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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. of 6.2.1857

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 6th February 1857.

No. 116. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 24th January 1857, No. 44.

Read the following letter from P. B. SMOLLETT, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 3rd January 1857, No. 2.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 13th November 1856.

2. Copy of a report by Mr. T. J. Knox is herewith transmitted upon the suggestion of the Church Committee, accompanied by a rough sketch of the locality. Mr. Knox it will be seen disapproves of the proposal to close the entrance marked A. The ground it enters upon, he states is not part of the Church compound, but serves as the entrance to the Public pound.

3. Lieutenant Moberly whom I have consulted on the same point, fully concurs in Mr. Knox's views.

Letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Principal Assistant; to P. B. SMOLLETT, Esq., Collector, of Vizagapatam, dated 5th December 1856.

SIR,

In reply to your letter enclosing Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 13th November, I have the honor to report that I consider the doorway alluded to in para. 2 of the Chaplain's letter should not be built up. It is in a corner and not seen by persons who do not go and look for it, and is the entrance to the Government pound; from enquiries I made, I do not believe the piece of ground it opens into is part of the Church compound, and the District Engineer agrees with me in thinking that if a new wall is built up, it should be placed on the inner side of the stone drain which runs parallel with the line of boundary now formed by the garden hedge and cowhouse and stables:

There always has been from time immemorial a right of way through this doorway to the dwelling house and the Government pound, and I see no reason whatever for closing it entirely; but on the contrary it affords an easy and unobserved road for servants, &c. going to the garden and stables in the Church compound.

As to para. 3 of the Chaplain's letter, a church wall would not deaden the noises complained of, but I will order that during the hours of service a Police Peon be in attendance to keep the peace; the question of building the wall and placing wooden railings is one on which I presume my opinion is not required.

The foregoing letter and its enclosures will be communicated to the Venerable the Arch-deacon in reference to his letter of the 10th November last, with an intimation that the Government, as now informed, see no necessity for closing the doorway marked A in the sketch submitted.

The Civil Engineer of the Division will be called upon, through the Department of Public Works, to submit an estimate for building a wall on the inner side, as proposed, of the stone drain which bounds the Church compound on the north.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 6th February 1857.

No. 117.

ORDER THEREON, No. 271; dated 6th February 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will direct the District Engineer of Vizagapatam, to submit the estimate for constructing the wall alluded to in the above Minutes Consultation, as early as practicable.

Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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*Signed J. Pycroft
Chief Secretary*

*To
The Reverable the Archdeacon
" Department of Public Works*

And J. Pycroft

Religious Department

No 1114

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 24th January 1857.

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(Here enter 3rd Jan'y 1857 No 23)

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