

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

322

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1858

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 24th August 1858.

No. 16. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Public Works Department,
(Marine,) under date the 16th August 1858 No. 1639.

(*Vide* Diary, Public Works Consultation, 17th August 1858, Nos. 106 & 107.)

(*On the cause of delay in the completion of the Master Attendant's Office at Cochin.*)

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 322; dated 23rd August 1858.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Marine.

No. 1639.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th August 1858.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd July 1858, No. 2199.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1376, dated the 15th Instant, I have

- (a) No. 1430, dated 25th June 1858. the honor to state, for the information of Government, that, as already reported (a) on the receipt of the order marginally noted (b) it was communicated (c) to Colonel A. Cotton, requesting that he would favor the Chief Engineer with his opinion called for therein; but no reply was received from that Officer.
- (b) " 180, dated 24th Jany. 1857.
- (c) " 9798, dated 27th Do. 1857.

2. After a delay of five months, in a letter (d), dated 20th June 1857, Lieutenant Clemons, Assistant Executive Engineer in Malabar, reported that a site had been selected for erecting a Master Attendant's Office at Cochin which was forwarded to the Marine Board, on the 4th of the following month. In their letter dated the 8th July 1857 (e), the Marine Board conveyed their approval of the site selected by Lieutenant Clemons, transcripts of which were forwarded for the "information" of the Collector and District Engineer of Malabar on the 18th Idem.

3. The District Engineer of Malabar reported (f) that the Master Attendant's Office has been about "three-parts completed, as the walls are run up, and the doors and window frames fixed" (g); and Lieutenant Bean was authorized (h) to complete the building without delay, "in order to avoid injury from the monsoon," it being far advanced towards completion.

4. In submitting copies of the correspondence as per margin, I beg to express a hope that the explanation now furnished will prove satisfactory, and that the instructions issued from the Central Office for the completion of the Master Attendant's Office being in accordance with the expressed (i) wish of the Marine Board will meet with the approbation of Government.

Letter from Lieutenant C. R. CLEMONS, Assistant Engineer of Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cochin, 20th June 1857, No. 76.

SIR,

In obedience to instructions from the District Engineer of Malabar, I have the honor to address you on the subject of a site for the Master Attendant's office at this station.

2. In my selection of a site for the proposed Office, I have endeavoured to meet the wishes of certain parties occupying dwellings marked b as far as compatible with the interests of the public service.

3. The Marine Board attach importance to the selection of a site as near to the old Dutch Tower as circumstances will admit, the one* I propose for the office will meet their wishes on this point.

4. The erection of the building on this site can offer no obstruction to any such parties as have a view of the Sea now at the Arrows Point will preserve that view after its construction.

5. The site proposed by the Master Attendant is not so suitable from the ground being low compared with that of the other.

6. I beg to apologize for the roughness of the sketch in absence of Instruments, &c.

Letter from J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 26th May 1857, No. 1945.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 14th January last, No. 20, sanctioning the erection of a Master Attendant's office at Cochin at a cost of Rupees (880) eight hundred and eighty, I have the honor, by desire of the Marine Board, to bring to your notice that the site first fixed upon near the fallen column will not now be suitable, as the Government have since resolved that both light and Flagstaff shall occupy their original positions.

2. In erecting the new Office therefore the Board request the favor to your selecting a site as near to the old Dutch Tower as circumstances will allow and as it is much needed, they hope that no unavoidable delay may take place in putting the work in hand.

Letter from J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary, Marine Board; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 8th July 1857, No. 2319.

SIR,

In returning the accompanying sketch shewing the sites selected by the Assistant Civil Engineer of Malabar, and the Master Attendant at Cochin for an office for the latter Officer, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, to observe that as far as regards their position with reference to the place of signalizing and to the Custom House, both seem to be eligible, but as Lieutenant Clemons remarks that the one he has selected is more elevated than the other, and moreover that he has endeavoured to meet the wishes of parties occupying houses in the rear of the Master Attendant's selection whose view of the Sea would be obstructed by a building erected there, the Board consider that the position he has assigned for the office is the more preferable of the two.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 15th May 1858, No. 330.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Malabar.

(Here enter No. 97, dated 1st May 1858.)

Resolved, with reference to the foregoing letter No. 97, dated 1st May 1858, that as about three-fifths of the sanctioned estimate for a new Master Attendant's Office at Cochin has been already spent and the building is far advanced towards completion, the District Engineer be requested to complete the same without delay in order to avoid injury from the Monsoon.

2. The estimates of the other alterations recommended by Mr. Robinson in his letter to Government of the 23rd November 1857, No. 167, will be submitted for sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Major,

Supg. Engineer Southern Circle.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Department with reference to the orders noted in the margin. The completion of the Master Attendant's Office it is observed has been ordered in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation in this Department, dated 19th July 1858, No. 1485.

(A true Extract.)

14th January 1857, No. 20, P. W. D.
15th July 1858, " 1376, do.

Chief Secretary.

To the Marine Department. *with Sketch. Recd. 18th*
,, Officiating Chief Engineer.

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" 3rd Aug. 1858. 48.5.86

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of the committee
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11th 1858. August 1858
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Commonwealth letter
with notes from the

11th Chief Engineer explaining
the cause of the delay
in

completion of the
Boston City Office
at Boston. 1858.

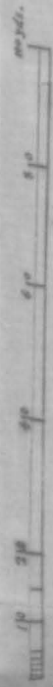
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Explanation

1. Old Dutch Town.
2. Master Attendants Office.
3. Post Office.
4. Custom House.
5. Court House.
6. Private Dwelling.
- a. a. a. Compound of Court Inn.
- b. b. b. House - view of sea from joint.
- Roads.

Site proposed by Mr. Witherspoon and by me.



Scale in yards

Chas. M. P. P. P.
Assistant Engineer

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Sketch showing the proposed site of Murder Attendants Office at Cochin

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In No 306.