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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read again letter from the Superintendent Botanical Gardens, dated 30th September and recorded in Diary to Consultation 29th October 1857, No. 2008.

Read also the following papers.

No. 98. Letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 2nd November 1857, No. 4881.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 24th Ultimo, No. 2007, I have the honor to report for the information of Government that by the Accounts furnished to this office by the Colleetor and District Engineer of Coimbatore, it appears that the sum of Rupees (4,802*-15-5) four thousand eight hundred and two annas fifteen and pice five, has been expended up to July last, in constructing the Conservatory in the Public Garden at Ootacamund, sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 20th May 1856, No. 737 and entered in the Budget of 1857-58, No. 369.

		Rs.	A.	P.
* September	1856.	1,000	0	0
November	„	500	0	0
December	„	157	0	0
January	1857	56	0	0
February	„	186	0	0
March	„	1,523	0	0
April	„	483	0	0
May	„	147	3	0
June	„	633	0	1
July	„	117	12	4
	Total Rupees ...	4,802	15	5

2. It would appear from the above that the sum already expended is in excess of the estimate of this work, which is Rupees (4,300) four thousand and three hundred I do not, however, think that this is really the case, as in the Budget of 1857-58, the actual expenditure up to November 1856, is shewn to be Rupees (300) three hundred, while the amount shewn in the Collector's Accounts Current, as expended up to that date, is Rupees (1,500) one thousand and five hundred. I am inclined to think therefore that the sums exhibited in the Collectors Accounts Current for September and November 1856, are not the bona fide expenditure in those months, but are the sums placed at the disposal of the Executive Officer for the execution of the work, as often found to have been the case in the Accounts rendered to this office. The sum of Rupees (1,200) one thousand and two hundred will therefore be required to be deducted from the expenditure stated in the 1st para., which will reduce it to Rupees (3,602-15-5) three thousand six hundred and two annas fifteen and pice five or Rupees (700) seven hundred less than the estimated amount.

3. I have already addressed the Collector and the District Engineer of Coimbatore for explanation on several points connected with their Accounts Current as rendered to me, and I shall add the present discrepancy to the number. In the meantime I beg to recommend as Major Dobbie, in his letter to Mr Cleghorn states that the work could be soon completed at a comparatively small cost, that the sanction of Government be accorded for its completion as requested by the Superintendent Botanical Gardens.

No. 99. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th November 1857, No. 5285.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; dated Coimbatore, 6th November 1857, No. 555.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the construction of a Conservatory in the Public Garden at Ootacamund was sanctioned under date 20th May 1856, at Rupees 4,300, a sum of Rupees 3,464 has been spent up to 31st October 1857, leaving only Rupees 836 to spend towards the completion of the building and if this is not done before May next, the building will be still further postponed on account of the monsoon to the great detriment of the gardens, I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Government for me to

spend the amount viz., Rupees 836 during the Official year 1857-58 in this hope, I have not entered this item in the Budget.

Resolved to submit, for the information and orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 555, dated 6th November 1857, from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, suggesting the early completion of the Conservatory in the Public Gardens at Ootacamund by the expenditure of Rupees 836 the balance of the estimate.

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

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, No. 2286; dated 8th December 1857.

1. In the above papers, both the Conservator of Forests and the District Engineer of Coimbatore urge the early completion of the Conservatory in the Public Gardens at Ootacamund, on the ground that to postpone the work in its present stage will prove injurious to the building.

2. Under this circumstance and adverting to the small amount, Rupees 836, remaining to be expended out of the estimate of Rupees 4,300, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the completion of the building without further delay.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
2nd November — 1857

No. 4881.

