

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	75	Press Mis.
Dated	12. 2.	18 58.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 16th February 1858.

No. 14. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Military Department, 29th January 1858, No. 395.

(Vide Diary Military Consultation, 2nd February 1858, Nos. 50 to 52.)

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 75; dated 12th February 1858.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 29th January 1858.**Read letter from the Secretary Marine Board, 25th January 1858, No. 333; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that there are at present in the Madras roads no less than four Ships consigned to this Department with Coals and Patent Fuel and that they are already experiencing some difficulty in providing stowage room. With the view to keep the Patent Fuel separate from the Coal, they had arranged with Mr. Franck, who has always been ready to assist them in such matters, to store the former in one of his godowns, but by this last mail he has learned that he may soon expect a large quantity from England, and consequently he is under the necessity of keeping all his available space for his own Cargoes.

2. Under these circumstances I am directed to solicit that the Government will be pleased to permit them the use of Clive's battery for the purpose of storing as much Coal and Patent fuel as it will hold, and to allow some sheds to be erected inside its walls; to protect that portion of the Coal it may be found necessary to stow in the open air.

3. I am to add that on visiting the site selected, in communication with Captain Rawlins for the new Coal godowns, that Officer intimated that there would be no objection to the use of Clive's battery for the purpose now named.

Referred to the Commandant of Engineers.

26th January 1858.

From Chief Engineer, in Charge of Office of Commandant of Engineers, 28th January 1858, No. 22; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reply to the Order of Government dated the 26th instant, 1858, endorsed on the application from the Secretary to the Marine Board to be permitted to store Coal and Patent fuel within the Gorge of Clive's Battery, I do myself the honor to report in the name of the Commandant of Engineers that whilst it admits of no denial that the concession will establish a very undesirable precedent of interference with the proper and legitimate use of a Military work, (and a work too that should be carefully preserved from intrusion) I am yet of opinion that, regard being had to the very important purpose, for which the temporary accommodation is required, it may be well to waive the exclusiveness usually belonging to fortified precincts, and to allow the Gorge of Clive's Battery to be used for the stowage of Coal.

I would beg leave however to recommend that the permission should be strongly limited to the present occasion and that the Marine authorities should be instructed to re-transfer the Battery at the earliest practicable period in the same state of repair in which that important fortified post now is.

Communicated to the Marine Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

W. B. Rawlins

Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.

„ Marine Board.
„ Chief Engineer.

With 3 spare Copies. J.P.

Intuit into 1337/88

Sub Com: 16 Feb
Finance. 1855. Sept 10

2.3 11.9

7/6 2

General Minutes Council.
Station in the Military
Department. 398.

of 29. 12. 1855.
of 29. 12. 1855.

7. 12. 1855.
of 29. 12. 1855.

Communications a letter
from the Chief Engineer
in charge of office of Gen.
in command of Engineer
Station, as his opinion,
that the Finance Board,
very he attended the
conference, use of these
Station for the purpose
of raising some work
offering certain be.
would be the tidings.

12/2/58. 12/2/58.
He recorded
12/2/58. 12/2/58.

12/2/58. 12/2/58.

(Vide Dir. Military Com. 2 Feb 1858, 1450 to 52.)