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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 24th March 1857.

No. 78. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 13th March 1857, No. 10919.

Read again the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 31st January and entered in Diary February 10th 1857.

(Here enter No. 34.)

With a view to ensure the effective transfer of the executive from the Collectors of Madura and Tinnevelly, to the Officers of the D. P. W. in charge of those Districts, and place the same upon a proper footing.

Resolved that Major Lawford be requested to continue his progress southward, and to afford Lieutenants Scott and Oakes, the benefit of his instructions in maturing their schemes, for entering upon charge of those Districts from the 1st May next, or from such date as Major Lawford may be prepared to advise their transfer, bearing in mind that it has become highly desirable, that the Executive duties should with as little delay as possible, be entrusted to the Engineer Department.

2. Should this reach Major Lawford previous to his arrival on the Hills it is requested that he will at once proceed to Madura, and subsequently to Tinnevelly, from the latter District he can make his way it is trusted embarking from Tuticorin, and proceeding thence by sea to Cochin, so that the latter place may be reached, and the works at Jackatallah visited and reported upon, before the setting in of the S. W. Monsoon.

3. From the Neilgherries it will be desirable that the Superintending Engineer should make an excursion into the Balaghat province of Wynaad, with a view to reporting upon the scheme for a road via the Carcoor pass to the western coast, from thence retracing his steps, it will be expected of the Superintending Engineer that he should continue his tour of inspection to the District of Salem, completing his tour on his return thence to the Presidency, by the much needed inspection of Trunk road No. 5.

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

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 533 ; dated 24th March 1857.

The Government approve of these instructions to Major Lawford, but with reference to the doubt expressed in para. 1, as to the date of the transfer of the executive of Madura and Tinnevelly, they must observe that the 1st of May must be considered the latest date of which the Government will under any circumstances approve.

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

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dated 13th March 1857
Recd 14th March 1857

No 10919.

From Dy Sec. to Govt. Public Dept. No. 1728 dated 28th April 1857

Forwarding for information Extract Proceedings requesting that Major Lawford, Supdg Engr 3rd Circle, will continue his progress Southward to afford Lieutenant Scott and Cakes the benefit of his instructions in maturing their schemes for entering upon the charge of the Districts of Madura & Tinnevelly from the 1st May next, or from such date as Major Lawford may be prepared to advise their transfer.

With an order
No. 533 24th March

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Fort St. George
24th March 1857

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