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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.

No. 83. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 23rd July 1857, No. 2312.

Read the following letter from Colonel A. T. COTTON, Commandant of Engineers; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 17th July 1857, No. 441.

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to my late special duty in the Godavery, to bring to your notice the state of the question respecting the Bay of Coringa. I am informed that the survey of the Bay itself has not yet been begun by Mr. Taylor, but I consider that it is very important that it should be done as soon as possible. Even however if Mr. Taylor had surveyed it, as he is not a Naval man he could give no opinion about it as a harbour.

I therefore beg to suggest how exceedingly advantageous it would be if while Captain Taylor of the I. N. who has been long employed on the survey of the Western Coast, and whose opinion would be of such great value, is on this side of the Peninsula, he would visit Coringa, and report upon it. With the assistance of Mr. Tuke, as there is generally a complete lull in the monsoon in August, it is probable that an Officer with the aid in boats that he could obtain on the spot, might in a very short time survey the leading points and thus obtain sufficient information to enable him to form a sound, judgement respecting the state of the harbour, and the improvements that might be advisable.

There is no probability of our having the help again of so able active an experienced an Officer as Captain Taylor, and I would therefore earnestly urge that the opportunity should not be lost.

Resolved, that in forwarding the foregoing letter to Government from the Commandant of Engineer's No. 441 of the 17th Instant, the strong recommendation of the Chief Engineer in favor of the early employment of Lieutenant Taylor I. N. in surveying the seaboard of the Bay of Coringa be also placed before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for favorable and early consideration.

In the event of Lieutenant Taylor's employment it would be advisable that he should confer with the District Engineer, and that in his own operations he should use the same scale as the latter Gentleman in plotting him his work.

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

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, No. 1505; dated 4th August 1857.

Agreeably to the suggestion of Colonel A. T. Cotton and the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to direct Lieutenant Taylor to proceed to Coringa on the expiration of his present leave, and after surveying the leading points of that Harbour, to report on its state, and the improvements which it may appear to require.

2. The Chief Engineer will allow Lieutenant Taylor a perusal of all the papers among the records of his office having reference to the harbour in question, and give him originals or copies of such papers as he may apply for, requiring him to return the originals in due time. Colonel Faber will direct Mr. Tuke, Assistant Executive Engineer, to meet Lieutenant Taylor and assist him in his operations.

To Government of Bombay 1st May 1855.
From Do. 23rd June Do.

3. Resolved that intimation of Lieutenant Taylor's employment at Coringa be given to the Government of Bombay with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

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

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.

No. 85. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George; to W. HART, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 4th August 1857, No. 1506.

SIR,

I am directed to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Lieutenant Taylor of the Indian Navy, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Government for employment on the Malabar Coast, has been directed to proceed to Coringa to survey and report upon that harbour.

From Government of Bombay, dated 23rd June 1855, No. 727, Marine Department.

2. The Government were led to adopt this course from the value they attach to Lieutenant Taylor's opinion upon the subject, and from the fact that the duties for the performance of which his services have been placed at the disposal of this Government will be in no way interfered with or delayed from his employment on this Coast during the time that the Western Coast is closed.

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

Under date the 23rd July 1857.

Read the following Comdt of Engineers Office

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Commandant of Engineers

To Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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(Sd) A Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
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No 1505.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2nd Augt. 1857.

Read the following
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Engineer

(Hereunder 23rd July/57 No 2312)

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Public Works Dept
Camp Kyouk Phyoo
No 1505
Dated 12th 1857. Sent to
Extract from the Proceedings
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Read 23rd
Rud 24th 31st 1857.

Sir,
I have the honor to request that
Lieuts. Sir Arthur Purdon Clerke
and Robert Napier Station
may be appointed to the
Survey of the Sea Board of the
Province

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Your Obt Servt
C. Ag. Chief Engr

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3 Resolved that
intimation of Lieut.
Taylor's employment
at Cooringa be given
to the Court of Bombay
and the reference to the cor-
respondence noted in the
Margin. ordered

To Court of Bombay 2 May 1835
Treas Dr — 23 Inwards

Ordered that
the following letter
be dispatched.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Bombay

(Bere sender 4 Aug/57 - R. 1506)

9 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dispatch
1 " Capt Taylor "

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No. 1506.

To

The Secretary to the Government

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From Govt of Bombay
dy 23d June 55 N 327
Marine Dept.

Political Dept.
Consltn 4th August 1855
No 1505

Returned. Minute of Govr.
Sec. to Govt 4 Aug 1855

Thomas Oldfield Esqr
Offg Secy to Govt
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Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Court of Directors the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Taylor of the Indian Navy, and to state that the Court may rely upon the statements contained in every respect, and recommend the measure proposed by Lieutenant Taylor.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Conolly
Secy to Govt

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Fort St. George
1st Augt 1857

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No 1506

From Secretary to the
Government of Bombay
Dated 1st August 58

To do. 21st do — R. 1620.
To do — 27th April 58
No. 786.

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that Harbour.

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