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Read the following Papers.

No. 30. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 5th November 1858, No. 5125.

SIR,

In submitting for the consideration and orders of Government copy of a letter† from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, reporting the departure of Captain Morgan to Jackatalla, and that of Mr. Sub-Engineer Reid for Hyderabad, I have the honor to report that except Mr. Leggatt there is now no Executive Officer in the plains of Coimbatore, and that the works of Irrigation are left without adequate superintendance.

† No. 154 dated 28th October 1858.

2. I am decidedly of opinion that two Executive Officers besides Captain Campbell are not required on the Neilgherry Hills, and I should at once order Major Dobbie to the plains, but as he was expressly nominated to the Neilgherry Range by Colonel Faber, I am unwilling to do so without the authority of Government.

3. I have therefore decided on laying the case before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by whose instructions I shall be guided.

Letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore; to the Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore 28th October 1858, 154.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that on Tuesday morning the 26th instant, Captain Morgan proceeded to Jackatalla to place himself under the orders of Captain Campbell as directed.

I have instructed Major Dobbie to deliver over to Captain Morgan charge of the Moodamallay Forest, the accounts &c.

Mr. Reid, Sub-Engineer, delivered over charge of the Caroor Range on the 20th Instant to Assistant Overseer Wright.

As some of the irrigation works of this range are in a very precarious state, I was desirous that Mr. Reid should not leave until his successor had arrived, but as Mr. Reid is not well and as the Doctor certified that he should go to the Neilgherries for a while, I thought it was hardly worth-while to detain him.

These two Ranges—The Noyel and Caroor are thus without any efficient person to conduct the works.

It is true there are no works going on of much importance, but the channels and Tanks require constant Supervision and as before stated some of the works in the Caroor Range are in a very precarious state.

Under these circumstances I trust that no time will be lost in filling up these two vacancies.

With regard to the Noyel range (the Head Quarters of which are at Coimbatore) I would again urge the great advantage of placing it in charge of a Mechanical Engineer, who could, in addition to the Ordinary duties, establish a work-shop so much wanted in this District.

I have learned that the Government of India have sanctioned the construction of the jail at Ootacamund. This is an additional reason for losing no time in getting the work-shop put in order, as it would enable us to do the work not only more efficiently, but at comparatively small cost.

I have no doubt that Mr. Gregory is still available and that the Government would consent to his appointment if you put it forward.

I don't like to press this matter further knowing as I do that the establishment of a good work-shop here has been warmly advocated by yourself.

In the Caroor range a good practical determined man is required, none other would have any chance of getting on there.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 31. Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 13th November 1858.

In conformity with the request contained in the Memorandum of the 12th November 1858, the Officiating Chief Engineer has the honor to forward to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, a copy of the instructions sent from the Central Office on the 12th Ultimo, for the return of Captain Morgan to the works at Jackatalla.

One copy of letter No. 4616, dated 12th October 1858.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Acting District Engineer, Coimbatore, dated 12th October 1858, No. 4616.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to direct Captain Morgan to place himself without delay under the orders of Captain Campbell, special Executive Engineer at Jackatalla, and that you will instruct Major Dobbie to make over the accounts of the Moodomallay Forest to the former Officer.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 2592; dated 2nd December 1858.

Resolved that the Officiating Chief Engineer be requested to make such arrangements as he may consider necessary under existing circumstances. It is not for Government to take the initiative in these movements but it is perhaps practicable for Major Dobbie to be deputed to the charge of the Noyel range of Coimbatore, with instructions to periodically visit such works in the Neilgherry range as really require inspection.

2. With the present reduced establishment it cannot be expected that each of the separate ranges can be provided for as originally contemplated.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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№ 154

From
William Fraser Esquire
Acting District Engineer
of Coimbatore

To
The Chief Engineer
Department Public Works
Fort Saint George

Sir

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I have instructed Major Dobbie to deliver over to Captain Morgan charge of the Moodumallay Forest the accounts &c.

Mr. Reid, Asst Engineer delivered over charge of the Bavanee Range on the 20th Instant to Assistant Overseer Vinjiviet.

As some of the Irrigation Works of this Range are in a very precarious state, I was desirous that Mr. Reid should not leave until his successor had arrived — but as Mr. Reid is not well — and as the Doctor Certified

certified that he should go to the Nellgherries for a while I thought it was hardly worth while to detain him.

These two Bunges — The Nagel and Caroor are thus without any efficient person to conduct the works.

It is true there are no works going on of much importance but the channels and Tanks require constant supervision — and as before stated some of the works in the Caroor Bunge are in a very precarious state.

Under these circumstances I trust that no time will be lost in filling up these two vacancies.

With regard to the Nagel Bunge / the Head Quarters of which are at Coimbatore / I would again urge the great advantage of placing it in charge of a Mechanical Engineer, who could, in addition to the Ordinary duties, establish a work shop so much wanted in this District.

I have learned that the Government of India have sanctioned the construction of the Sail at Cota-camund. This is an additional reason for losing no time in getting the work shop put in order, as it would enable us to do the work not only more efficiently, but at comparatively small cost.

I have no doubt that Mr Gregory is still available and that the Government would consent to his appointment if you put it forward.

