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No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 14th September 1857, No. 3172.

Read the following Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring a letter from the Chief Engineer, forwarding Reports &c. received from the Garrison Engineer on the condition of the several buildings forming the Gun Powder Manufactory. } (Here enter 1st September 1857, No. 1667.)

With reference to Minutes Consultation 28th April last No. 1376, the Governor in Council observes that in accordance with the Despatch from the Court of Directors a ground plan together with plan and elevation of the buildings of the Gun Powder Manufactory were called for.

2. It would appear from the papers now submitted, that under some misconception, reports and estimates &c. have been sent in, though such were not called for, and the plan alluded to by the Chief Engineer as forwarded has not yet come to hand.

3. From a perusal of these Reports, the Governor in Council finds that the buildings of the Manufactory are in many instances considered in an inefficient state and in some cases inadequate. His Lordship in Council cannot however sanction any outlay at present beyond what may be considered as absolutely necessary for the safety of the buildings and such repairs and additions only as may be actually required to keep the Manufactory in working order, detailed estimates for the more emergent works being forwarded for sanction as early as practicable.

*Additions. Alterations. Improvements.

4. The Memorandum submitted shewing repairs and alterations emergently required contains, sundry items* of a nature which cannot be viewed as coming under the term "absolutely necessary."

5. The application of Asphalte generally for floors as well as the patent felt for roofs proposed in the report and letter from the Garrison Engineer, is approved. If not procurable in the Indian markets it should be indented for from Home.

6. It is noticed in the Memorandum above alluded to, repair to the extent of Rupees 350 for building No. 27* (supposed 23) are entered, yet in the Report from the Garrison Engineer vide No. 23, this room is declared to be dangerous and ought to be removed.

* Fire drying, gram bush, charcoal room.

7. The plans when received will be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors.

8. The Reports &c., will be brought under further consideration hereafter.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Major,
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1811; dated 23rd September 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 27th August 1857, No. 3201, with a request that he will submit an estimate for such additions to the Gun Powder Manufactory as may be absolutely necessary to keep it in working order. Repairs should be made from the fund set apart for that purpose and they need not be included in the estimate.

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

Military Department

No 3172.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
16th September 1857.

Read the following Paper

Extract Mile. Public Works Dept.

Received 1st September (Pet. 1857)

With reference to Minutes
Consultation 28th April last No 1376. The
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ance with the despatch from the Court
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The Plans when presented will
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of Directors

The Deposits required will
be brought under further consideration
hereafter.

Signed Chas Hamilton Major
Actg Dy Quartermaster

To
The Superintendent Public Works
Canadian Division Canal

Comm. 1st Sept. 57 No. 58859.

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Dr. to Comm. 29 Sept.

No. 1811

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 27th August 1857 - No. 3201, with a request that he will submit an Estimate for such additions to the Iron Powder Magazine, as may be absolutely necessary to keep it in working order. Repairs should be removed from the Funds detailed for Land Forces and Ordnance and not included in the Estimate.

Fort St. George
22d Sept. 1857

By Order of the Chief Engr. Engrs.

No. 1814

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department

Dated Fort St. George 16th October 1857

Ordering to be communicated to the Honble Board of Ordnance & Stores a Requisition from the Commissary of Ordnance for Powder Magazine Copper which may be considered as absolutely necessary for the safety of the Powder Magazine at Fort St. George & also directing such as may be required to be sent by the ship now loading for Madras.

Read & Recorded

Pro. from the Chief Engr. Engrs. 29th Sept. 1857 Est. 936. inclosure 15 Est.