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

No. 106. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th July 1857, No. 2103.

Read the following letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., Civil Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 26th June 1857, No. 46.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, through Captain Francis, of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government, No. 1042, with reference to some general remarks of yours when sending up a report from Major Lawford, Superintending Engineer, on my proceedings &c.

As Major Lawford's report (of the nature of which I have only a general knowledge,) and your remarks, no doubt contain information which it would be useful for me to know, I shall feel much obliged if you will direct that a copy of each be forwarded to me.

When Major Lawford was here, we arranged that, on the 7th or 8th of August next, at which time the jungles are supposed to be in a healthy state, I should meet the Surveyors who are to assist in the completion of the Survey of the site No. 7 at Pallaoor on the Bhowany and that in the meantime I should proceed with the Survey of site No. 31 at Narrigoonamundoo about 7 miles S. W. of this place. It was also arranged that, if possible, I would have the designs &c. for this Basin with you some time next month, at all events before I should go down to the jungle in August next.

With this view I have proceeded with the Survey of site No. 31 but the attack of fever I had soon after coming to the Hills, and the numerous attacks to which Mr. Brosnahan has been subject have much retarded its progress.

Since the 18th Instant, I have been entirely deprived of Mr. Brosnahan's assistance, as he was then again attacked by fever and Dr. Mackay pronounced him unfit for duty, and now I find he must leave for Madras on Monday next, having been summoned there as a witness in the case of the Government against the late Post Master here.

This throws the completion of the field work &c. entirely on my own hands, and will occasion some delay in the sending up of the project for after being exposed all day to the monsoon weather as I now am, one does not feel fitted for the consideration of the details of an important design, besides I will have not only to prepare, but to copy the drawings myself, as I cannot get a Draughtsman, although I have been seeking for one since December last, when his entertainment was sanctioned.

Notwithstanding these difficulties I still hope to be able to send up the project complete, by the end of next month, at all events, I will, if I can, but I write this in order that should I not be able to do so, you will understand that I could not help it.

Resolved, with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1042, dated 2nd June 1857, to submit, for the information of Government, the foregoing copy of a letter, No. 46, dated 26th June 1857, from Mr. Fraser Covenanted Civil Engineer employed on a particular duty.

Resolved also to forward for the information of Mr. Fraser, and agreeably to his application copies of the letter No. 112, dated April 11th, from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, and of the Chief Engineer's letter to Government No. 60, dated 4th May 1857.

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

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, No. 1458; dated 28th July 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

Read the

No 2103

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
on the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 17th July 1857

Read the following letter

No 46

Civil Engrs Office
Octacamund 26th June 57

From

William Fraser

Civil Engineer

To

Colonel C. E. Faber

Chief Engineer
Fort St George

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As Major Lawford's report, of the nature of which I have only a general knowledge, and your remarks, no doubt contain information which it would be useful for me to know, I shall feel much obliged if you will direct that

a copy of each be forwarded to me.

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With this view I have proceeded with the Survey of site No 31 but the attack of Fever I had soon after coming to the Hills, and the numerous attacks to which Mr Brownlow has been subject since much retarded its progress.

Since the 18th Instant I have been entirely deprived of Mr Brownlow's assistance, as he was then again attacked by Fever and Dr Mackay pronounced him unfit for duty and now I find he must leave for Madras on Monday next having been summoned there as a witness in the Case of the Government against the late Port Master here.

Thus throws the completion of the field work &c entirely on my own hands and will occasion some delay in the sending up of the Project for after being exposed all day to the monsoon Weather as I now am, I do not feel fitted for the consideration of the details of an important design besides I will have not only to prepare, but to copy the drawings myself, as I cannot get a Draughtsman although I have been seeking for one since December last when his entertainment was sanctioned.

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I have &c
Sd/ William Fraser
Civil Engr
Resolve

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1857.- &c.

True Extract

A.B. Thomas Col
Chief Secy

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

To [illegible] dated 26th July 1857

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Public Works 1857 Department
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No 1447

Lt. Frain the Pr. of the
Chief Engineer & Pr.
To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D

No 1458
Recorded
28th July 1857

Dated 17th July 1857
Recd 18th "

No 2103

Forwarded for the information
of Govt Copy of a letter from Br.
Fraser Civil Engr. stating that
he has proceeded with the survey
of Site No 31 but that the work
has been retarded in consequence
of his illness & explaining that
it will take some time yet before
he will be able to submit
the project to the Central
Office.

Recorded

No 106 & 107.

20th July 1857