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Words of Reference.

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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1107 Press Mis.

Dated 22-7- 1857

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th July 1857, No. 1868.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, of P. W.

Affording an account of operations at the Coleroon bridge at Annacaren Choultry. } (Here enter July 4th 1857, No. 171.)

Dated May 20th 1857.

Resolved with reference to the Chief Engineer's despatch No. 511, and the E. M. C. No. 1049 of the 2nd June 1857 in reply, to place before Government the foregoing counterstatement of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, of P. W. for the information of Government.

2. In reference to the last para. of Major Lawford's letter, it has already been pointed out that Superintending Engineers on Circuit having no offices of record with them, only inconvenience would be created by forwarding documents connected with the current operations of the Central Office. Nevertheless references in point of fact are by no means infrequent, but their occasion depends on the actual practical utility to be expected from the measure; and it is not obvious what benefit would have been derived by reporting the completion of the Coleroon Bridge to Major Lawford.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing report be transmitted for the information of the Collector and District Engineer of Tanjore.

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

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1407; dated 22nd July 1857.

With these proceedings, the Chief Engineer submits a letter from the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle, on the subject of the claim to credit for the completion of the bridge at Annacaren Choultry, relatively due to all those who were at any time connected with it, representing that two reports which he made upon the progress of the work obtained no recognition, and that no information was conveyed to him when the bridge was completed.

2. This letter from the Superintending Engineer appears to have been written in consequence of the Order of Government of the 2nd June 1857 No. 1049, wherein, with reference to a claim advanced by the Chief Engineer, only on behalf of Lieutenant Francis, to credit for the early and successful completion of the bridge, the Government favorably noticed the exertions of the Sub Collector Mr. Cadell, and Major Lawford expresses his opinion that he should ill perform the service he owes to Government if he were silently to acquiesce in the way in which the labors of all who preceded Lieutenant Francis have been overlooked.

3. From Major Lawford's present letter it appears that the bridge was commenced in 1854 by the Collection of materials by the Sub Collector, that in 1855, he himself was engaged upon it, and that orders were also given respecting it by such Overseers as could be spared, that Lieutenant O'Connell soon took charge, that Mr. Horgan Superintended the work for part of 1856, after whose sudden departure it was visited by Major Boileau, and that finally Lieutenant Francis completed it.

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para 3.

para. 4.

4. Major Lawford admits that the bridge was commenced by the collection of materials by the Sub Collector, that at a very critical juncture, when the work was left by Mr. Horgan, and damage had been sustained by an early fresh, Mr. Cadell personally superintended the repair of the damage, and the progress of re-construction, and for the time personally performed the executive duties, that his exertions in the supply of labor and materials, and in support of the Engineers, have received his full acknowledgment, and were duties in which Mr. Cadell was always most assiduous.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

5. It thus appears that, besides the Overseers whose number is not mentioned, there were five different Officers at various times in charge, while the Sub Collector was actively engaged throughout 1854-55-56 and 57.

6. When therefore the name of Lieutenant Francis was alone brought forward by the Chief Engineer from among the Officers of his own Department, the Government consider that an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered was due to the Sub Collector.

Signed H. TORRENS,
Actg. Secretary to Government.

No 1868

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

Under date the 8th July 1857

Read the following letter from Major E Lawford Supg Engr S. Circle &c &c

Affording an account of operations at the Coleroon bridge at Annacaren Choultry (B.C. July 4/57 No 1711)

dated May 20/57

Resolved with reference to the Chief Engrs Despatch No 571 and the P.M. G No 1049 of the 22nd June/57 in reply, to place before Government the foregoing counterstatement of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle &c &c for the information of Government.

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Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Report be transmitted for the information of the Collector and District Engineer of Tanjore

/Sd/ Lewis Pelly

Offg Sec. Board

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Dated

Ed. Rd. Madras

Received

No 1407

Ch Engrs Room Mon Novembr of Corps Station
Madras date Mad 22d July 1857

Recd this following

Ch Engrs Room Mad Records

Inspr Gen Ch Engrs Office

Returned 8th July 1857

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Comm Dr Lemon 87 No 81-82

Pub. Works 1857 Dept
Do to Comm 28th July.
No. 1391

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
to
The Insp Genl Ch Engrs.

Dated 8th
Recd 8th — 13th

No 1407. 22nd July 1857

No. 1865

Forwarding with Reference
to Chief Engrs Despatch No 811
of last No 1039 of the 2d inst
a letter from the Superintg
&c affording an account
of operations at the Coleroon
Bridge at Chinnaveram Circle
for the use of Govt.

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Recd 14th July 1857

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J Capriata the Chief Engr.
Corfu 23d.

Public Works 18th Octr
Do Cons 28th July.

No 1407.

Extract Minute of Cons:
Dd 22d July 57.

Observing on the Letter from the Supt Engr Southern Circle, affording an account of Observations at the Colesroom Bridge at Annacat: Jean Chambly, that under the name of St Francis was a Canal brought forward by the Ch Engr from among the Officers of his own Dept. the Govr considered that an acknowledgment of their services he had rendered would due to the Subn Collectorship.

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