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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th November 1857.

No. 17. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 23rd October 1857, No. 4688.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 4th March 1857, No. 429, in which the sanction of Government is granted to certain additions to the European Barracks at Vizagapatam, at an expense of Rupees 2,470, I have the honor to represent for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Acting District Engineer of Vizagapatam reports the above estimate not to provide for compensation for the land on which the new buildings are to be built, or for the value of the huts situated on such site. These amounts ought to have formed part of the original estimate, but appear to have been overlooked under the belief that the land adjacent to the Barracks belonged to Government, a mistake not discovered till measures were taken for the commencement of the work.

In letter dated 11th August 1857, No. 688.

2. From the further correspondence that has since taken place, it appears that the amount of the compensation is Rupees 604-8 as settled by Lieutenant Vertue in direct communication with the owners. The valuation estimate which accompanied his letter has been examined in the Central office, and has been found to be framed on moderate and equitable prices. I have the honor therefore to solicit the sanction of Government for the Supplemental amount now reported viz. Rupees (604-8) six hundred and four, and annas eight, being added to that of the original estimate.

From Acting District Engineer 30th September 1857, No. 808.

Letter from Lieutenant J. VERTUE, Acting District Engineer, Vizagapatam; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Waltair, 11th August 1857, No. 688.

SIR,

With reference to the alterations to the European Barracks at Vizagapatam, which appears in the "list of buildings that must be proceeded with," sent to you with my letter No. 661, dated 4th Instant, I have the honor to state that in the estimate for the above alterations, there is no allowance made as compensation for the value of the buildings which now occupy the ground intended to be used as a site for the Mess room and Wash house that are to be built; nor is there any compensation allowed for the ground itself, which does not belong to Government. As the amount of this compensation is a matter of about 600 Rupees, and as the uncertain state of the weather renders at this season building very expensive, I am reluctant to proceed with a building, which may require to finish it, a supplemental estimate, as I have reason to think that any application for an additional sum of money would not be, under present circumstances, looked on very favorably, I shall therefore delay commencing the building till I have your instructions on the subject.

Letter from Lieutenant J. VERTUE, Acting District Engineer, Vizagapatam; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Waltair, 30th September 1857, No. 808.

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to your letter No. 3465 of date 4th instant. The small delay in answering it has been caused by some correspondence which took place between the Principal Assistant Collector and myself, on the subject of a valuation estimate of the ground proposed to be occupied for the building of the Mess room and Wash house in the Fort Vizagapatam. Mr. Pelly finally settled that he could not furnish me with the above estimate, as required in your letter, and recommended me to come to a private agreement with the owners of the houses and ground. I took his advice and soon managed to come to an agreement with one of the owners, but experienced some difficulty in getting hold of the other. Every thing has however now been settled, and I have the honor to herewith enclose an estimate of the value of the buildings and ground.

2. There was no delay in commencing the building, or at least in making preparation for doing so, for so soon as I joined the District, I had collected a large quantity of rough stone and chunam, erected a shed, and got every thing in readiness for building. Then came the doubt as to whom the ground really belonged, afterwards the orders as to restriction of expenditure, and my doubts as to commencing a building, which must so much exceed its estimated cost, and lastly the difficulty experienced in bringing to terms one of the house proprietors. All these causes have tended to delay the building, the execution of which, shall now, however, pursuant with the instructions contained in the conclusion of your letter, be proceeded with the utmost vigour.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 2099; dated 13th November 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter, and those submitted with it, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions a sum of Rupees (605) six hundred and five, as compensation for the value of the ground, &c., on which it is proposed to build the Mess room, Cook room, and Wash house, for the European Veterans at Vizagapatam, which were sanctioned on the 4th March last at a cost respectively of Rupees 1,570, 280 and 550, and entered in the Budget of 1857-58.*

* Portion of Item No. 32.

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

Central Office of P.W.D.

No. 4688. Fort St. George 23 October 1857.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department.

Sir.

1. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultations dated 4 March 1857. No. 429 in which the Sanction of Government is granted to certain additions to the European Barracks at Vizagapatam, at an expense of Rupees 2470. I have the honor to represent for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Acting District Engineer of Vizagapatam reports the above Estimate not to provide for compensations for the land on which the new buildings are to be built, or for the value of certain huts situated on such site. These amounts ought to have formed part of the original Estimate, but appear to have been overlooked under the belief that the land adjacent to the Barracks belonged to Government, a mistake not discovered till measures were taken for the commencement of the works.

In letter Dy. Engr. 27 Aug. 57 No. 658.

From

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From Ag. Distrct Engineer 25 Septr. 1837. No. 808..

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedt Servant

Central Office 23 Octr. 1837.

A. Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer

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From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

Dated 23d October 1837
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Ref.d: 3 Petn. No 4688
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Reports with reference to
Gov.t Mem.: Cons.: No 429 dated 4th March
1837 in which sanction to certain
additions to the Barrack at
Vizagapatam was granted. that
the Estimate for the work does
not provide for the compensation
of land on which the new building
is to be built, and solicits sanction
for the same Rup.s Rupees 604-8-4.
William Cotton

No 17-418.

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