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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 273 Press Mis.

Dated 17 1855

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No. 33. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge Central Office; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 8th June 1858, No. 941.

SIR,

In doing myself the honor to transmit a copy of Lieutenant Colonel Henderson's letter No. 706, dated 26th May 1858, agreeably to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1064 of the 4th June 1858, I beg leave respectfully to submit, that a discretion seems to rest with all intermediate channels of correspondence as to the expediency or otherwise of forwarding the same to higher authority, and Lieutenant Colonel Henderson being in his capacity of Executive, as Subordinate to the Madras Central Office, as any other Officer of the D. P. W., I must hope that it be still left for the Head of this Department to decide what is and what is not suited for further transmission.

2. Nothing can be apparently more obvious than, that the Chief Engineer at Madras has hitherto been held liable to the displeasure or otherwise of the Government of Fort Saint George, for sending on letters which His Lordship in Council may deem to be unnecessary or of a nature that it is competent for Colonel Faber to dispose of on his own authority.

3. All Officers have the privilege of addressing Government, *direct* when the usual channel is closed.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. HENDERSON, Chief Engineer of Hyderabad; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Bolarum, 26th May 1858 No. 706.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 17th May 1858, No. 935, forwarded with your resolution No. 482 dated 21st Idem.

2. I regret to observe, that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief appears to be under the impression that Colonel Faber's letter to the Secretary to Government No. 7308, dated 11th February 1858, was forwarded by me to Major General Coffin with a view to create Irritation, and further that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in this opinion, but as my motive in forwarding the letter in question was very different, I beg that you will be good enough to explain to the Madras Government, that which Major General Coffin has apparently omitted to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, viz. that as I was unable to attend his Committee I forwarded Colonel Faber's letter to him, along with a letter of my own, requesting, that he would lay it before the Committee, my object in doing so being, a wish, that the members might be made aware, that the opinion held by the highest Engineer Authority in the Madras Presidency, coincided with my own, as regards the advisability of constructing the water Houses on the sites originally chosen.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 1315; dated 8th July 1858.

Remarking that Lieutenant Colonel Henderson, in his Executive capacity at Hydrabad, is as much subordinate to the Madras Central office as any other Officer of the Public Works Department, Major Lawford expresses the hope in the above letter, that it may still be left to the head of his Department to decide what is, and what is not, a suitable communication to transmit to Government, even in the case of Colonel Henderson. The case of Colonel Henderson however is a peculiar one, and his position is not properly defined. The Government must therefore request their last* orders to be attended to, in all cases where Colonel Henderson desires that his letters may be laid before them.

Extract Minutes Consultation 4th June 1858, No. 1064.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

General No. 706.
Depatch No. 403.

Chief Engineers Office, 3
Bolarum, 26th May, 1858.

From The Chief Engineer
of Hyderabad
To The Chief Engineer D.F.F.
Fort St. George.

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I have &c.

(Signed) R. Henderson Lt. Colt.
Chief Engr. of Hyderabad.-

(True Copy)

Crawford Major
Supt. Engr. Nor. Circle
In Charge Gen. Office of Z. Off.

Mal.

Central Office of S.P.W.
Fort St. George 8th June 1858.

No 941

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To
The Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle
In charge Central Office.

&c &c &c

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

In doing myself the honor to transmit a copy of Lieut.t Col.o Pendersons letter No 706 dated 26th May 1858, agreeably to Contract Minutes Consultation No 1064 of the 4th June 1858, I beg leave respectfully to submit that a discretion seems to rest with all intermediate Channels of Correspondence as to the expediency or otherwise of forwarding the same to higher Authority, and Lieut.t Col.o Pendersons being in his Capacity of Executive, as Subordinate to the Madras Central office, as any other officer of the S.P.W. I must hope that it be still left for the Head of this Department to decide what is and what is not suited for further transmission..

2 Nothing can be apparently more obvious than, that the Chief Engineer

Enclosure
1 Copy of letter..

1858. Dept.t W.

No

Enclosures sent as below
The Chief Engineer S.P.W.
For
The Secretary to Government
S.P.W.

Dated 8th June 1858
Rec.d

Copy of a letter from Lieut.t Col.o Pendersons
Chief Engr S.P.W. dated 26th May 1858
explaining the objects with which
he forwarded to Genl Office
Colonel Fitz's letter to Govt.
regarding the Steamships
Later Routes.

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3. All officers have the privilege of addressing Government direct when the usual channel is closed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Crawford Major

Central office PWD
Fort St George
8 June 1858

Supg Engr Southern Circle
In charge Central office

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

NBR

D.W.D

No 1315

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Extract from the Mens Nom:
Under date the 8 July 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Supt Engr Southern
Circle in charge Central Office
Here enter 8 June/58 No 944.

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Col Henderson, in his Executive
capacity at Hydrabad, is as much
subordinate to the Madras Central
Office as any other ~~subordinate~~ Officer of
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W H L

Explanation

× E. M. C. 4th June/58, No 1064.

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Supt Dept

Cond: 8th June 58 to No 3 @ 30.
— " 21st July " 38 " 30.
— " 18th Aug 58 " 27 " 8.

P. W. Dept Mil Secy's Office
Rec'd 8 June 1858.
Supt Engr Southern Circle
in charge Central Office
Secretary to Government
Mad

Dated 8th June 1858.

Received 8 June
Recd 8 June
Forwarded copy & Extract from
with reference to Madras G.O.
Executive as to the Capacity
Madras Central Office, as
Officer of the Govt, the Engineer
Chief has to keep the
Secretary of State for
Govt duly informed of
communications of
Extract is noted.

Dr. 38.

Eg Dunn 28th

C/S No 1315. 8th July 1858.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 13th July

No. 1315

Extract Mins: of Cons:
D/ 8th July /58.

Desire that the orders of Govt. laid down in Cons. & Mins. Cons: 4th June 1858 No. 1064 may be attended to in all cases where Col. Henderson desires that his letters may be laid before them.

No. 33434.