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No. 74. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 23rd April 1859, No. 9828.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 8632, dated 16th March 1859, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, copy of a letter* from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, reporting that his efforts to procure Stone Cutters for Ceylon have utterly failed.

* No. 1923 dated 14th April 1859.

Letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Trichinopoly; to Lieutenant Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, dated 14th April 1859, No. 1923.

SIR,

I regret to have to report that my efforts to procure Stone Cutters for Ceylon have utterly failed.

2. Of 3 men who went from here last year one is dead, another is reported on his way home ill, the 3rd who came back some months ago says that he has not been able to do a day's work since he came back, from complete physical prostration—no money would induce him to go back.

3. The Maistry Stone Cutter says perhaps 50 Rupees a month might tempt somebody, but that I look on as absurd.

4. I may observe that there is no lack of employment in this place itself, for far more people than there are, and prices are consequently very favourable for them.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, No. 966; dated 27th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Government of Ceylon in continuation of the letter to them from this Department dated 26th Ultimo No. 718.

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

No. 76. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to W. C. GIBSON, Esq., Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated 27th April 1859, No. 967.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter to your address under date the 26th Ultimo No. 718, I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Honorable the Governor, copy of a further letter from the Chief Engineer and of its accompaniment from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly reporting the utter failure of the latter Officer's efforts to procure the Stone-Cutters required by the Ceylon Government.

No 1923.

From

Captain F. J. Mackerly

District Engineer of Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Engineer

in the Department of P.W.

Sir,

I regret to have to report that my efforts to procure Stone Cutters for Ceylon have utterly failed.

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4 I may observe that there is no lack of employment in this place itself, for far more people than there are, and prices are consequently very favourable for them.

Trichinopoly ...
Dist.t Engr.s Office
12th April 1859

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obt. Servt
F. J. Mackerly Captain
District Engineer

[True Copy]
J. Fullerton Major
Comdg 44 Tutd. Engineers & Circle

Central Office of S.W.
Fort Saint George
23 April 1859.

No. 9828

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 8632, dated 16th March 1859, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Trichinopaly, reporting that his efforts to procure Stone Cutters for Ceylon have utterly failed.

No. 1923 of 12th April 1859

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant

J. W. Bell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

S. E. No. 5 Circle

Copy sent

1859 Public Department
No.
Chief Engineer's letter
dated 23rd April 1859
Received 25th April 1859
No. 9828

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Trichinopaly reporting that his efforts to procure Stone Cutters for Ceylon have utterly failed.

Public Works Dept.

No 966.

To

W. B. Gibson, Esqre.
Colonial Secretary at Colombo.

Sir

I am directed to
inform you that a
copy of your address under
date the 26th Ultimo. No 718
and enclosures has been submitted
for the information of the Hon.
the Governor, acting
in the absence of the Queens
Advocate, the Principal
Civil Engineer, and Director
of Public Works
to whom the letter from the Dist. Engr.
of Trincomalee reporting the
failure of his
efforts to procure stone cutters for
Ceylon has been referred
for report
The Hon. Colonial Secretary to the
Govt. Ceylon

Fort St. George,
27th April 1859.

Dft. Com. 1 April 59 No 7507

Pub. Wks. Dept.
Com. 27th April
No 1103

From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Govt.

Dated 28 April 1859
Received 23

No 9828

From — Dr. 6th May 59.
C. No 1128, Cons.

Submits copy of a
letter from the Dist. Engr. of
Trincomalee reporting that his
efforts to procure stone cutters for
Ceylon have utterly failed.

With an order of
No 966 27th April 1859.

No 7475

No 966.

Ordered to be communi-
cated to the Government of Ceylon
in continuation of the letter to them
from this Department dated 26th
Ultimo No 718.

Fort St. George,
27th April, 1859.

Public Works 1859 Dept.
Dto Cons 29th April
No 967.

To The Colonial Secretary
at Colombo.
Dr 27th April 1859.

Correspondence on the
utter failure of the efforts
of the District Engineer of
Trincomaly to procure the
stone cutters required by
the Ceylon Government
transmitted.

No 76.

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