore, may have its communications temporarily cut off at a critical moment, a contingency that would be averted by completing the fine work which has now been suspended.

3. The opinion of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief as conveyed to me by the Quarter Master General of the Army, is herewith submitted for the information of Government.

4. It is believed that the arches of the Palaur bridge near Vellore can be turned very expeditiously, materials being already collected for the purpose, and the stoppage of Public Works, elsewhere will admit of the whole resources of the District being concentrated on that one undertaking, should its prosecution be ordered upon Military grounds for the reasons briefly set forth in para. 2 of this communication.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 1611; dated 19th August 1857.

With the above letter, the Chief Engineer forwards a communication from the Quarter Master General of the Army, conveying the opinion of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief on the importance of the Bridge across the Palaur river near Vellore, in a Military point of view, as one connecting Vellore with the Railroad, and affording facilities for the movement of Troops and supplies between the Presidency and the Mysore territory, and recommends its early completion. Under the circumstance above stated, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Chief Engineer to issue the necessary instructions to the District Engineer to proceed with the construction of the Bridge, suspended under the recent orders of the Government of India, as an important Military work.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George)
10th August 1857.

No 2809.

From,

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govern.t Dept.

Sir

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Encl 1
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Central Office of the Fort Saint George 10th Augt 1837

I have the honor to be Sir Your most Obedt Servt Colonel Chief Engineer

L. Thuillier

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Dr. M. Generals Office

No. 1984

To

The Chief. Engineer D.P.W.

Sir.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 2702 dated the 6th Instant. I am directed by the Provincial Commander in Chief to say that the Bridge across the Palar River near Vellore is in his opinion of most essential Military Work immediately connecting, as it does, that station with the Rail road, and he considers its completion of very great importance, deeming me to add, that he thinks you must have overlooked the fact that the Bridge at Trivellum is over the Poiny River before it joins the Palaur

I have &c.

Fort Saint George
8th August 1815

(Signed) H. H. Reid
Dr. M. General.

True Copy
H. Reid (Colonel)
Chief. Engineer

Lt. Gray

Public Works Office
Doctors Commons 25th July
1815.

From
The Chief Engineer
&c
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 10th August 1815
Rec'd 11th Ditto
No. 2702

Submits the consideration of Government towards the immediate formation of communication between the Bridge across the Palaur near Vellore on the ground of such a work being indispensable to the security for communication and of the Military movements that may be required.

No. 2.

Encl. Letter 7th 1818.

No 1611

Public Works Dept.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 8th August 1857.

Read the following

-ing Letter from the

Chief Engineer.

Here enter 10th August 1857
No 2809/

With the

above Letter the Chief

Engineer forwarded

a communication

from the Quarter

Master General of

the Army conveying

the opinion of the

Provincial Commander

in Chief on the

importance

No

Enclosure to a Letter

from

The Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Govt

Dated 8th August 1857

Rec'd 3 August 1857

No 2809

Mr. Colvin's Letter

Dated 7th August 1857

Rec'd 8th August 1857

No 2809

City of Dublin Pier Office

From. Hill Dr Pier Master

To the Army Commissariat

Office Custom House Dublin

Sir I have the honor to request

that you will be pleased to

cause the Vessels lying at the

Quay Wall adjoining the

Pier Office to be removed

and placed in the Basin

Yours obedt Servt

Hill Dr Pier Master

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From the Chief Engineer dy 24th
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