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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

No. 95. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 25th March 1859, No. 9005.

SIR,

With reference to para. 3 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 21st January last, communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 17th Instant, No. 619, I have the honor to state that no periodical statements of measurements of work done are submitted by District Engineers to the Central Office, this not being provided for by the Rules of the Department. An approximate statement of the progress made on each work under execution is however given by some Officers in the monthly Progress Reports, but these reports are not in sufficient detail to be treated as accounts or regular measurements of the works performed.

2. With respect to the observations of the Government of India contained in the 2nd para. of Major Strachey's letter, as regards the inability of the Central Office to furnish in two years the report required by this Government, as to the reason of the large excess over the Estimate for the construction of the Bridge over the Bowanny at Suttiamungalum in Coimbatore, I beg to state that in the Officiating Chief Engineer's letter of the 23rd August last, No. 3016, it was explained that the District Engineer of Coimbatore had not replied to the requisition of Government,* and that the Officer then in charge of the District could not possibly furnish any satisfactory information at that late period of time.

* Extract Minutes Consultation, 25th April 1857 No. 767.

† Extract Minutes Consultation 17th September 1858, No. 1918,

No. 4337.

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3. In reply to a further call by Government† for a more complete report, Lieutenant Colonel Lawford explained in his letter of the 8th October last, that the only information to be had explanatory of the cause of excess was contained in Captain Francis' letter of the 10th April 1858, then before Government, and that this Officer, then in the Central Office, reported that the state of the accounts of the work did not permit any

detailed explanation being given.

4. Under these circumstances it will be seen, I trust, that the Central Office has not failed in doing what was necessary on its own part to enforce a proper compliance with the orders of Government by the Local Executive Officers. But it must be at once admitted, that it is not properly speaking "a Central Office of Accounts;" this it never was, nor meant to be, in the Bengal, (or Colonel Strachey's) sense of that appellation.

No. 96. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 12th April 1859, No. 862.

SIR,

I have the honor under the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, furnishing explanation in respect to the remarks made by the Government of India in para. 2 of Major Strachey's letter dated 21st January last No. 789, and submitting also the information required in para. 3 of the same letter.

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Central Office of Pub Works.
Fort Saint George 34
25 March 1859

From
The Chief Engineer
Deptt of Pub Works

To
The Secretary to Government
Pub Works Deptt

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25th March 1859
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No. 862.

Lieutenant Colonel H. Gule,
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