M.R.O. 1—22-6-36—20-11-36

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Work DEPARTMENT.

Cons 9 2 57

G.O. No.	1017	Press Mis.
44-45		
Dated	5—6	1837.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 44. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 19th May 1857, No. 649.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1857, No. 47.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that there are some Tombs situated on the Fort Esplanades which are now in a very bad state of repair and require immediate attention. Following is a Report of the state and situation of each, and I request you will do me the favor to obtain the orders of Government regarding them. The North Esplanade of the Fort was formerly the Burying Ground of the Christian community of Madras. In the year 1826, a number of the Tombs were in the same state, as those I now speak of, are in at present. Under the orders of Government, the Superintending Engineer Colonel Sim, caused all those Tombs to be demolished; the stones bearing inscriptions were removed into the Fort, and were planted round St. Mary's Church, and the rest of the stone was used in the construction of the present Government office. Might not a similar course be followed at present. As the obelisk on the West Esplanade of the Fort is a familiar object however to the eye of all the inhabitants, I respectfully beg that, that may be spared, and put in good order again.

Inscriptions and Reports on the ruined Tomb situated on the Fort Esplanade, facing the Town.

The following are the inscriptions on the Tomb with the Vault.

1. "Here lyeth interred the body of Captain George Heron, born in July 1646, and "departed this life the second day of May 1727, in the 81st year of his age, then a sojourner in "India 6 years."

2. "Here lyeth interred the body of Joseph Powney, who departed this life on the 15th "April 1725, aged 2 years and 2 months."

"Likewise his eldest brother George Powney, who departed this life the 7th day of "December A. D. 1732, aged 25 years 5 days."

"Likewise James Powney, born the 30th of June 1734, and died 6th July following."

3. "Here lyeth interred the body of Mary Goodwin (wife of Cornelius Goodwin and one of "the daughters of Captain John Powney) who departed this life on the 19th of November 1742, "aged 23 years and 7 months."

"Likewise the body of Captain John Powney, who departed this life the 10th day of Sep_ "tember 1740, aged 57 years. At whose charge this Tomb was erected."

The bricks on every side are rooted up to a great extent, and the earth on one side is dug up to a depth of 2 or 3 feet, entirely exposing the Vault. The slabs are separated from one another, one is broken in half. There are steps on one side.

Inscriptions on the Tomb with the spire.

1. "Here lyes interred the body of Joseph Hymners, who served the Right Honorable "English East India Company several years as 2nd Member of Council of Fort Saint George, in "which station he departed this life on the 28th of May 1680."

2. "Hic Jacet David filius Honorabilis Elihu Yale, Præsidentis et Gubernatoris Castelli "St. Georgii et Civitatis Maddrassiæ natus fuit 15 May 1684, et obit 25 January Anno 1688."

3. "Here lyeth the body of Charles Davers, fourth son of Sir Robert Davers, Bart. who "departed this life y^e^ 26th day of September, aged 21 years Anno Domini 1720." This is in good order.

The main body of this Tomb is in a pretty good condition, it is built with laterite, a few stones only have been displaced from long wear. The spire is in a good state; one part of it was injured by lightning sometime ago; inside of the Tomb is in bad order.

Inscription and Report on the monument situated in the Esplanade opposite the Medical College.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

Inscription.

"Sacrum sit hoc Monumetum Perenni Memoriæ Edvardi Bulkley, Honorabili Anglorum "Societati Medici feliciter experti etlipsæ tandema consiliis Quicum natuæ arcana diu indagâsset "Laeto animo ipsæ satisfecit VIII Augusti MDCCXIV et Anno Ætatius suæ Climæcterico Ne "mireris Viator quod in horto ubi animum propolictat corpus suum voluit reponi Beatam Spe- "rans Resurrectionem."

Report.

Iron bars which enclosed the monument all destroyed; also the slabs forming the lower part of it are detached and exposed underneath, in consequence of the earth being washed away, or the subsidence of the Esplanade in its immediate vicinity, or the effect of the wind on the surface of the soil.

