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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 54. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 30th April 1857, No. 12254.

Read the following Journal of Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle on Circuit, from 5th to the 18th April 1857.

5th Sunday.

6th to 11th Ootacamund, engaged in completing reports on Jackatalla Barracks, and Mr. Fraser's surveys, and in several inspections connected with the roads, and water supply on the Hills.

12th Kotagherry.

13th Inspected new trace of Ghaut, from Kotagherry as far as Arriacode, 24 miles.

14th Continued my inspection, of new trace to Sreemogay 15 miles.

15th } Halted at Sreemogay.
16th }

17th Inspected part of Coonoor Ghaut, &c. and returned to Sreemogay 24 miles.

18th Marched to Coimbatore, 25 miles.

Having reported separately on the new Eastern trace up the Neilgherries, I shall here only record my conviction of the dangerous condition of the Bhowany bridge at Matapolliam, owing first to its being much too low, as proved by the freshes rising above the crown of the Arches, and secondly to the extraordinary formation of an Island in the river, which greatly obstructs the discharge. The stone work of the piers also, is out of repair.

Resolved, that the foregoing Journal of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, Public Works from the 5th to the 18th Instant be copied for the information of Government.

2. Resolved also that copy be sent of the report of Major Lawford on the Matapolliam bridge for the early consideration of the District Engineer, but as the two causes alleged to create danger have been in operation for 17 years, Captain Francis may possibly not share in the Superintending Engineer's apparent alarm.

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

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 898; dated 11th May 1857.

The Government request that the District Engineer's report on the bridge at Matapolliam may be submitted to them on receipt.

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

Public Works 1857 Dept. No
Dist. Cons. 12th Circuit
No 880.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer,

To

The Secretary to
Govt. P. W. D.

Dated 30th April 1857.
Recd. 7th May "
No 12254
From the Chief Engr. 710 "
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Forwards for the information of Government copy of Annual of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, on circuit, from 5th to the 18th April 1857. containing a report on the condition of the Bolowany Bridge at Mettupollium in the Coimbatore District.

No 54 & 55.

No 898

The Government request that the Director may on the bridge Engineer's report, at Ghats. pollium may be submitted to them on receipt.

Fort St. George
11th May 1857

6 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dept. 12th

5th May 1857

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