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No. 4. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 12th September 1857, No. CXI. of 1857-58.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Reviewing the correspondence, submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 27th Ultimo having reference to certain instructions for clearing the bed of the river above the Vellaur annicut given by the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle. } (Here enter 8th September 1857, No. 1701.)

Resolved that a copy of the orders of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1701, of the 8th September 1857, be communicated to all District Engineers for their information and guidance; and also, that the attention of all Departmental Officers be again drawn to the orders of Government of 17th June 1856, which were specially brought forward in view to enforcement of obedience so short a time ago as on the 17th August 1857, in the Chief Engineer's Circular No. XCVII.

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

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 1858; dated 30th September 1857.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be called upon to explain without delay how, contrary to the orders noted in the margin he has thought it proper to circulate Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th Instant, No. 1701, entire, to all the District Engineers, containing as it does severe censure on the conduct of Lieutenant Foord, District Engineer of South Arcot.

Extract Minutes Consultation 16th August 1856, No. 1454 para. 2.
Extract Minutes Consultation 17th April 1857, No. 707.

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

Circular. No. CXI. of 1857-58. 3

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, Under date the 12th September 1857, Read the following:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1701.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th September 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

Forwards in conformity to the wishes of the Superintending Engineer S. C. and with reference to Ex. Mins. Cons. No. 377 of the 27th February 1857, for information and orders correspondence relating to Lieutenant Foord's neglect of Major Lawford's instructions in respect to the regulation of the bed of the Vellaur river at Shatiah Tope and in expressing opinion thereon, observes that the professional opinions of Major Lawford are unreservedly concurred in by the Chief Engineer. } (Here enter 27th August 1857, No. 3195.)

It is unnecessary for Government to review in detail the voluminous correspondence submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 27th Ultimo, No. 3195. It will be sufficient to remark that it has reference mainly to certain instructions for clearing the bed of the river above the Vellaur annicut, given by the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle when lately on a professional tour of inspection, and most inadequately carried into effect by the District Engineer Lieutenant Foord.

2. The Government cannot too strongly condemn the inattention to the orders he received from the Superintending Engineer which was shewn by Lieutenant Foord. Major Lawford visited the work with the great advantage of many years familiarity with the rivers of Tanjore, with the prestige of a successful administration of the professional Department in that Province extending over fourteen years, and an accurate knowledge of the effect of obstructions in river beds, upon weirs and bridges, that of necessity gives the greatest weight to all his opinions on the subject. These considerations should have led the District Engineer to be forward to avail himself of any suggestion that Major Lawford might offer for the safety of the annicut and bridge, but when the Government observe that the Superintending Engineer, did not content himself with suggestions, but gave the most pointed, direct, and positive, orders for certain works, marking them out himself that there might be no room for mistake, and that these works were systematically neglected by the District Engineer, they feel that they cannot too strongly animadvert on Lieutenant Foord's omission, or too emphatically warn that Officer, of the heavy responsibility he incurs, by neglecting to apply to the important Public Works committed to his charge, the protective measures ordered by his official superiors.

3. It has been already laid down by Government in para. 5, Section 2 of the Rules passed on the 17th June 1856, No. 893 that, when on tour of inspection, the Superintending Engineers are invested with the authority of the Chief Engineer, and the Government now direct that Colonel Faber will recall the attention of all District Engineers to this order, and will inform them that the Government will visit with marked displeasure the conduct of any Officer who either disobeys, neglects, or questions, the order he may receive from a Superintending Engineer when on a professional tour.

(A true Extract.)

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

Resolved that a copy of the orders of Govt conveyed in E. M. C. No. 1701, of the 8th Sept. 1857, be communicated to all Dist. Engrs. for their information and guidance; and also, that the attention of all Dept. Officers be again drawn to the orders of Govt of 17th June 1856, which

which were specially brought forward in view to enforcement of obedience so short a time ago as on the 17th August 1857, in the Chief Engineer's Circular No XCVII.

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Fort St. George
12th September 1857

(True Extract)

A. E. Taber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To.

All Officers of the D. P. W.

P.W.D.

N° 1855.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th September 1857

Read the following
Circular from the Chief
Engineer -

Here under 12th September/57
N° CXL.

Resolved that the
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Ex. Min. Com. 16 Augt/56
N° 1405 p.2.
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Public Works Department
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Extract from the Proceedings of Chief Engineer

Dated 12th
Received 28th } Sept. 1857
No. 1858-39 Sept.

Considering certain misunderstandings for Clearing the Esplanade of the Fort Saint George, the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the Esplanade cannot be encroached upon by the Public Offices or Private Buildings. The Chief Engineer will with all possible dispatch remove the encroachments, the Owners of any Offices who may disobey this order will be liable to a fine not exceeding Rupees [illegible]

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of Lt. Foord, District
Engineer of South Arct.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr
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Public Works 1857. Deptt.
Dy. to Cons. 6th Oct.

No. 1858.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dated 30th Sept. 57.

From the Chief Engr. 3d Oct. 1857
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Calling upon the Chief Engineer to explain how contrary to certain previous orders, he has thought it proper to circulate the Extract Mins: Cons: of 8th Sept. 1857 No. 1701, to all the Distt. Engineers.

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