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No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 11th March 1857, No. 10808.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 27th February 1857, No. 29.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 260 dated 4th February 1857, and your resolution thereon No. 10,117 I have the honor to observe that the estimate required by the Government in the latter part of para. 3, is for a road mostly in the Malabar District. I will take the earliest opportunity, which I do not however expect for some months, to estimate for the small portion from the foot of the slip, to the Malabar frontier after which it should be taken up in the Malabar District and at the same time I will endeavour to investigate the best line for a pass to descend the Hills.

2. The Government seem to have drawn an erroneous conclusion from Captain Michael's letter, the road was designed to descend the Hills to the Eastward or rather North Eastward from Toombacadavoo, but it travels round the Northern spur, and so leads away Westward into Malabar, it is this portion alone for which I have to estimate now.

3. I had not previously thought of a road to the West of Toombacadavoo, into Malabar, but by the Map a line Northwest seems practicable, leading out within 3 miles of Calungode. Captain Michael whom I have consulted on the subject, thinks it impossible but, I will just look at it, Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Cotton proposed to make a road across the Hills to the S. W. to Mulliatoor and so direct to Cochin which Captain Michael considers would open up a vast track of most valuable forest, and in which he thinks that the Cochin Cirkar would for its own advantage, most willingly join.

4. I shall feel obliged by your ascertaining, whether it is the wish of Government, that such a line should be investigated also perhaps there might be fiscal objections to our timber going that way, but a traffic line from the South of Coimbatore direct to Cochin, seems not unworthy of consideration.

Resolved, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 260 dated 4th February 1857, to forward to Government for information, and orders, copy of the foregoing letter No. 29 dated 27th February 1857, from the District Engineer of Coimbatore reporting upon the proposed road from the Annamallies to the Districts of Coimbatore and Malabar.

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

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 567; dated 27th March 1857.

Before passing any order on this reference, the Government request that the Chief Engineer will prepare and submit a sketch Map, to show the road proposed by Captain Francis in the third paragraph of his letter of the 27th Ultimo, and that formerly proposed by Captain F. C. Cotton, and now recommended by Captain Michael.

2. This Map will shew the position of all the places referred to in the letter submitted with the Chief Engineer's present proceedings, and also all those mentioned in Captain Francis' letter of the 8th of October last, and in Captain Michael's letter to the Collector of Coimbatore of the 24th of November.

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

Public Works Dept

No 557

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 27th March 1857.

Read the following R. from the Pro: of the Board of Revenue Hon center 11th March 1857 No 10,808.

Before putting any order on this reference Report request Cab: Re Cf. Engr. once perexx & submit a sketch mark, shewing the road proposed by Cab: Francis in the bid how superseded by letter of the 27 ultmo, and that formerly proposed by Cab: L. C. Cabm. & now recommended by Cab: Michael.

His mark will explain what the position of affairs is, & the plan referred to in the letter submitted with the Cf. Engr proceedings.

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Requesting the Ch. Engr. to prepare & submit a sketch map, to show the road proposed by Capts. Francis & F.C. Collins, from the Annamallies to the Districts of Coimbatore & Malabar.

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