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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th April 1857.

Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th April 1857, No. 1783.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a letter from the District Engineer of Malabar No. 941, dated 11th March, together with a plan and estimate for an iron Column to carry the Port Light of Cochin.

2. Government are aware, that the Light House lately constructed of masonry, is now a ruin, and that its fall was attributed by Colonel A. Cotton, the Commandant of Engineers, to the softness of the stone used in constructing it. Captain Ouchterlony states that to construct another

In letter No. 941, dated 11th March 1857.

Light House similar in form to that, which fell, but composed of firmer stone procurable from a greater distance, would cost between 5,000 and 6,000 Rupees, with the view of avoiding the expenditure of so large a sum, he has recommended, the erection of a hollow iron Column, over the old Dutch Tower, and forwarded a plan for the same, together with an estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,530.

3. This design has been submitted to the Marine Board, and has been approved of by that body, provided I am satisfied of the stability of the iron Column.

4. As I have no doubts, respecting the stability of the Column, if fixed as proposed by Captain Ouchterlony, I have no objection to it on that score, I do not think it so elegant as a simple tower, but under the necessity for avoiding the expenditure of more money, than is absolutely necessary, I have the honor to recommend the work for execution.

5. I have had the estimate examined, and find its arithmetical calculations to be correct, with respect to the price of the iron, I can only say that it will probably be found sufficient, but the fluctuations on the iron trade, in England, are such that it would be impossible for me to say decidedly, what the price of iron will be in the official year 1858-59, during which this work will I presume have to be erected unless His Lordship in Council viewing the case as one rather of repair, or re-construction than new work, should be pleased to authorize the District Engineer of Malabar, to take measures for the immediate prosecution, of so useful an undertaking.

6. From the accompanying letter No. 823, dated 24th March 1857, from the Collector of Malabar, it will be seen, that he approves of Captain Ouchterlony's plan, and of the position of the proposed light.

Ordered to be referred to the Marine Department for consideration.

(A true Extract.)

H. Forbes

Acting Secretary to Government.

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