The Government desire that all three Tombs described in the foregoing letter be repaired, and that measures for this purpose be adopted in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 1077; dated 5th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 649. PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 19th May 1857.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1857, No. 47.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that there are some Tombs situated on the Fort Esplanades which are now in a very bad state of repair and require immediate attention. Following is a Report of the state and situation of each, and I request you will do me the favor to obtain the orders of Government regarding them. The North Esplanade of the Fort was formerly the Burying Ground of the Christian community of Madras. In the year 1826, a number of the Tombs were in the same state, as those I now speak of, are in at present. Under the orders of Government the Superintending Engineer Colonel Sim, caused all those Tombs to be demolished; the stones bearing inscriptions were removed into the Fort, and were planted round St. Mary's Church, and the rest of the stone was used in the construction of the present Government Office. Might not a similar course be followed at present. As the obelisk on the West Esplanade of the Fort is a familiar object however to the eye of all the inhabitants, I respectfully beg that, that may be spared, and put in good order again.

Inscriptions and Reports on the ruined Tombs situated on the Fort Esplanade, facing the Town.

The following are the inscriptions on the Tomb with the Vault.

1. "Here lyeth interred the body of Captain George Heron, born in July 1646, and "departed this life the second day of May 1727, in the 81st year of his age, then a sojourner in "India 6 years."

2. "Here lyeth interred the body of Joseph Powney, who departed this life on the 15th "April 1725, aged 2 years and 2 months."

"Likewise his eldest brother George Powney, who departed this life the 7th day of "December A. D. 1732, aged 25 years, 5 days."

"Likewise James Powney, born the 30th of June 1734, and died 6th July following."

3. "Here lyeth interred the body of Mary Goodwin (wife of Cornelius Goodwin and one of "the daughters of Captain John Powney) who departed this life on the 19th of November 1742, "aged 23 years and 7 months."

"Likewise the body of Captain John Powney, who departed this life the 10th day of Septem- "ber 1740, aged 57 years. At whose charge this Tomb was erected."

The bricks on every side are rooted up to a great extent, and the earth on one side is dug up to a depth of 2 or 3 feet, entirely exposing the Vault. The slabs are separated from one another, one is broken in half. There are steps on one side.

Inscriptions on the Tomb with the spire.

1. "Here lyes interred the body of Joseph Hymners, who served the Right Honorable "English East India Company several years as 2d Member of Council of Fort Saint George, in "which station he departed this life on the 28th of May 1680."

2. "Hic Jacet David filius Honorabilis Elihu Yale, Præsidentis et Gubernatoris Castelli "St. Georgii et Civitatis Maddrassiæ natus fuit 15 May 1684, et obit 25 January Anno 1688."

3. "Here lyeth the body of Charles Davers, fourth son of Sir Robert Davers, Bart. who "departed this life ye 26th day of September, aged 21 years Anno Domini 1720." This is in good order.

The main body of this Tomb is in a pretty good condition, it is built with laterite, a few stones only have been displaced from long wear. The spire is in a good state; one part of it was injured by lightning sometime ago; inside of the Tomb is in bad order.

Inscription and Report on the monument situated in the Esplanade opposite the Medical College.

Inscription.

" Sacrum sit hoc Monumentum Perenni Memoriæ Edvardi Bulkley, Honorabili Anglorum
" Societati Medici feliciter experti etlipsæ tandema consiliis Quicum naturæ arcana diu indagâsset
" Laeto animo ipsæ satisfecit VIII Augusti MDCCXIV et Anno Ætatius suæ Climæcterico Ne-
" mireris Viator quod in horto ubi animum perpoliebat corpus suum voluit reponi Beatam Spe-
" rans Resurrectionem."

Report.

Iron bars which enclosed the ~~moment~~ all destroyed; also the slabs forming the lower part of it are detached and exposed underneath, in consequence of the earth being washed away, or the subsidence of the Esplanade in its immediate vicinity, or the effect of the wind on the surface of the soil.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

The Government desire that all three Tombs described in the foregoing letter be repaired, and that measures for this purpose be adopted in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Sd) F. Cartledge.

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Nº 44-845

Public Works 185[illegible] Dept[t]
Dft to Comrs 9 June
Nº 11147

Extract from the Minutes
of Comrs in the Public
Department.
Dated 19th } May 1857
Received 30th }

Nº 649
Pro. of the Do 16th Augt 56.
Nº 153 in Pro.
Authorizing the Three
Jambs situated on the
Fort Esplanades to be
Repaired.

With an order
No. 1077. 5th June

Nº 11147
Ordered to be com-
municated to the Chief
Engineer.

Fort St. George
5th June 1857

J Cpsr to the Chief Engr Dist[t] No 6