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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Cons. 12-5-57

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 13. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 16th April 1857, No. 11753.

SIR,

In a letter No. 83, dated 6th Ultimo, Doctor Balfour, brought to my notice the necessity of some arrangements being made for the safe custody of the Government property in the Central Museum, pointing out the easy means of access to the building, to any one resolved to plunder, in consequence of the insufficient protection afforded by the two glass doors at the North East part of the building.

2. With Extract from Proceedings No. 10880, of the 12th Ultimo, a copy of the foregoing letter was sent to the Civil Architect, with a request that he would, in communication with Doctor Balfour, submit a plan, and estimate for protecting the glass doors referred to. It was also suggested that Doctor Balfour, should apply for a Police, or Military Guard, to protect the Government property.

3. The Civil Architect with his letter No. 201 of the 28th Ultimo, submits an estimate of Rupees (290) two hundred and ninty, prepared in communication with Dr. Balfour, for putting up 2 pannelled doors*, for protecting the glass doors, and as the rates allowed for the work are moderate, and those usual at the Presidency; I have the honor in addressing Government under Clause II, of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 696, dated 18th October 1855, to request that the estimate may be sanctioned for immediate execution.

* The plan is not considered necessary.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 877; dated 6th May 1857.

With the above letter, the Chief Engineer submits, for immediate sanction, an estimate amounting to Rupees 290 for putting up two pannelled doors outside the two existing glazed shutters, on the north east side of the building at present occupied by the Government Central Museum. These doors are intended to protect the glass shutters "the frail frames of which," it is represented by Dr. Balfour, "offer no impediment to any one resolved to plunder."

2. The Government approving of the work as one necessary to ensure the better security of the valuable property in the Museum, sanctions the disbursement of Rupees 290 out of the one lac fund for the immediate execution of the work.

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

For Orders.

Public Works' Department No 767-

From the Chief Engineer 16th April 1857-

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No. 877

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 6th May 1857.

Read the following letter

from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 15th April 1857 No. 1753)

With the above letter

the Chief Engineer submits for immediate sanction an estimate amounting to Rupees 290 for putting up two pannelled doors outside the two existing glazed Shutters, on the North East side of the Building at present occupied by the Government Central Museums. These doors are intended to protect the glass Shutters the frail frames of which, it is represented by Dr. Balfour, offer no impediment

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of the work.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr.
Chief Sec. y.

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No 877.

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Dated 6th May /57.

From Chief Engr & Dy 14th
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Sanctioning the disbursement of Rupees 2,90, out of the one Lac fund for the immediate execution for pulling up two pannelled doors for the protection of the property in the Government-Central Museum.

No: 1314-

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