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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th September 1857.

No. 73. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st September 1857, No. 3350.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1396, dated 21st July 1857, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter from the District Engineer* of Tanjore, suggesting, that the executive charge of the District roads, and the Neeranicum establishment, should be transferred to his Department, which otherwise he states, will not be fully employed.

* No. dated 21st August 1857.

2. The road repairs to which Major Birdwood refers, are those provided for, by the annual grant, which, as a local fund, is not, I imagine, to be stopped, and I can see no objection to the arrangement, as there can be no risk of any injury, from delay, as in the case of works of Irrigation, and it seems to me likely to facilitate, the final transfer of the entire executive charge, if the Engineer Department, are gradually invested, with that control of funds, which will enable them to command voluntary labour, and carry on works, with comparatively little responsibility, at first.

3. The arrangement need not clash with the Collector's control, over the District Maistries, who would be equally available for any sudden emergencies, and before the season of general ordinary repairs arrives, it is to be hoped, that Tanjore, at least, may recover its full establishment.

4. With regard to the Neeranicum establishment, I am of opinion, that the principal annicuts, and all the Locks, may with advantage, be transferred to the District Engineer, under whose control they have always virtually been, and that the monigars and cotars, attached to them, may be placed directly under his authority; as they may, as suggested by Major Birdwood, be occasionally made useful in other duties, and they are more likely to be under close supervision, than at present.

5. The Changes therefore which Major Birdwood has proposed, meet with my concurrence and if I have not consulted the Acting Collector on the subject, it is because I feel convinced, they will meet with his approval, by tending towards that complete change, which will ultimately take place, and for which the members of the Department of Public Works, will thus be better prepared, I am indeed disposed to go beyond the proposition of Major Birdwood, and to suggest, that the present suspension of all large works, is a favorable opportunity for their being so far taken charge of by the Engineer Department, that the accounts should be adjusted, advances either worked out or recovered, and generally such arrangements made, that on the resumption of operations, there may be no delay, or difficulty in carrying on the works. It is the Ordinary and emergent works, that cannot under present circumstances be undertaken by the District Engineer, but there would seem to be many advantages, in a gradual introduction of the new system.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, No. 1754; dated 15th September 1857.

The Chief Engineer will be good enough to obtain and submit to Government the opinion of the Acting Collector of Tanjore on the proposition of the District Engineer for transferring to his Department the Executive charge of the District roads, and the Neeranicum establishment.

2. It occurs to Government that it is only in a comparatively small part of the Province that any road repairs can be effected until after the next harvest.

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

District Engineer's Office
Pimpri, 2nd
August 21st 1854

From

Major R. A. Barlow

District Engineer,
Pimpri.

To

Colonel C. E. Fane

Chief Engineer D. P. H.

Sir,

Notwithstanding my present re-
duced Establishment of Officers, and Subor-
dinates, I find that the late stringent or-
ders for the stoppage of all Public works, and
repairs, not absolutely necessary, will shortly
leave my Department, ample time on their
hands unoccupied. May I venture therefore,
to suggest that the repair of the roads through-
out the District, with the Discretionary al-
lowance for that purpose, should be handed
over to this Department, as also the main-
tenance Establishment, which (in my opinion)
is at present to a great extent, a waste of
Government money, as for nearly 5 months
in the year it is wholly unemployed, and
might be made of great service, in various
ways under the D. P. H. such as assisting
in the planting of ~~hedge~~ grass, re-erecting
banks, with Darbh grass, and rolling,

and

and setting up Modus's work, all which
now forms a considerable item in the Bidi-
camp Estimate.

Papanafum
August 21. 1857

I have &c

/signed/ W. L. Birdwood

District Surg. Tanjore

/True copy/

W. L. Birdwood

Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George 1st September 1857

No. 3350.
From

The Chief Engineer,

The Secretary to Government,
Department of P.W.

Public
Enclosures 1.

With reference to Extract Minutes
Consultations No. 1396, dated 21st July 1857
I have the honor to submit for the considera-
tion of Government, copy of a letter from the
District Engineer of Tanjore, suggesting,
that the executive charge of the District
Roads, and the Peramian Establishment,
should be transferred to his Department, which
otherwise he states, will not be fully employed.

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refers, are those provided for by the annual
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to the arrangement, there can be no risk
of any injury, from delay, as in the case of
works of irrigation, and it seems to me
likely to facilitate the final transfer of the
entire executive charge, of the Engineer Depart-
ment, are gradually invested, with that con-
trol of funds, which will enable them to com-
mand

Enclosure in a letter from
The Chief Engineer,
To the Secretary to Government,
No. 3350

Extract 1st
No. 3350

Copy of a letter
from the District Engineer
of Tanjore, suggesting the
transfer of the executive
charge of the District
Roads, and the Peramian
Establishment, to the
Department of P.W.
No. 3350

command voluntary labour, and carry on works, with comparatively little responsibility at first.

3. The arrangement need not clash with the Collector's control, over the District Marine, who would be equally available for any sudden emergency, and before the season of general ordinary repairs arrives, it is to be hoped, that Tanjore, at least, may recover its full establishment.

3. With regard to the Maranians & Co. Establishment, I am of opinion, that the principal ammu, and all the Locks, may with advantage, be transferred to the District Engineer, under whose control they have always virtually been, and that the men and boats, attached to them, may be placed directly under his authority; as they may, as suggested by Major Birdwood, be occasionally made useful in other duties, and they are more likely to be under close supervision, than at present.

4. The changes therefore which Major Birdwood has proposed, meet with my concurrence and if I have not consulted the acting Collector on the subject, it is because I feel convinced they will meet with his

his approval, by tending towards that complete change, which will ultimately take place, and for which the Government, as the Department of Public Works, will thus be better prepared, I am indeed disposed to go beyond the propositions of Major Birdwood, and to suggest, that the present suspension of all large works, is a favorable opportunity for their being so far taken charge of by the Engineer Department, that the accounts should be adjusted, advances either worked out or recovered, and generally such arrangements made, that on the resumption of operations, there may be no delay, or difficulty in getting on the works. It is the ordinary and emergent works, that cannot under present circumstances be undertaken by the District Engineer, but there would seem to be many advantages, in a gradual introduction of the new system.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort St George 1st September
1857

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt Servant
A. S. (Colonel)
Chief Engineer
The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

D. P. W.

P.M.D.

N^o 1754.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th September 1857.

That the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

Here enter 1 September / 57
Rs 5000/-

The Chief Engineer will be good enough
to obtain and submit to
Government the opinions
of the Acting Collector
of Tanjore on the pro-
position of the District
Engineer for transferring
to his Department the
executive charge of the
District Roads, and
the Mercantile Establish-
ments.

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From the Minutes of the

General Meeting of the
Council of the
15th September 1857

From the
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt
15th September 1857

Subject 1st
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Submitted for the
consideration of Govt.
copy of a letter from the
Chief Engineer of Tanjore
to the Secretary to Govt.
of the 15th September 1857
in reference to the pro-
position of the District
Engineer to transfer to his
Department the executive
charge of the District
Roads, and the Mercantile
Establishments.

15th September 1857

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that it is only in a
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W. J.

of Chief to the
Chief Mag.
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Public Works 1857 29th
Cons 15th Sept.

No 1754.

Contract Mining Cons.

21st 15th Sept 1857.

Contract from West 1857 18th Aug
1858 12th Jan 1859 21st Sept

Depositing the Plan
to submit the opinion of the
Jury of the Cons. on the
proposition of the Cons. it
being for transferring to
the Cons. the other Cons.
Charge of the Cons. it being
the American Cons.

No 1754 74.