No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th October 1857, No. 4700.

Read the following letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar, 16th October 1857, No. 138.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 30th Ultimo, No. 4073, and to forward the Acting Collector's reply to my proposal, to assume the Executive charge of the District, on the 1st January next.

As the Collector expresses himself to the effect that it will afford him the "highest satisfaction," to hand over the Executive charge, *on any date* that I may be prepared to assume the charge, I beg to press upon your consideration the proposal, in my letter, of the 6th October 1857, No. 128, regarding the assuming charge of the roads, and Neeranicum Establishment, on the 1st Proximo, as should advances be made by the Collector for road repairs, it will tend greatly, to further, confusion, and difficulty, the more especially, as the Collectors system, does not agree, with the arrangements I propose to carry out in future, viz., by a body of coolies permanently employed; to follow out this plan though, another Officer will be required, as also your permission, for any appointing the 2nd Class Sub Overseers, agreeably to the list forwarded with my letter, of the 26th September 1857.

Letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Major BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, dated Vullum, 14th October 1857, No. 331.

SIR,

In reply to your letter dated the 10th Instant, No. 272, I have the honor to state that it will afford me the highest gratification to transfer to you the Marahmut Executive charge of this District on any date when you may express yourself prepared to receive it, and the authorities at Madras may deem it advisable to sanction the measure.

Resolved, in continuation of the Chief Engineer's Proceedings No. 4310, dated 8th October 1857, to forward, for the information of Government copies of the foregoing correspondence between the Acting Collector and District Engineer of Tanjore.

2. Considering the great inconvenience arising from the present unsettled relations between the Revenue and Public Works Department in Tanjore, and that some of the works of the season 1858, such as planting durbah grass must begin in the month of December next. Bearing in mind also that the District Engineer's establishment will be as strong then as in the following month, the Chief Engineer foresees no disadvantage but considerable gain from the proposed transfer taking place on the 1st December 1857, instead of the 1st January 1858, and he begs accordingly to strongly and even anxiously recommend that the former date be fixed for that purpose.

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

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 2069; dated 5th November 1857.

The Government can pass no orders on this application until they are informed that the establishment of the Public Works Department in Tanjore has been organized in the manner ordered in Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 30th Ultimo, No. 2037.

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

N°. 138.—

From

Major W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer Tanjore

To

Colonel C. C. Taber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

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Distt. Engr.ˢ Office
Tranquebar
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Signed W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer
Tanjore

True Copy

Colonel
Chief Engineer

Comps GS

No 331.

To

Major Birdwood

District Engineer

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Your obt Servt
(signed) H D Phillips
Acting Collector

Collector's Office
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14th October 1857

(True Copy)

A.J. Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer

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Collectorate Cutcherry Tanjore the
Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Dated 14th
Rec'd
Read 16th October 1857.

No 2269/57

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore, enclosing a letter from the Collector intimating having transferred the executive charge of the District to Major Birdwood

Ordered that the Collector be informed that the Chief Engineer has been requested to transfer charge of the Tanjore District to Major Birdwood on the 15th Instant.

No. 4700.

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

Under date the 24th October 1857.

Reads the following letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore.—

D. H. E. No. 138 dated 16th October 1857.

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I have &c.

(Signed) Thos. Cadrach Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

No 2109

Dr. to Rupees 5th Nov. 1857

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Dated 24th October 1857.

Recd 25th

No. 4700.

Enclosure 2.

No 2069. 5th Nov.

Forwarded in continuation of Correspondence noted in the margin.

The Executive Engineer at Bombay Collector and the District Engineer of Tanjore are respectively requested to acknowledge the receipt of their Bills as noted in the margin.

No 2069

The Government cannot pass no orders on this application until they are informed that the establishment of the Public Works department in Tanjore has been organized in the manner ordered in Extract Minutes in Consultation dated 5th October 1857.

For Secy to Govt

5th Nov. 1857

To Copies to the Chief Engr. Dispatch

No 24 & 25.

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