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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 1st September 1857.

No. 54. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 30th July 1857, No. 2511.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2409, dated 23rd December 1856,
I have the honor to forward copies of the letters noted in the margin from the District Engineer Godavery Division, together with a plan, showing the arrangements of the present, and proposed towns of Dowlaishwaram.

2. It is proposed to keep the town entirely to the North of the Government Work-shops, and other buildings, and to allow the extension to take place towards the Sapper lines, for which the ground lying between the Main road to Rajahmundry, and the Rail road, will afford ample space.

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4. The site set a part for any public buildings, such as the Engineering College, Electric Telegraph station. Town hall &c., is isolated from the town, and in the vicinity of the building containing at present the Stores belonging to the Upper Godavery expedition.

5. Respecting the sanitary arrangements, information was given on the following points in my letter No. 8437, dated 28th November 1856.

1st. The description of houses to be introduced, and the regularity with which they are to be built.

2nd. The substitution of stone for mud, as the materials for building the walls of the houses.

3rd. The formation of proper roads, to enable the inhabitants to prevent mud, and filth accumulating in the streets during the rainy season.

4th. Raising the ground on which the town is to be built.

5th. The construction of public necessaries.

and 6th. The raising among the householders, of a small annual subscription for the preservation of thoroughfares, and maintenance of scavengers.

6. The Collector of Rajahmundry, in the accompanying copy of letter, No. 44, dated 11th March 1857, states, that he has placed himself in communication with the District Engineer, and hopes in the course of time to be able to introduce into the town, the provisions of the Municipal Act XXVI of 1850.

7. Respecting the size of the houses, and the further sanitary arrangements of the town, the District Engineer in his letter No. 366, of the 7th Instant, writes.

Para. 3. "The size of the houses will of course vary with the means of the individuals who erect them. The enclosures however average about 200 square yards, the frontage occupying 15 yards in length. The streets are 12 yards broad inclusive of the ditches. The houses are to be built in 2 rows facing outward, and there will be a small lane running at the back of each row, which the inhabitants will be expected to keep clean, and which will enable any Municipal Officer to ascertain, that no filth is allowed to accumulate in the Court yards in rear of the buildings. In the centre of the town, a space has been allotted for the general weekly market in the middle of this space, a large square tank faced with stone is about to be erected by private contributions, at one end will be a Choultry for the use of travellers, and merchants, godowns will surround 3 sides of the square, the fourth being open to the high road."

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No 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 1665; dated 1st September 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the plan on which it is proposed to lay out the new town of Dowlaishwaram in the District of Rajahmundry, but desires that, under the restrictive order now in force, no expense be incurred in carrying out the improvements, for which estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 4,640, were entered in the Budget of 1857-58. It appears to the Governor in Council advisable that the Government Workshops &c. at Dowlaishwaram should eventually be made secure and defensible, and he desires that this object may be kept in view, when operations are commenced for the improvement of the town.

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(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P. Works
Fort St. George 30 July 1857.

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Wm. Lister Colonel

Chief Engineer

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At. Sup. Engr. H. C.

To

The Secretary to Government
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 1stst August, 1857.

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Public Works Dept. Report
Cons. 1st September

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Dated 1st September 87

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Upon viewing the station which it is proposed to occupy, the new town of Downpatrick was in the District of Carrickfergus, and, observing that it was a Parliamentary borough, under the restriction order now in force, no proposal was made or carrying out the same, inasmuch as for which adequate arrangements in the aggregate to Dublin. A meeting in the aggregate to Dublin. A meeting in the aggregate to Dublin.

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