

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 25.8.57

G.O. No. <i>1624</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
<i>36-37</i> Dated <i>22-8-18 57</i>	

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No. 36. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th August 1857, No. 2859.

SIR,

In forwarding copy of a letter No. 187 of the 27th Ultimo, from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, with an Extract from my Proceedings, agreeably to the renewed request of that Officers I do myself the honor to solicit the early instructions of Government in particular reference to the concluding portion of para. 1.

2. It will be seen that Major Lawford, considers that a personal examination of the localities is essential to the satisfactory performance of the duty with which he is charged.

3. In para. 3, the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle states that he does not himself desire to repair to the Tanjore District immediately ; but in the belief that he must do so before he can draw up his report, he has pressed for a decision on the subject, being naturally anxious to learn how the Government may think proper to arrange for his reporting on the inland navigation of Tanjore.

4. The special assistance represented to be necessary from the local authorities having been called for by me without delay, it had not been my intention to trespass upon the time and attention of Government until the instructions given to the District Engineers had been in part, if not wholly acted upon. But the Superintending Engineer having drawn my attention to the urgency with which at one period he had been directed to inspect the Districts of Tinnevely and Madura, and to the probability therefore of the revival of the order for his examination of those Provinces, I am only complying with his own particular desire in requesting that I may be informed in what manner it is the intention of Government that Major Lawford shall be employed for the remainder of the year.

5. Having regard to the absence already of one member of the Central office and to its indefinite continuance, and taking into consideration also that an almost entire stoppage of the Public Works, has been ordered, it appears to me that the services of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle will find a more useful field for their exercise at the Presidency than in making renewed tours of professional inspection.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, No. 1624 ; dated 22nd August 1857.

The Government are of opinion that Major Lawford may most conveniently visit Tanjore and Trichinopoly for the purpose of preparing a report on the inland navigation, early in January next, and that on the completion of that work he should proceed through Madura and Tinnevely, two districts of his circle, which he was unable to visit this year.

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

Superintending Engr's Office H.
Fort St George 27 July 1857

No 187
From

To The Superintending Engineer S. C.

To

The Chief Engineer D. P. M.

Sir,

With reference to Govt. Order: Con-
ducted 10th June 1857 Para 3, I have the
honor to request you will bring to the
notice of Government that, I am not
in a position to carry out their instruc-
tions and those of the Honorable Council
for reporting on the inland Navigation
of Tanjore for want of means of conduct-
ing those inquiries and investigations which
I consider necessary, and that unless
I am placed in direct and authoritative
communication with the District En-
gineers of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and
South Arcot, with the power of proceeding
to those Districts at such time as I
may think proper, I cannot adequately
perform the duty required.

2 I have mentioned South Arcot
because I propose to include in my
Report the entire line of Coast (and

from Tranquebar to Pondicherry.

3 I do not wish at present to proceed to the Delta, but I request that the District Engineer shall be directed to correspond with me personally, and comply with such requisitions as I may make for plans, Estimates and reports.

4 It would be perfectly useless for me to make a mere general report based on recollection, and such is evidently not the intention of Government or the Home authorities, but at present I am almost without any material for the preparation of a "systematic" memoir.

James W.
Lieut / E Sawford
Suff Engineer S. C. E.

No 2462

Resolved that with reference to the recent instructions from the Honble Court and the letter No 187 dated the 27th July 1857 from the Suffr Eng: S. C. of M. the District Engineers of South Arcot, of Tanjore and of Trichinopoly be instructed

to comply with all directions received from that officer, corresponding direct with him for the purpose, and that the Collectors of those Provinces be also requested similarly to afford every information that Major Sawford may require, to enable him to carry the Courts instructions into effect.

2 Resolved also that a copy of these Pro: be communicated to the Supr Engineer S. C. for his information.

Signed/ C. E. Fisher Esq.
Chief Engineer.

Cmt Office of P.W.
at St George 29th July / 57

J. S. May.

True Copy
Attest/ Colonel
Chief Engineer

N^o 1624.

Extract from the minutes of consultation
held on the 22^d August 1857

Read the follow-
ing letter from the Chief
Engineer.

Submit a letter from
the superintending Engineer
S. C. and request to be furnished
with the instructions of
Govt as to Major Lawford's
future employment.

The Government
are of opinion, that Major
Lawford may most
conveniently visit Tanjore
and Trichinopoly for
the purpose of prepar-
ing a report on the in-
land navigation, early
in January next, and
that on the completion
of that work he should
proceed through Madras
and

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Enclosed is a letter

from the Chief Engineer.

to the Secy to Govt.

Dated 12th Aug 1857

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Copy of a letter from
Major Lawford requesting
to be placed in direct
communication with the
Govt. for the pur-
pose of preparing a report
on the inland navigation
of Tanjore with the Chief
Engineer's instructions thereon.

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tricts of his circle, which
he was unable to visit
this year.

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7 Copies to the Chief Secy.
21/10/57

1st 15/57

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th August 1857.

Cancelled

I read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

There is, 12th Aug^r / 57
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The Government
will be prepared to sanc-
tion the Superintending
Engineers proceeding to
South Arcot, Tanjore, and
Trichinopoly for the pur-
-pose of completing his
report on the inland na-
-vigation of those Provin-
-ces, whenever he may re-
-port that the most con-
-venient time for his depar-
-ture has arrived.

It is not antici-
-pated at present that
Messrs Sawford's services

will

will be further required
in the District, but in
this point the Govern-
ment cannot give any
positive assurance.

W. H.

Public Works 1857 Sept 16
Ditto same: 25 & Aug 5

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Contract & living of same:
Sept 22 Aug 5/57

From the report of R. S. M. 1857 Sept 16
@ 100/365 in same:

Following instructions
to the Interior Department of the U. S.
to pay to the Southern Pacific Railroad
interest on the loan in January
next.

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