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Cons. 31-3-57

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No. 18. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 11th March 1857, No. 298.

Read the following letter from the Register to the Court of Foujdarce Udalut.

Forwarding with the opinion of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut copy of a letter from the Acting Session Judge of Salem, submitting further information regarding the site selected for the new Jail and Court Houses, as required in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th September last, No. 1052. } (Here enter 21st February 1857, No. 13.)

The letter recorded above is in reply to a reference made to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, in Extract Minutes Consultation 29th September last, respecting the quantity of land available at the site of the new Jail and Court Houses intended to be erected in the Salem Zillah, and the advisability of purchasing Mr. Cherry's house.

2. The Foujdaree Udalut, submit a letter from the Acting Session Judge in which he states that the Collector has already purchased, for Rupees 1,151, 90 acres of land, of which 51, on one side of the public road, are allotted to the Jail; and 39, on the other side, to the Court Houses. But it is observed that the Collector intimated to that Officer that no final arrangements had been made in regard to a piece of this land measuring acres 9-13-11. The Government quite concur with the Foujdaree Udalut and Mr. Reade that the whole of the 90 acres should be secured and retained as Government property in order to allow a free circulation of pure air and to prevent the erection of private houses too near the Jail. The Collector will be instructed accordingly through the Revenue Department.

3. In regard to the purchase of Mr. Cherry's house, the Acting Session Judge is of opinion that the erection of new Court Houses is in every respect preferable. Mr. Cherry, he states, will not accept a less sum than Rupees 12,000, and the cost of the addition and alterations necessary to render it suitable for the accommodation of the Civil and Subordinate Judges' Courts, is estimated at Rupees 2,500 making in all Rupees 14,500. The house is at some distance from the new Jail, and the character of the buildings is said to be such as to make it impossible to secure a free circulation of air and ventilation. The proposed new building, of which a Plan, approved by the Engineer, is submitted, is in the form of a latin cross, and is to be of simple architecture, combining, under one roof, every requisite for the Establisments of both the Courts without the one, in the least degree, interfering with the other. Its cost is estimated at Rupees 15,000, exclusive of the price of the ground. The difference in the cost of these two buildings thus is trifling while the latter is in every respect so much better adapted than the former for the purpose contemplated; that Government accede to the recommendation of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut and direct that the Plan and Estimate be returned to the Session Judge, that they may be forwarded by the District Engineer to the Central office Public Works for submission to Government in the usual course, the work being entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

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5. With reference to the concluding para. of the Acting Session Judge's letter, the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to report whether the present Court Houses at Salem with the immediate adjoining premises and out buildings are adapted for a Zillah School, and could be made use of for that purpose when vacated; which however will not be for the next two years.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 31st March 1857.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 552; dated 26th March 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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(A true Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Judges of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 10818.

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government NWP.

Sir,

With reference to yours 2 and 3 of last
Monthly Consultation of 7th January last. No 250. I have the
honor to submit for the information of Government, the Estimate
& Specification of the Revd Mr Bellamy and Lieutenant Cautley dated the 24th ult.
for the Building and Stone Bridges on the Delhi Road
between the 26th Milestone and Shergunge, requesting that the
proposal made in my letter of the 29th October last No 9620
may be authorized to be carried into immediate effect.

2. As the Estimate is framed by the above Officers, and, further, I am
satisfied that the Bridges will be built in the most substantial manner,
I have the honor to recommend the Estimate for approval.

Central Office of N.W.P.
Fort Saint George
12th March 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Alex Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

Geo. R. Clerk

Public Works Dept
Dated 15th May 1857.
Rec'd 16th Ditto 31st March

No 955

Extract from the
Minutes of Cons. in the
Judicial Dept.

Dated 11th March 1857
Rec'd 19th

Directing that the Estimate
amounting to Rs 14,503, of the new
Jail and Court Houses at Salem be
forwarded by the Dist. Engr to the
Central Office Public Works,
for submission to Government
in the usual course, the Work
being entered in the Budget
of 1858-59.

From Chief Engr & Secy to Govt NWP
Colmo - 18th Ditto

No 552.

Ordered to be com-
municated to the Chief
Engineer.

Fort St George
26th March 1857

To Chief Engr Disp 27th

No 2121.

From Chief Engr 2d Dept 31st August 57

No 1818-19.

We an order
No 552 - 26 March

Conn 13th January 57 Do 38-39
" 30th Septr 56 — 87-38.

Public Works 1857 regn.
No 6 Conn 31st March.

No 800

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Dated 12th
Recd 13th March 1857.

2 Enclosures

No 6 No 553. 26th Inst.

Submits copies of two letters from the District Engineers of Bellary and Trichinopoly requesting that the proposal made in his letter of the 29th October 1856. No 690. may be authorized to be carried out.

No 20.

19th March 1857.

No 352 — 20 March