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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 31st March 1857.

No. 102. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th March 1857, No. 10762.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1900, dated 18th October 1856, requesting me to submit the opinions of some experienced Officers, as to whether compulsion should be exercised to obtain labor in cases of sudden emergency, such as breaches of tank, river, or channel banks, I have now the honor to forward the following replies from the several Officers to whom the subject was referred on the 22nd Idem.

Memo.		dated	28th October 1856,	from Major Lawford.
Letter		do	do	from Captain Collyer.
do	No. 950	do	30th do	,, Major Birdwood.
do	,, 649	do	31st do	,, ,, Boileau.
do	,, 310	do	12th November ,,	,, Captain Francis.
do	,, 720	do	1st December ,,	,, Captain Rundall.
do	,, 12	do	24th February 1857,	,, Lieut. Coll. F Cotton.
do	,, 197	do	26th do	,, Captain Orr.

2. The above Officers with the exception of Captain Orr, it will be seen, are unanimous in the assertion, that compulsory labor is essentially requisite in cases of sudden emergency, such as are noticed in the order of Government under reply. My own opinion is, that it is indispensable for the common weal of the country, that the authorities should continue to possess and to exercise the means of collecting masses of the required strength by coercive measures, should a simple summons to contribute to the general welfare of the community be disregarded.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, No. 593 ; dated 31st March 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

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No 10762.

Central Offices of R.C.
Fort Saint George
9th March 57.

From,

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government R.C.
&c.

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Memo dated 28th Octr/56. From Alg.r Lyon
Letter — Do — Do From Capt.n Colby
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Do — " 649 — Do 31st Do " " " Barlow
Do — " 310 — Do 12 Nov — " Capt.n Francis
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed't
Servt
Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of Ord.
Fort Saint George
7th March 1854

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Corrs: 21st October/56 Nos. 58.
" 27th May/56 Nos. 1-2

Public Works 1857 Regd
Corrs 31st March
No 465

From
The Chief Engineer.

To
The Lee to Govt Pl. D

Dated 7th
Rec'd 10th March 1857

Nos 1 & 2 No 10762
Encls. & Returned

With reference to &c.
Mem: Corr: No 1900 dated 15 Oct/56
submits replies from eight
officers on the question of
compulsory labor in cases of
sudden emergencies such as
breaches of tanks mines or
channel banks
Nos 2 to 573
Recorded
Fort St. George 31st March 57

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c/4 March No 23