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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 132. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 15th April 1859, No. 9603.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter under date 7th April 1859, received from Colonel Lawford, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, now on a tour of Inspection at Jackatalla, soliciting to be relieved from the examination of the Malabar Ghauts and Wynaad Roads, as ordered in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 523, dated 8th March 1859, as the duties he is now performing will certainly occupy him till the end of the month, about a fortnight after which, the monsoon on the Western Coast may be expected to commence, when field duties in that part of the country will become impracticable, the intervening fortnight being too short a period for the satisfactory prosecution of the duties required of Colonel Lawford.

2. In the concluding part of his letter he recommends that the Detachment of Sappers and Miners now employed at the foot of Perambady Pass in Malabar, whose services can on the commencement of the monsoon be of no further avail, may be ordered to Jackatalla to aid in the completion of the Barracks, &c., at that Station, a measure which I have the honor to recommend for the consideration of Government, and I also recommend that the inspection of the Ghauts may be adjointed to a more suitable season.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 7th April 1859.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 762, dated 31st March 1859, I have the honor to inform you that no copy of the order of the Government of India No. 4286, dated 30th September 1858 is in my possession. If therefore that document relates to my present duties, I beg to be furnished with a copy thereof.

2. I may take this opportunity of stating that my work at Jackatalla will certainly not be completed before the end of this month, and that it will then be too late for me to undertake the examination of the Malabar Ghauts and Wynaad Roads, ordered in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 523, dated 8th March 1859, as those duties could not be properly performed in less time than one month or six weeks, before the expiration of which the monsoon will render all field duty in Malabar impracticable.

3. It would be perfectly useless for me to travel rapidly through the District to decide questions on which the opinions of Officers of great local experience have been already recorded, and I trust therefore that I shall be relieved from the necessity of attempting to perform a duty which it would be out of my power to execute this year in a satisfactory manner. A considerable quantity of rain has already fallen on the Neilgherries, and the weather along the Ghauts will continue to be unsettled till the monsoon sets in, which in 1857 took place on the 18th May.

4. Lastly, as the Detachment of Sappers and Miners now in Malabar cannot do any good there during the monsoon, I strongly recommend that they should be ordered to Jackatalla at the end of this month, as they may be very usefully employed in a variety of duties, which now occupy the Coolies on the works there to the great inconvenience of the Executive Department, there is a Jamadar of Sappers now at Jackatalla under whose orders and those of the Executive Engineer the whole party may be placed.

5. Indeed I think that nothing could contribute so materially to expedite the progress of the Barracks as the employment of a complete company of Sappers in their completion, if such a body of that useful Corps could be spared for this purpose.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 133.

ORDER THEREON, No. 925. dated 29th April 1859.

In accordance with the Chief Engineer's recommendation the Governor in Council relieves Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford for the present from the duty of inspecting and reporting on the Wynad Ghauts and Roads, for which duty the season has now become unsuitable.

Colonel Lawford will perform the inspections in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts, directed in the orders of the 2nd and 14th March 1859, Nos. 477 and 565.

2. Adverting to the second para. of his letter, Colonel Bell will act on his proposition to make the Detachment of Sappers and Miners now at the Tambracherry Pass available for service at Jackatalla, that Detachment being already employed under the orders of Government, in the Public Works. The employment of the Sappers and Miners at Jackatalla was suggested by Government in their order of the 12th Instant No. 864.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Outward

7th April 1859

From

Lieutenant Colonel Lawford

Superintending Engineer C.B.

To

Colonel Fisher

Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Fort Saint George - Madras.

Sir

Referring to C.M.B. No 462

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I have &c
Signed / C. Sanford Esq.
Supg. Eng. C. Circle

/ True Copy /
W. H. Jones Major
Supg. Eng. C. Circle

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Central Office of P.P.
 Fort St George
 15th April 1859

No 9603
 From
 The Chief Engineer
 To
 The Secretary to Government P.O.
 Sir

Public

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter under date 7th April 1859, received from Colonel Lawford, Superintending Engineer to Circle, now on a tour of inspection at Jackatatta, soliciting to be relieved from the examination of the Malabar Ghauts and Wynad Roads, as ordered in G.O. Minors Com: No. 523, dated 8th March 1859, as the duties he is now performing will certainly occupy him till the end of the month, about a fortnight after which the Monsoon on the Western Coast may be expected to commence, when Field duties in that part of the Country will become impracticable, the intervening fortnight being too short a period for the satisfactory prosecution of the duties required of

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18th April 1859. 1859

Enclosure in a letter from
 the Chief Engineer
 to
 the Secretary to Govt.
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Dated 15th
 April 1859

No 9603

Copy of a letter in
 the Chief Engineer's Office
 regarding the relief
 of the duty of examination
 of the Malabar Ghauts
 and Wynad Roads
 this year.

of Colonel Langford.

2. In the concluding part of his letter he recommends that the Retachment of Sappers and Miners now employed at the fort of Perambay Pass in Malabar, whose services saw on the commencement of the movement be of no further avail, may be ordered to Dackatalla to aid in the completion of the Barracks &c, at that Station, a measure which I have the honor to recommend for the consideration of Government, and I also recommend that the inspection of the frontier may be assigned to a more suitable person.

Tot 184 George
15 April 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt Servt

W. H. Bell
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P.M.

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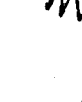
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Under date the 29th April, 1859.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

(Here enter 15 April/59 W 9603)

In accordance
with the Chief Engineer's
recommendation the Go-
vernment in Council relieves
Lt Colonel Lawford from
the present from the duty
of inspecting and report-
ing on the Wyandott bluffs
and roads, for which duty
the season has now become
unsuitable.

Colonel Lumsden
will perform the inspec-
tions in the Tanjore and
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I wish to express to the
 Hon. Sec. of Legation, my
 regards to the Italian people
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 of Sicily and I am sure
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 will effect the restoration
 of Sicily & I am
 sure completely at the
 disposal of the
 Government to assist
 the completion of the
 project.

Trichinopoly District,
directed in the order
of the 2^d and 14th March
1859 Nos 477 and 555.

2. Adverting to the
second Para of his letter,
Colonel Bell will act
on his proposition to
make the detachment
of Sappers and Miners
now at the Tambachery
Pass available for service
at Jackkatalla, that
Detachment being already
employed under the orders
of Genl. in the Public Works.
The employment of the
Sappers and Miners at
Jackkatalla was sug-
gested by Genl. in their
order of the 12th March
N^o 864.

[Signature]

10. Copies to the Chief Eng^r & Dir^y

Copy to L.H. & E.
of 8 Sept 1859 MS 45.

Public Works 1859 July 18th
Done: 29th April

1895.

Extracts from the
29th April 189.

Charles Langford, returned
for the present, from the duty of
inspecting and reporting on the
Hydraulic Works and Water.
He will inspect the engine and
the machinery. All the work is
on the hydraulic engine and
the engine is now at the
factory, which is the
already suggested by
Governor. L.H.

MS 1324733.

See

April 27th