From
The Chief Engineer
To,
The Secretary
to Government D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 24th Ultimo No. 2004, I have the honor to report for the information of Government that by the Accounts furnished to this Office by the Collector and District Engineer of Coimbatore, it appears that the sum of Rupees 4,802: 15: 5/ four thousand eight hundred and two annas fifteen and pice five, has been expended up to July last, in constructing the Conservatory in the Public Garden at Ootacamund, sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 20th day 1856 No. 1577 and entered in the Budget of 1857/58. No. 369. —

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November	"	"	500 - - -
December	"	"	157 - - -
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March	"	"	1523 - - -
April	"	"	483 - - -
May	"	"	147 - 3 - -
June	"	"	633 - - - 1
July	"	"	114: 12 - 4
		Total Rupees	4802: 15: 5

2 It would appear from the above that the sum already expended is in excess of the Estimate of

No 5285

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works
Under date the 17 November 1857

Reads the following Letter
No 555

From
Captain P. Mc. Francis
District Engineer of Coimbatore

To
The Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Construction of an Conservatory in the Public Gardens at Ootacamund was sanctioned under date 20th May 1856, at Rupees 4,300, on account of Rupees 3,464 has been spent upto 31st October 1857, leaving only Rupees 836 to spend towards the Completion of the building and as this is not done before May next, the building will be still further postponed on account of the monsoons to the great detriment of the Gardens, I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Government for me to spend the amount viz Rupees 836 during the Official Year 1857/58 in the hope

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P. Public Letter from Chief Engineer Dept. of Public Works Dated 17th November 1857 No 2166

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Chief Secretary

Fortification Department

No 2286. Dated 21 November 1857

Received 23 November 1857

Public Department

Minutes of Consultation the 27th November 1857

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be informed in reply that the Government are unwilling to sanction the proposed expenditure of Rupees 836 on the Conservatory mentioned in the Public Letter from the Chief Engineer dated 17th instant, as the Building is not yet completed, and the Chief Engineer has not explained why the Building cannot be completed within the limit of the Estimate.

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be informed accordingly.

Shall not exceed this item in the Budget.—

District Engr's Office
Coimbatore
6th Nov. 1857

Shall the honorable Sd Dr.
(signed) P. M. Simmons
District Engineer

Respectfully submitted, for the confirmation and orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No 555, dated 6th November 1857, from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, suggesting the early completion of the Conservatory in the Public Gardens at Ootacamund by the expenditure of Rupees 836 the balance of the estimate.—

(Signed)
A. C. A. C.

(Signed)
W. Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government—

P. W. D.

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P. W. D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the November 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 2d November 1857. No. 2881)

With reference to
Extract Minutes of Consulta=
=tion 24th Ultimo No. 2007, the
Chief Engineer furnishes
information regarding the
expenditure on the Conser=
=vatory at Colaccummul=
He represents, from the ac=
=counts rendered by the Coll.
and District Engineer, that
the sums already expended
is Rupees 4,802-15-5, or Rupees
502-15-5 in excess of the Estimate
sanctioned for the Conservatory
but

but, for reasons stated, he surmises that this is not really the case. With such defective information before them the Government consider it quite impossible to pass the order required by the Chief Engineer. It is mere surmise on Colonel Forbes' part that the Estimate has not been exceeded, and that the sum of Rupees 1200 is on hand, and in neither case are there any grounds for the supposition.

The Government request that the Chief Engineer will not, for the future, submit proposals on which he is ill informed regarding them. He will now be good enough to renew his application

present application when he can inform the Government of the exact state of the case as regards the expenditure on the contemplated Conservatory.

GG

P. W. D.

N° 2286

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th ~~November~~ December 1857.

Read again letter
from the Supt. Botanical
Gardens dated 30th Sept.
and recorded in Dy. to Comrs.
29th October 1857 at N° 2008.

Read also the
following Papers.

From the Chief Engr.

Were entered 2nd Novr. 1857 at N° 1881.

Engr. Ro. from the Chief
Engineer

Were entered 19th Novr. 1857 at N° 2328.

On the above Papers
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Forests

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Council authorizes the

Building

9 Copies to the Chief Engr Offg

No 9

Public Works 1857 Deptt.
Cons 8th December

No 2286.

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Dy 8th Dec. 57.

Authorizing the completion of the Conservatory in the Public Gardens at Ootacamund.

Copy to Govt. 23 Dec.