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## Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 25-8-57

G.O. No. 1624 Press Mis.

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Dated 22 — 8 — 18 57

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

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 Tinnevelly 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.

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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 Tinnevelly, two districts of his circle, which he was unable to visit this year.

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

Superintending Engrs Office &c
Fort St George 27th July 1857

No 187
From

To

The Superintending Engineer S. C.

The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,

With reference to Ex: Mem: Con: dated 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 those instructions and those of the Honble Court for reporting on the inland Navigation of Tanjore for want of means of conducting those enquiries and investigations which I consider necessary, and that unless I am placed in direct and authoritative communication with the District Engineers 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 Canal

from Tranquebar to Cudalalore.

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 one to make a mere general report based on recollection, and such is unfortunately not the intention of Government or the Home authorities, but at present I am absent without any material for the preparation of a "systematic" memoir.-

I have &c-
(Signed) Co Lawford
Supt Engineer & Cr Cob

No 2462

Resolved that with reference to the recent instructions from the Hon'ble Court and the letter No 187 dated the 27th July 1857 from the Supt Engr & C.C. of M. the District Engineers of South Arcot, of Tanjore and of Trichinopoly be instructed

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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 Lawford may require, to enable him to carry the Court's instructions into effect.-

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

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

Chief Office of PW
Fort St George 29th July/57

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True Copy
Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer

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A° 1624.

Extract from the Minutes of Government
Under date the 22d August 1857

Read, the following
Letter from the Chief
Engineer -

Submits a letter from
the Superintending Engineer
S.C. and requests to be favor=
-ed with the sanction of
Govt as to employ Lamford
for the ensuing year -

(Received 12th Sept 1857 No 2857)

The Government
are of opinion, that Allayi
Lamford 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 Madura
and

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Read also a Letter from the Chief Engineer
&c &c &c
dated 12th Sept 1857
No 2857

Submitting a Letter from the Superintending Engineer S.C. and requesting to be favored with the sanction of Government as to employ Lamford for the ensuing year -

Ordered,
That Allayi Lamford be employed as proposed by the Chief Engineer -

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No 1559

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th August 1859.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer -

(Here enter 12th Augt 59
No 2559)

The Government
will be prepared, to sanc-
tion the suspending
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 doing
so has arrived.

It is not antici-
pated at present that
Major Sandford's services
will

and Finally the two districts of the Circle, which he was unable to visit this year.

A Copy to the Chief Engr
Trichy

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

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Extract Minis. of Cons:
of 22d Augt. 57.

From the Chief Engr 19/1555 &
Encl. 365 in Cons:

Issuing instructions as
to how major Lawford Chf Engr.
Coy Tr. Southern Circle should
proceed on his Tour in January
next.

No 36437.

Augt 1857