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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 16th November 1858.

No. 18. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th September 1858, No. 183.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government the bad state of the building occupied by this Office. Feeling doubtful, in consequence of constant leakage and the appearances of the cornices and beams, of the actual soundness and safety of the roof, I wrote to the Acting Garrison Engineer, requesting that an early inspection of the building might be made and his opinion reported. Copy of that Officer's reply is herewith forwarded for the information of Government.

2. It will be seen from it that the Acting Garrison Engineer is of opinion that the roof is generally in an unsound state, and that there are portions "from which danger may be apprehended in the coming monsoon," and that, although temporary support may be given so as to prevent accidents, yet several of the rooms would become uninhabitable, in the event of a heavy monsoon. I believe that it will probably take nine months to effect the requisite repairs. I therefore request that I may be favored with the Orders of Government for the removal of this Office to some proper locality until such time as this building can be thoroughly repaired. I have the offer of Moorat's and Pater's Gardens from Messrs. Ashton, Richardson and Co. The latter, I understand, to be vastly preferable, from the arrangements, and from its dimensions, for a large Office; but if there should be any difficulty to get into it immediately, in consequence of any dispute as to possession, Moorat's Garden might be taken. I do not know that a more convenient place than one of these two Gardens can be got, for the use of this Office, or indeed where to find any other suitable premises. Assuming as I do, with regret, that we *must* at once vacate this Building for a season. I trust that early orders may be issued to enable me to engage Pater's, or, failing that, Moorat's Garden, prior to its being taken by any other person, and there are parties who are looking after both. The rent of Pater's is stated to be 700 Rupees, and that of Moorat's Garden 500 per mensem.

From Lieutenant H. L. PRENDERGAST, Acting Garrison Engineer; to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated 8th September 1858, No. 301.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 1058 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to state that there certainly are portions of the roof of your Office, from which danger may be apprehended, in the coming monsoon. The roof is generally in an unsound state, and although temporary support may be given to prevent accident; in the event of a heavy monsoon, several of the rooms would become uninhabitable from leakage through the cracks, which are fast spreading.

2. I have an Estimate now framed, for thorough repairs to the building, which are so extensive that some months will be requisite for carrying them out, and it is out of the question to attempt any thing before the close of monsoon.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 744; dated 13th November 1858.

Resolved, that the Accountant General be informed that there seems no immediate emergency for removing his Office, and that the parts of the Building where the Roof is insecure should be vacated. The Government consider the sums asked for Pater's and Moorat's Gardens too high, and they are not disposed to remove the Accountant General's Office so far as the Adyar. It is hoped that ere long accommodation may be found (if still urgently required) on the Chepauk Palace grounds.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Under date 13 November 1858.

Read the following
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(Dated 10th September, 1858. N^o 183)

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From the Accountant General

Dated 10th September 1858.

For Orders.

I suppose he must get into
some quarrels later with not
give him either Peter or Moore
on such terms! He is welcome
to Modie (as he wh. is very
convenient for himself) or
he might not be tolerated.

I have no doubt we shall
be able to see the Chepauk Palace

To the Acct^l General. Sep^r 14th

which I presume are by
the same post - perhaps
by the

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Wir hoffen auf baldige Beantwortung.

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