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

Read the following letters.

No. 82. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th April 1857, No. 11805.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, that the order of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 367, dated 26th February 1857, was communicated to Lieutenant Goddard with Extract from Proceedings No. 10635, dated 4th March 1857, and that that Officer's reply was not received in the Central office until the 7th Instant.

Letter from the District Engineer Canara, dated 14th March 1857, No. 441.

2. Having attentively perused Lieutenant Goddard's explanation, and feeling that nothing has been advanced by that Officer to call for any modification of the opinion expressed in my letter, No. 9709, dated 23rd January 1857, I beg to forward the document in original, for the consideration of Government.

No. 83. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th April 1857, No. 11806.

SIR,

I have the honor in continuation of my despatch No. 11805, of the 17th Instant, to forward for the perusal of Government, the accompanying demi, official communication from Lieutenant Goddard.

2. The letter contains nothing very specific in extenuation of the delay that has occurred in the conduct of Lieutenant Goddard's office duties, and which it has been my duty to lay before Government, but at the same time, it evinces a desire of doing well in future, and is altogether written in so candid, and earnest a tone, that I am led to hope Lieutenant Goddard (if permitted by Government to remain in his present position) being now fully aware of the importance of the charge entrusted to him, and of the necessity of the punctual performance of his office duties, will still prove an effective Officer to the state, and a good Public servant.

3. I would observe that Lieutenant Goddard, rather than detain his letters from the mere circumstance of not being able to number them consecutively (in the absence of his fair letter book) has been directed to dispatch them at once, with any appropriate distinguishing marks, to obviate the chance of any confusion in after reference.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, No. 912; dated 12th May 1857.

1. With these letters, the Chief Engineer submits two communications, (one official and the other demi-official) from the District Engineer of Canara, submitting the explanation required in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th February 1857, No. 367 on the non-submission of the Budget Statement for his District for 1857-58, although called upon to do so no less than three separate times.

2. Lieutenant Goddard ascribes the omission to his inexperience to official duties, to the general inefficiency of his Establishment, and to the new organization of Department of Public Works. He also explains that he has been taking pains to discharge his duties more satisfactorily in future.

3. Colonel Faber's two letters bear the same date. In both he states that Lieutenant Goddard has advanced nothing tangible in extenuation of the delay that has occurred, but in that numbered 11,806 he adds that that Officer's communications evince a desire of doing well in future, which leads him to hope that, if he (Lieutenant Goddard) be permitted to remain in his present position, he will prove an efficient Officer and a good public servant.

4. The Government on a consideration of all the papers submitted, are of opinion that great blame attaches to Lieutenant Goddard, and the careless state of his office is evidenced by his own account of certain records having been left behind at Bellahery, when he proceeded to

Mangalore. The Government are however willing to trust to that Officer's assurance of care and attention in future, and to afford him an opportunity of shewing the sincerity of his endeavors, but if their leniency on this occasion should be misplaced, and Lieutenant Goddard's inattention should again interfere with important public business, there will be but one course left for them to pursue, and they will be obliged to appoint to Canara some Officer who will evince a more ready compliance with the requisitions he may receive for the supply of periodical reports, and who will shew a more active appreciation of the importance of the duties confided to him. The Government fully appreciate the vigilance of the Chief Engineer in reporting Lieutenant Goddard's conduct.

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

P.W.D.

N.° 912.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th May 1857.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 17th April 1857 & 11805 & 11806)

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3 Colonel Fraber's two letters bear the same date. In both he states that Lieut. Goddard has advanced nothing tangible in extenuation of the delay that has occured, but in that numbered 11806 he adds that that Officer's communications evince a desire of doing well in future which leads him to hope that if he (Lieut. Goddard) be permitted to remain in his

his present position he will prove an efficient Officer and a good Public servant.

4 The Government on a consideration of all the papers submitted, are of opinion that great blame attaches to Lieut. Goddard, and the careless state of his office is evidenced by his own account of certain records having been left behind at Bellary, when he proceeded to Mangalore. The Government are however willing to trust to that Officer's assurance of care and attention in future, and to afford him an opportunity of shewing the sincerity of his endeavors, but if their leniency on this

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Respectfully

Sketch of Lieut Goddard's letter

The Govt feeling desirous that the business of the Chief Engr's Office should be conducted

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Cons 12th May.

No 912.

Extract Mins of Cons:
D/ 12th May/57.

Passing orders on
the communications of
the Chief Engr submitting
explanation, on the non
=submission of the Budget
Statement by Lieut
Goddard for the District
of Canara, for 1857/58.

No 82 to 84.

C. G. Pauw Esq.