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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No. 1174 Press Mis.

Dated 4 6 1857

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

No. 99. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 30th May 1857, No. 803.

Read the following letter from Mr. W. G. McIVOR, Superintendent Government Gardens; to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore and President, dated Ootacamund, 7th May 1857.

SIR,

I regret to report that last night about 11 o'clock the outer verandah of the seed house took fire; and this portion of the building being covered with thatch, the fire spread so rapidly over the other portions of the roof, destroying the whole of the back portion of the verandah before we could get the thatch stripped off to stop its progress, and the Garden water engine brought to the spot.

By means of the Garden engine and stripping off the thatch we succeeded in saving the rooms where the seeds are kept also the tool godown. The roofs of these portions of the building only being injured but nothing inside. The fire however made such rapid progress in the Office that it destroyed a portion of the Books and a file of vouchers.

The fire originated in the house of the Bandyman, but how I cannot say, the man himself says a Rat ran away with the burning Cotton wick out of his lamp up to the thatch.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter, be forwarded for the information of Government.

2. Resolved also that the District Engineer of Coimbatore be requested to execute the necessary repairs, and to forward an estimate, as soon as possible.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, No. 1104; dated 9th June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No 99 Read this following

No 803 3c

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George
Under date the 30th May 1857

Read the following letter

Government Gardens
Octacamund 1st May 1857

From
Mr. H. G. McIvor
Sup.t Govt. Gardens

To
C. B. Thomas Esqre
Coll.r of Combatore & President

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I have &c
Sd/ H. C. McDon
Supdt Govt Gardens

True Copy
Sd/ S.B. Thomas
Clk

True Copy
Sd/ P. M. Fraser
Dy Sup Coimbatore

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By Order &c

Sd/ H. C. McDon
Supdt Govt Gardens

To
The Secretary to Govt

No 105 Copy forwarded dated 20th

Recd 20th

Sd/ P. M. Fraser
Dy Supt Govt

Public Works 1837 Dept.
Corrg Jurisp. No 1108

Ex: from the Secy of the
Chief Engineer dt. 2d

To The Secy to Govt
Ph.d

Date 30th May 1837.
Recd 1st June

No. 803

Forwarding for the information of Govt Copy of a letter from the Supt of Govt Garden at Ootacamund reporting the destruction by fire of the outer verandahs of the Quard house.

No. 1104
Recorded
Fort St George 9th June 1837

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