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

No. 78. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 3rd November 1857, No. 3848.

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

Referring a letter from the Chief Engineer forwarding for favorable consideration a letter from the Superintending Engineer in charge of Central Circle, reporting on his inspection of the New Gun Sheds at Saint Thomas' Mount and solicits a further immediate advance of Rupees 2,000 to prevent the executive operations being suspended, pending the preparation of the Estimates. } (Here enter 26th October 1857, No. 2008.)

The Governor in Council considers that the Fortifications at the Mount should be permanent.

The advance solicited Rupees (2,000) two thousand, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secy. to Government.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 2209; dated 30th November 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who will be requested to authorize the District Engineer of Chingleput to expend a further advance of 2,000 Rupees sanctioned in the Extract above recorded, for carrying on the work of fortifying the Hill at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. In regard to the enquiry of the Chief Engineer as to the character of the buildings to be erected on the Hills, the Government having, in the foregoing order decided that they should be permanent, it is hoped that no further delay will take place in the submission of the plan and estimate called for in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th September last, No. 877. 1778

3. The Government regret to observe that, contrary to frequent orders, no reference has been made to the previous correspondence by the Chief Engineer, in his Proceedings of the 19th October 1857, respecting the work at the Mount.

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

No. 3848.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 3rd November 1857.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department, under date the 26th October 1857, *No.* 2008.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th October 1857, No. 4562.

Read the following letter from Major E. Lawford, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge of Central Circle of Public Works; to Colonel C. E. Faber, Chief Engineer, dated 19th October 1857, No. 227.

With reference to your Proceedings of the 15th Instant, No. 4482, I have the honor to inform you, that I inspected the new gun shed under construction at Saint Thomas' Mount, on Saturday the 17th Idem.

2. The foundation of this building was laid, and the pillars almost all built up, about 4 feet high, by the Staff Officer lately in Executive charge, and the work is such, that I have approved of Lieutenant Moberly's proposal, to remove and rebuild the whole from the level of the foundation, but I do not think this will cause any excess above the estimate.

3. The courses are uneven, the mortar is decidedly bad, and the pillars are not placed in correct lines.

4. I also inspected the bridge and annicut across the Adyaur, and consider the work to be of very satisfactory construction; but with reference to the recent application for the immediate completion of the dam, I do not think the river will be used for Artillery exercise, unless the wharf wall is also built, and that cannot be done this year. It would have been as well, if the cut stone coping had been carried over the whole work, before its progress was stopped.

5. I visited the Barracks ordered to be prepared for the Royal Artillery, and the Begum's house lately taken up as a Barrack, and desired Lieutenant Moberly to lose no time in executing the necessary repairs.

6. I also inspected the Batteries and Magazines under progress on the Hill, and found that the former had suffered considerable damage from the late rains. If these works are intended to be permanent, they should be built in a more substantial manner, than has been adopted hitherto, and the District Engineer should be instructed accordingly, to enable him to prepare the estimates required by Government.

Resolved that in forwarding the foregoing despatch No. 227, of the 19th October 1857, from the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Centre Division for the favorable consideration of Government, orders be requested as to the class of work at the Mount which the Fortifications should be, permanent or temporary, that corresponding instructions may be forwarded to the District Engineer at present engaged in preparing estimates; and it will be observed that from want of consolidation and other causes the new batteries have already sustained considerable damage from the monsoon rains.

2. Resolved also to solicit a further immediate advance of Rupees (2,000) two thousand to prevent the executive operations being suspended pending the preparation of the estimates which may be detained for some further period according as the orders may be to make the works permanent or otherwise.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,

Chief Engineer.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

The Governor in Council considers that the Fortifications at the Mount should be permanent.
The advance solicited Rupees (2,000) two thousand is sanctioned.

(True Extract and Copies.)

A Hamilton Esqr
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department with Despatch of papers.
" Quarter Master General.
" Accountant General.
" Military Auditor General.

Exd. R. Spears.

P.W.D.

No. 2209.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 30th November 1857.

Read the following Extract

from the Minutes of Consultation

in the Military Department.

(Forwarded 3d Novr 1857 No 3848.)

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Public Works Dept
Dated 1st Dec.
No 2230.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government in the Military Department.

(Received 3d Dec. 1857.)

No 3848.

Considering that the Hill of Fortification at St Thomas' Mount should be fortified, and that immediate advance of Rs 2000 for carrying on the operations of fortifying will be necessary, Resolved that the Sanction of Government be accorded to the Expenditure of Rs 2000 for the purpose, and that the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly be requested to furnish the Requisition for the Amount.

Sd/- H. Conolly 30th Nov. 1857.

Sd/- Thos. Pycroft Secy.

No 78.

Sd/- H. Conolly 24th Nov. 1857.

as to the Character of the Buildings to be erected on the Hill, the Government having, in the foregoing Order decided that they should be permanent, it is hoped that no further delay will take place in the Submission of the Plans and Estimate called for in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th September last 27th 1778.

The Government regret to observe that, contrary to frequent orders, no reference has been made to the previous Correspondence by the Chief Engineer, in his Proceedings of the 19th October 1857 respecting the work at the Mount.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr
Chief Sec.

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Dr. to Cons 14th Dec.

No 2209.

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Dy 30th Nov. 57.

From the Chief Engr. 3rd & 7th July
1859. Col. Dy 17th Jan Cons.

Requesting the Chief Engineer to authorize the District Engineer of Chingleput, to expend a further advance of Rupees 2000 Sanctioned in the order of the Military Department for carrying on the work of fortifying the Hill at Thomas Mount permanently.

No 7879.

20 Nov 1924