I don't like to press this matter further knowing as I do that the Establishment of a good work shop here has been warmly advocated by yourself.

In the Caroor Bunge a good practical determined man is required none other would have any chance of getting on there.

I have &c

Distt Engrs Office / Signed / W. Fraser
Coimbatore Sg. Distt Engineer
28th October 1858.

/ True Copy /
Offg Sup. Engr Sr Circle

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
5th November 1858

No. 5725

From

The Offg. Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Public

No. 1571 dated 28th October 1858

I do submitting for the consideration and orders of Government copy of a letter from the District-Engineer of Coimbatore reporting the departure of Captain Morgan to Jackatalla, and that of Mr. Sub-Engineer Reid for Hyderabad, I have the honor to report that except Mr. Leggatt there is now no Executive officer on the plains of Coimbatore and that the works of Irrigation are left without adequate Superintendance.--

2 I am decidedly of opinion that two Executive officers besides Captain Campbell are not required on the Neilgherry Hills, and I should at once order Major Pebbles to the plains, but as he was expressly nominated to the Neilgherry Range by Colonel Gaber, I am unwilling to do so without the authority of Government.--

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Executive and Public
Chief Engineer's Office
5th November 1858
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Dated 5 November 58
Received

No. 5725

Copy of a letter from the Dy. Superintending Engineer Palghaut to the Collector of Coimbatore dated 25th October 1858 reporting the departure of Captain Morgan to take charge of the Pundamallay Circle and that Mr. Reid has made over charge of the Coimbatore Ranges & left Coimbatore Road and requesting the arrangements of the Executive officers may be continued as at present.

3 I have therefore decided on
laying the case before the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council by whose instructions
I shall be guided.-

Central Office of PW
Fort of Sam.t George
5.th November 1858

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

L Lawford Lieut. Colonel
Offg. Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Central Office 5th Dec.

Memorandum

The accompanying with the
request was received this day, from the Assistant
Engineer Nerbudda Div. 1858, the Officiating Chief
Engineer has the honor to forward to the
Secretary to Government, Public Works
Department, the instructions sent
by the returned Captain Morgan to
the works at Jubbulpore.

Fort St George
Novem. 1858

Chief Engineer

Assistant Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

P.W. 1858 Depart.
Dept. Cons. 5th Dec.
From No. 2618
The Offg Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
Pub. Works Dept.

Dated 5th November
Received 6th 1858

No. 5725

Reports that by the
departure of Capt. Morgan to
Jacknalla & Mr. Reid to Hyderabad
the works of Irrigation on the plains
of Coimbatore are left without ade-
quate Superintendence. Points out
that 2 Executive officers besides
Capt. Campbell are not required
on the Hills and requests orders
regarding Major Cobbie's con-
veyance thereto.

Col. 2592. 2nd Dec. 1858.

Mr. Cons. 12th Dec. 1858 No. 13 C 15
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No. 830

24th Nov. 1858

24 Nov. 1830

J.S. No. 2692. 22 Dec. 1858.

No. 1,616

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

The Acting District Engineer

Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to direct Captain Morgan to place himself without delay under the orders of Captain Campbell, Special Executive Engineer at Jackatalla, and that you will instruct Major Dobbie to make over the accounts of the Moodomallay Forest to the former Officer

Central Office of 1st Div.
Fort St George 12th October 1858

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
Officiating Chief Engineer

Copy to the Special Executive Engineer
Jackatalla.

True Copy

Lawford Lieut-Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

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Received 15th October 1858

Copy

From the Chief Engineer

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to direct Captain Morgan to place himself without delay under the orders of Captain Campbell, Special Executive Engineer at Jackatalla, and that you will instruct Major Dobbie to make over the accounts of the Moodomallay Forest to the former Officer

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
Officiating Chief Engineer

Secretariat Office, 22nd October 1858.

Forwarded agreeably to the request contained in the annexed letter.

Copy of the same has been addressed to the Conservator of Forests.

Non-receipt of Captain Morgan's Report to the receipt of which he is to be directed.

24 November 1858.

No 2592 D — 0 0 0

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 2d Dec 1858.

Read the following Letters

from the Offg Chief Engineer

(Here enter 5th 13 Nov: /58 No 2618 & 2721)

Resolved that the Offg Chief Engr be requested to ~~report whether~~ Major Dobbie may ~~not~~ be deputed to the charge of the Neyel range of Coimbatore, with instructions to periodically visit such works in the Neilgherry range as really require inspection.

With the present reduced Establishment it cannot be expected that each of the Ceylon Ranges can be provided for, as originally contemplated.

To Col Colvin &c &c Offg Chief Engr & Secy Dated 3d Dec

Will

Recommend such arrangements as he may consider necessary for existing circumstances. It is for Govt to take the initiative in these improvements but it is ~~point to that~~ perhaps practicable

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Pub. Works 1859 Desp.
Dy. to Govr. Genl.

No. 2072

Copy of Mins. of Can
Dy. 2d. Dec. 59

From the Chief Engr. Dated
5th. Nov. 1859 & No. 816 in Govt. Letr
Recd. 30th. 2022

Request Col.

1 Law for the Govt. to make such arrangements for as they may consider necessary for the superintendence of works at Coin la Tour, observing that it is not for Govt. to take the initiative in these recommends.

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