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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th September 1857.

No. 98. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 31st August 1857, No. 3310.

Read the following letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer of Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Papanasem, 24th August 1857, No. 98 of 1857-58.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 11th August 1857, No. 1566 and with reference to para. 4 to state for the information of Government that the bund was raised 6 feet, above the crown of the annicut, and 2' 4" above the average highest fresh, of the season, well built, and strongly revetted with Durbah Grass rollers. I left the lower annicut 6 hours only before the accident happened when every thing appeared perfectly safe, the water forced its way between the embankment and the cutwaters of the piers which it abutted on, when the embankment settled and the breach took place.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 98, dated 24th August 1857, from the District Engineer of Tanjore, relative to the breaching of the bund enclosing the unfinished portion of the bridge under construction in front of the northern branch of the lower annicut, be submitted to Government for information with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1566, dated 11th August 1857.

The Chief Engineer observes that the information now afforded of the exact manner in which the water forced its way within the dam relieves the District Engineer of the discreditable imputation of having neglected so obvious a measure as to regulate the height of his embankments by the level of usual flood line.

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

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, No. 1716; dated 8th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

N^o 3310

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 31st August 1857
Recd the following letter
Bathurst Circle

N^o 98 of 1857/58
From

Major W. A. Richardson

District Engineer of Bangalore }
Colonel C. E. Fairs

Public

Chief Engineer D. D. D.

Have the honor to acknowledge the
tract from the Minister of Colonization dated
11th August 1857 N^o 1566 and with reference to
Para 1, to state for the information of Govern-
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the crown of the stream, and 2 1/2 above the
average highest fresh of the season. well built,
and strongly settled with Durban Grass Pl.
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from the accident of the river being
separated perfectly safe the water forced its
way between the embankment and the cutwaters
of the Ford which it a broken one when the
embankment settled and the Branch took the

District Engineer's Office
Camp Bangalore
21st August 1857

Thos. J. J.
Signed W. A. Richardson
Chief Engineer

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter
be 98 dated 21st August 1854 from the District
Engineer of Canada, relative to the breaching of
the sand enclosing the unfinished portion of the
bridge under construction in front of the northern
bank of the Lower Canada River submitted to
the Government for information & reference to
the Select Committee on the subject dated
1st August 1854.

The Chief Engineer observes that the in-
formation now afforded of the exact construction
which the water forced through the dam returns
the District Engineer of the same date of the
information is that the dam is a low wall
regulate the height of the water by the level
of usual flood line.

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Wm. Peter Colwell
Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government

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