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No. 87. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st September 1857, No. 3843.

SIR,

With reference to para. 2 of my letter No. 2868, of the 12th Ultimo, on the subject of improvements to the Light house at Mangalore, I have the honor to forward copy of a communication from the District Engineer of Canara, and of its enclosure from Lieutenant Taylor of the Indiam Navy, and to express my opinion that, it is unadvisable to carry out tho projected improvements, lest the Superincumbent weight of the iron railing, and covering to protect the lantern, should endanger, and overthrow the whole structure.

No. 241 dated 26th August 1857.
Extract from a letter 4th August 1857.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, No. 1854; dated 29th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Northern Circle

District Engineers Office
Canara

No. 241

Mangalore 26th August 1857

From

Lieutenant J. Goddard
District Engineer
of Canara

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Calling for a further Report upon the Light House at Mangalore.

In obedience to the orders conveyed in Extract* from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 3094 of the 21st August 1857, I do myself the honor to report, that in a strong breeze, the Column at Mangalore vibrates, and that to such an extent as to give one the idea that they have narrowly escaped such a Catastrophe as befell that of "Cochin" vide enclosed Extract from a letter dated 24th August 1857 from Lieutenant Taylor I.N. to the District Engineer of Canara.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Goddard Lieutt.
Dist. Engr. of Canara

Extract

Extract from a Letter from Lieutenant R. Taylor R.N. H.M.S. Lancaster at Portsmouth to Sir Richard Bickerton Bart Captain of the Fleet dated August 1809

I have already sent Copies of Lieutenant Pontlat and the Pilots Letters to Lord Mulgrave and mentioned to his Lordship that the Pilot was ordered to conduct the Convoy into Cancale Bay, but will more particularly state to their Lordships and Sir Richard Keats that when we arrived off Cancale Bay on the 4th Inst. we saw many Vessels at Anchor close in with the Land, and a Battery on the Point, which appeared to be mounted with Guns, and the Colours flying, I therefore thought it prudent to anchor the Convoy in Line of Battle, that they might be ready to receive the Enemy, should they attempt to come out, but finding that they did not, I sent the Pilot on board the Commodore, and directed him to inform Captain Pontlat, that I intended to attack the Vessels in the Bay, and destroy the Battery, if he thought it practicable, but that I would not risk the Convoy, if he thought it dangerous; he returned for answer, that he thought it practicable, and advised me to anchor the Convoy in Line of Battle, and to attack the Vessels with the Boats of the Squadron, which I accordingly did, and the Enemy set fire to their Vessels, and abandoned them, and the Battery was silenced, and I landed a Party of Men, and destroyed the Vessels, consisting of Eight Sail of Merchantmen, from 200 to 400 Tons, and a Schooner of War of Eight Guns, which the Enemy had sunk in the Entrance of the Harbour, and also destroyed a Battery of Four Guns, which I found unfinished, and dismounted the Guns, and threw them into the Sea, and destroyed the Platforms, and Gun Carriages, and Ammunition, and returned to the Convoy, which I found at Anchor in Line of Battle, and proceeded with it to Cancale Bay, where I anchored, and

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21st September 1857

No 3843

From
The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
P.P.D.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt,

A Frederick Colonel
Chief Engineer

Enclosure
1 Copy of letter

No 241 dated 26 Augst 57
Encl from a letter 4th augst 57

A.D.Lysaght Esqr M.C.

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Enclosure in a letter
from the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
P.P.D.

