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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th May 1857.

No. 88. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th April 1857, No. 11714.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Ootacamund, 30th March 1857, No. 101.

SIR,

Previously to the submission of my general report on the Jackatallah Barracks, I feel it necessary to request your immediate application to Government, for the use of at least four additional Elephants for dragging timber from the Moodoomallay forest, near Seegoor, there being only two public Elephants and one purchased by Captain Campbell now at work under the direction of Captain Morgan.

2. The supplies from this forest are so moderate in cost, and so valuable, that no effort should be spared to obtain as much timber, as possible, during the remaining term of the lease, and as the Elephants are maintained at the cost of the Barrack funds, during their employment, there is an actual saving of 40 Rupees, per month, to the State on each.

3. Several Elephants are now kept at or near Mettapolliam for Military purposes, which could be lent to the Executive Engineer, on condition of their return to the Commissariat, when required, and I beg most strongly to recommend this arrangement being made at once.

4. Another matter of equal urgency and importance is the appointment of Serjeant Major Keenan of the Artillery as Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, not as a permanent member of the Department of Public Works. The Serjeant Major, has proved his perfect fitness for the post, and his services are indispensably necessary.

Resolved to forward for the information, and early orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 101, dated 30th March 1857, from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle requesting the employment of four additional Elephants on the works at Jackatallah, and the appointment of Serjeant Keenan, as an Accountant, with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that the Commissariat Department at Mettapolliam be directed to place at the disposal of Captain Campbell the Elephants requested by Major Lawford.

With regard to Serjeant Keenan's appointment as an Accountant, it is observed that Captain Campbell has already been requested in Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 11500, of the 2nd April 1857, to submit an application for the employment of the non Commissioned Officer in the prescribed form laid down in G. O. C. C. No. 60 of the 4th September 1856.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, No. 854; dated 4th May 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, considering it very desirable that, as the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle suggests, advantage should be taken of the present lease to obtain all the timber that may be needed for the Barracks at Jackatallah, resolves to transfer this letter for consideration in the Military Department.

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

Read the following

No 11714 34

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 17 April 1857

Read the following.

Superintending Engr's Office, S.L.

Camp Potacammund 30th March 57.

From, — E. Laws Esq. 101.

The Superintending Engineer,

Southern Circle,

To, Colonel P. E. Conway

The Chief Engineer, Ceylon

&c &c &c Dept. Public Works.

Sir,

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I have, &c,

Camp Tuticorin
30th March 1857

(Signed) L. Crawford,
Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle.

Resolved, to forward for the information, and early orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 101 dated 30th March 1857, from the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle-requesting the employment of four additional

Elephants on the works at Jackatallah, and the appointment of Serjeant Keenan, as an accountant, with the Chief Engineers recommendation, that the Commissariat Department at Mettapollium be directed to place at the disposal of Captain Campbell the Elephants requested by Major-Crawford

With regard to Serjeant Keenans, Appointment as an Accountant, it is observed that Captain Campbell has already been requested in Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 1500. of the 2nd April /57 to submit an application for the employment of the two Commissariat Officers in the prescribed form laid down in G.O.C.C. No. 60. of the 4th September 1856-

I have, &c,

(Signed) A. Taylor, Colonel
Chief Engineer,

To,

The Secretary to
Govt. P. W. D.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
D.to Our Sec.tte No. 146
Extract from the Bengal,
Civil Engineer,

To,

The Secretary to
Govt. N.W.P. & O.

Dated 16th April 1857.
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Forwards, for information and early return, letter from the Supg Engr Sutlum Circle, requesting the employment of four additional Elephants on the works at Jaskotellah, and the appointment of Sergeant Keenan, as an Accountant, with the Chief Engineer recommending that the Commissariat Department be directed to place at the disposal of Capt. Campbell the Elephants requested by Major Lawford, and observes with regard to Sergeant Keenan that Capt. Campbell has already been instructed to submit an application for the employment of the non Commissioned Officer in the first instance from those shown in G.O.C.C. No. 10 of the 4th Sept. 1856 with an Order

No. 854 dated 4th May.

No. 854

The Right Honble the Governor in Council, considering it very desirable that the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle suggests, advantage should be taken of the present Season to obtain all the timber that may be needed for the Barracks at Jaskotellah, resolves to transfer this letter for consideration in the Military Department.

By

Fort St. George
4th May 1857

A Copy to the
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