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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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G.O. No. 1614 Press Mis.

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No. 18. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 3rd August 1857, No. 2616.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 29th July 1857, No. 1441.

SIR,

With reference to your Circular No. LXVI, dated 17th July 1857, directing the stoppage of all Public Works, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether under the following circumstances the Engineer's office may be sufficiently completed to admit of its being used as a place for records, and for protecting from the weather the machinery and instruments belonging to the District.

2. At present there is no place to keep the records in, and in consequence of my having no house (I am now building one for myself) the boxes not required for current work are stored away, some in Captain Ritherdon's house and some in the small Carpenter's shed, and whenever any document is required out of these boxes, I am obliged to send in one of my office establishment to hunt up the boxes until he hits upon the right one. In the second place even when in Nellore whatever may be the state of the weather the office has to be held in a tent, and at the present time, when it has been raining for 3 days, no better shelter than the office tent is available. Until the office is completed all my office establishment must go about with me, and neither the Accountants nor the Draughtsman can do half the work they would do were they as a general rule left at Nellore with all their records, &c., arranged in an office, and lastly the part of the Cantonment where the European residents live is a very long way, nearly 1½ miles from the town and it is a hardship to the writers to be obliged to travel the distance morning and evening especially when it is remembered that they are seldom less than 9 hours at work.

3. The present state of this building is as follows:

1st. The walls are completed to a height of 9 feet above the floor.

2nd. Chunam sufficient to complete the building (exclusive of plastering) has been already carted to the work.

3rd. All the bricks and tiles required are in readiness at the kilns.

4th. The palmyrahs for the roof are nearly all at the work and the remainder are felled and cleaned ready for carting.

4. From the above circumstances, it will be seen, that to prevent the loss of materials already prepared, it will be necessary very nearly to complete this building, and as the want of an office is a very considerable drawback to the efficiency of my office establishment, and as moreover "Buildings required for the use of Government establishments" were excluded from the restriction placed on other works last year, I beg to recommend that the completion of this building should be permitted.

Resolved under all the circumstances of the progress already made, of the materials laid in and of the exceeding necessity of the completed work, to submit copy of Lieutenant Mullins' letter for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with the Chief Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted to use up all materials and to roof in the building to such extent, as may protect the Records and instruments from exposure to the weather.

2. Resolved also to call upon Lieutenant Mullins for a statement of the actual expenditure up to this date, and of the minimum amount of further outlay, which will suffice to use up materials and protect records and other Government property.

(True Extract.)

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

Fort Saint George, *Public Works Consultation of 25th August* 1857.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON No. 1614; dated 19th August 1857.

Under the circumstances represented by the District Engineer of Nellore and agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the completion of the building, intended for the use of the District Engineer's office at that station, to such an extent as to admit of its being used as a place for office records, and for the protection of the Machinery and instruments belonging to the Department.

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

For Orders.
Public Works' Department dt 1549-
Extract from the Pro: of the Chief Engr dt 3d Augt 1857-

Stitch this into Bk to
be submitted.

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No 216.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 5th August 1857.

Read the following letter

No 1441

To

The Chief Engineer &c &c &c

Sir

With reference to your Circular No LXVI. dated 17th July 1857 directing the stoppage of all Public Works, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether under the following circumstances the Engineer office may be sufficiently completed to admit of its being used as a place for Records, & for protecting from the weather the machinery and instruments belonging to the district

At present there is no place to keep the records in, & in consequence of my having no house (I am now building one for myself) the books are required for

for current work are stored away, some in Captain Rutherdon's house and some in the small Carpenter's shed; and whenever any document is required out of these stores, I am obliged to send in one of my Office establishment to hunt up the boxes until he lights upon the right one. In the second place even when in Bellary whatever may be the state of the weather the Office has to be held in a tent, and at the present time, when it has been raining for 8 days, no better shelter than the Office tent is available. Whilst the Office is completely all my Office establishment must go about with me, and neither the Accountants nor the draughtsman can do half the work they would do were they as a general rule kept at Bellary with all their records be arranged in an Office & hardly the least of the cantonments where the European residents live is a very long way, nearly 1½ miles from

from the town and it is a hardship to the writers to be obliged to travel this distance morning & evening especially when it is remembered that they are seldom left less than 9 hours at work

3 The present state of the buildings is as follows:

1. The walls are completed to a height of 9 feet above the floor
2. Timber sufficient to complete the building, exclusive of planking, has been already carted to the work
3. All the bricks and tiles required are in readiness at the Kilns
4. The Jalousies for the roof are nearly all at the work and the remainder are selected and cleaned ready for casting

4 From the above circumstances it will be seen that to prevent the loss of materials already prepared it will be necessary very nearly to complete the building, and as to

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derable drawback to the efficiency
of my Office establishment, and as
moreover "Buildings required for the
use of Government establishments"
were excluded from the restriction placed
on other works last year, I beg to
recommend that the completion of
this building should be permitted

Nellore
29 July 1857

[signed] J. Mullins Lieut
Dist Engr Nellore.

Resolved under all the
circumstances of the progress already
made, of the materials laid in and
of the exceeding necessity of the com-
pleted work, to submit copy of Lieut
Mullins' letter for the favourable con-
sideration of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council, with the Chief
Engineer's recommendation that per-
mission be granted to use up all
material

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materials and roofing in the building to
such extent, as may protect the Records
and instruments from exposure to
the weather

Resolved also to call upon
Lieut Mullins for a statement of the
actual expenditure up to this date,
and of the minimum amount of
further outlay, which will suffice
to use up materials and protect records
of this Govt property

True Extract
Chief Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George Aug 6 1857

True Extract
Lt Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Pol. 9 Sept. 1856 N° 53.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 8th Augt 1857
Recd 11th Augt 1857

Rs 1614 - 19th August 1857.

Submitting for the favorable consideration of Govt. Copy of a letter from the District Engr Bellary, requesting permission to complete the erection of the Engr Office of that district, recommending that the same may be granted & submitting such as will ensure the protection of the Records & Instruments of the Office from the ensuing S.W. Monsoon with an order

No 1614.

Under the circumstances represented by the Divisional Engineer of Bellary and agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the completion of the building, intended for the use of the Divisional Engineer's Office at that Station, to such an extent as to admit of its being used as a place for office records, and for the protection of the Machinery and Instruments belonging to the Department.

From Lt Col. Goodfellow
19th Augt 1857

To Secy to the Chief Engr Coast Circle

No 1849.

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