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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th April 1859.

No. 46. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 4th April 1859, No. 9277.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward in original a letter received this day from the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, on special duty at Jackatalla, reporting progress of the Barrack Buildings at that Station; but after the opinion expressed in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 795, dated 2nd Instant, do not feel myself warranted in again urging upon Government any request for assistance from the Civil authorities in collecting and sending Artificers to Jackatalla.

2. In conclusion, I would beg to add my general concurrence in the measures taken by the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, detailed in the 7th, 8th, 9th, and concluding para. of his letter herewith forwarded.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Jackatalla, 29th March 1859.

SIR,

Referring to the several orders passed on the subject of my inspection of the Barracks at Jackatalla, I have the honor to report that since the date of my first visit, I have used every means in my power to accelerate the progress of the works, and that the upper story of Barrack No. 3, will be delivered over on the 31st Instant to the Officer Commanding the 60th Rifles, for occupation by 200 men.

2. The flooring of the lower story is however still in a backward state, and can barely be completed before the monsoons, unless the number of Sawyers, Carpenters and Stone Cutters is immediately increased, and on this point I would suggest that the aid of Government be applied for in order that Artificers may be obtained from Mysore, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly and Malabar.

3. There are now only about 20 pairs of Sawyers at work, besides some in the Moodunully Forest, and at least 30 pairs more are urgently required, but 50 could be easily employed.

4. The highest number of Carpenters employed at any one time on these works has been 180 and just before my arrival there were 130, but immediately afterwards they fell to 80, and I would strongly recommend that 100 more Carpenters should be procured from the low country, and that the Executive Engineer should be vested with some power for preventing their desertion.

5. Coolies also are far too few in number and those of the Burgher class are now leaving the works to attend to their cultivation. There are only about 200 Canaries coolies, and 300 more are wanted in order to carry on the works properly.

6. So long as the Station remained unoccupied, delay was of comparatively little consequence, but the arrival of H. M. 60th Rifles and the presence of the men of other Regiments in Depot, together with the expected arrival of the families, render it of the most vital importance to expedite matters, and I shall immediately take such steps as may be in my power for increasing and maintaining the supply of labor.

7. I cannot omit to record my opinion that the delivery of Timber and Wood work from the Moodunully Forest and Goondulpett work-shop under Captain Morgans's charge has not been adequate; the returns from both having averaged 3,000 cubic feet per month since October last, I have impressed on Captain Campbell the necessity of his requiring all possible exertion on the part of his assistant, and I hope that the Government will support my efforts to increase the supply of wood from this source, especially now that two additional Elephants are employed in the Forest.

8. Captain Campbell still purchases Wood in the Ootacamund Market, and at times has not had enough of the proper description in hand to keep his Carpenters fully employed, and it is now of the utmost importance to accumulate a stock before the rains set in, when the Forest cannot be worked.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th April 1859.

9. I have desired that Captain Morgan shall furnish a complete Statement of his operations in the Moodunully Forest from the beginning, and that a Monthly Report of the same should in future accompany the Progress Report of the Jackatalla Barracks. This Statement should shew the quantity, nature and cost of material supplied with its valuation, and the data on which it is framed.

10. I cannot but remark how important it is that the scanty amount of labour available should be concentrated as much as possible, and that the Executive Engineer should not be required to undertake a number of scattered works at the same time, and with this view, I have proposed to Colonel Bedford, Commanding the 60th Rifles, that instead of resuming the School-Room and Library, as ordered in E. M. C. No. 622, 17th March 1859, a fourth block of the Barracks (No. 5) should be completed as rapidly as possible, in order that it may serve temporarily as School Room, Library and place for Divine Service.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. E08; dated 5th April 1859.

The Governor in Council desires that Colonel Lawford shall be called on to enquire and report as to the causes of the diminution in the number of Carpenters noticed in para. 4 of his letter, as well as the small number of Sawyers noticed in para. 3, and of Coolies in para. 5. He will make careful enquiries both as to the rates of hire, the arrangements for payment and the treatment of the men. He will endeavour to ascertain from themselves whether they have any complaints on any of these accounts, or on any other point connected with their employment. The Government expect this enquiry and report to be minute and faithful. It would be something quite new to find labour long wanting when the pay is sufficient and the treatment considerate; and it is evident that climate has little to do with the matter. The very slow progress of the works at Jackatalla has repeatedly excited the dissatisfaction of this Government as well as of the Government of India; and this Government on a former occasion recorded its opinion that difficulty in obtaining labour was evidence of inefficiency in an Executive Officer.

2. The Governor in Council declines absolutely to exert his authority to press labour; being satisfied that this course is fallacious as well as unjust.

3. Colonel Lawford will be instructed also to report more fully on the working of the Moodunully Forest, stating the establishment maintained, with its cost, and the product; he will set forth fully what he considers to be the causes of the unsatisfactory result, and suggest, in communication with Mr. Fraser, such changes as he may think desirable.

4. In respect to the matters touched on in the closing para. of his letter, Colonel Lawford will be guided by Colonel Bedford's wishes.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George
4 April 1859.

From
The Chief Engineer
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,
I have the honor to forward in original a letter received this day from the Superintending Engineer Central Circle, on special duty at Jackatalla reporting progress of the Barracks buildings at that station, but after the opinion expressed in Lt. Min. of Coun. to 795 dated 2^d Instant, do not feel myself warranted in again urging upon Government any request for assistance from the Civil Authorities in collecting & sending artificers to Jackatalla.

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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Central Office of P.W.

Lab. St. George.

4th April 1859.

Wm. L. Colville

Chief Engineer

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N^o 808

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5 April, 1859.

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letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 4th April 1859. N^o 277/10.)

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also that of the other
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for speaking from the time that
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