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Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department, from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.

No. 86. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th April 1859, No. 9405.

I have the honor at the particular request of Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford and with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 730 of the 28th Ultimo, to forward in original a letter* from that Officer explanatory (as he considers) of his conduct in posting Overseer Palmer to the Coimbatore District.

* Dated 4th April 1859.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Jackatalla, 4th April 1859.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 730, dated 28th March 1859, I have the honor to state that Sub-Conductor and Overseer Palmer was transferred from Trichinopoly to Coimbatore solely on the ground of ill health certified by a Medical Officer and that no report of his "very bad habits and character" wasmade by the Engineer of the former District, nor have I even heard such an account of him though there appear doubts of his being of perfectly sound mind.

2. Mr. Palmer was transferred as I recorded at the time, in order that he might be employed as the Medical Officer recommended, on the Neilgherry Hills, as a temporary measure, and with a view to meet the wishes of the District Engineer of Coimbatore that Captain Dobbie might be available for the Noyel Range.

3. As the Government have expressed their disapprobation of my proceedings on what appear the mistaken views of the circumstances, I beg you will be good enough to lay this explanation before them.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1859, No. 1041.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 9405 — Central Office of Pub. Works

From The Chief Engineer

To. The Secretary to Government
Department Pub. Works.

Public

Sir. I have the honor at the particulars request of Lieut.t Colonel Lawford and with reference to E.M.C. No. 730 of the 28.th ultimo. to forward in original a letter+ from that Officer Explanatory (as he Considers) of his Conduct in posting Overseer Palmer to the Coimbatore District

Encls. 1 and letter

+dated 4. April/59

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
W.H. Baker Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
8.th April 1859

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From the Chief Engineer

To the Secy to Govt N.S.W.

Dated 8th April 1859
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No 9455

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Transmits Lieut Col
Laws's explanations in
reply to Engineer Palmer's
to the Commissioners Desp

W. Will

Jv. 1041

Noted in record Book
Mr Govt Gen
5 May 59

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