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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 6th February 1862.

No. 34. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 1st February 1862, No. 105.

Requesting it to be ascertained from the Inspector General of Madras Police whether the lower and upper buildings in the Fort of Ghooty, made over by the Quarter Master General's Department to the District Engineer Bellary, can be taken charge of by the Police Department. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 1st February 1862, Nos. 5 & 6.)

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1862, No. 178.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 16th January 1862, No. 9,436:—

SIR,

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation Nos. 338 and 636, dated 19th February and 6th April 1857, respectively, the charge of the Lower and Upper buildings in the Fort of Ghooty were made over to the District Engineer Bellary, as not likely to be ever of any service to the Military Department, and further with a "view "to such of their materials as might be made available being "made use of for other purposes." This proceeding was in accordance with Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1,204, dated 22nd June 1857, quoted at page 571, of the Old Circular Order Book of this Department.

1 Letter from District Engineer Bellary, dated 25th November 1861, No. 332, with 1 enclosure.
1 Tabular statement.
1 Letter from the District Engineer Bellary, dated 10th October 1861, No. 268, with 1 enclosure.

2. On receipt however of the Proceedings of Government No. 1,342, dated 19th July 1861, (it having been decided in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 302, dated 22nd February 1858, that the buildings were not to be dismantled, as the materials could not be sold with advantage) the District Engineer finding himself without the means of keeping the buildings in proper custody made an effort to relieve himself of the responsibility of their charge, but received in reply a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, justifying the course of the Deputy Quarter Master General of the District in refusing again to take over charge of buildings made over by an order of Government to the Public Works Department.

No. 328, 2nd October 1861.

3. In a letter as per margin, the District Engineer while reporting that the buildings would not fetch at auction more than 150 Rupees, recommends that a Peon on 5 Rupees per mensem be employed to look after them, as it is clearly quite impossible for the members of his Department to do so, and a Serjeant was always allowed for the purpose when the buildings were under the charge of the Quarter Master General's Department. As the Peon proposed by Captain Fisher could not always be on the watch, but must be relieved occasionally, I would suggest that an establishment of 2 Peons, at 5 Rupees per mensem for each or at a total charge of 10 Rupees per mensem be entertained, and I beg that sanction may be granted for this purpose.

No. 332, dated 25th November 1861.

4. The usual Tabular Statement is appended.

5. This recommendation is conditional on the Police not being able to assume charge of the buildings.

6. The demolition of the Fort proposed by the District Engineer would only render a still larger establishment necessary for guarding the old Barracks, &c., so that, that idea cannot, I apprehend, be entertained at present.

ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1862, No. 105.

1. The Government are unwilling to incur any expenditure in maintaining extra Peons for the custody of the Military buildings made over by the Quarter Master General's Department. The Inspector General of Madras Police will be called upon to state, through the Judicial Department, whether the buildings in question can be taken charge of by the Police.

2. It will be considered in the Military Department whether it is not advisable to partially dismantle the Fort of Ghooty, so as to prevent its being taken possession of by insurgents at any time. A few breaches formed in the walls are all that is necessary.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

To the Judicial Department. Comm'd. Encls.
,, Military Department.
,, Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 178 - 6 July 1862.

Referred to the Inspector-Genl. of Police.

The Inspector Genl. of Police with Enclosures. Dept. 6th Ult.