

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Comm. 14-7-57

G.O. No.	1334	Press Mis.
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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 54. Read the following letter from W. E. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th April 1857, No. 8.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 1st Instant, No. 596, I have the honor to report that my best endeavours to procure correct information on the points therein adverted to have proved ineffectual. From the enquiries made by my Quit Rent Amildar, it appears that Soobbaroyaloo Chetty is at Madras, but has concealed himself owing to a Warrant of the Court, but, that one Rajahgopaul Naidoo attended before the Amildar, and represented himself as having purchased the ground, though I have frequently desired his attendance before me to produce his documents, he has failed to appear, and it has been since reported to me, that he has proceeded to Streeperamatoor in order to be out of the way.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 1334; dated 11th July 1857.

The letter from the Collector of Madras recorded above, has reference to a plot of ground situated to the north of the Cochrane's Canal basin which it is proposed to purchase on account of Government.

2. This land has for a long time been used for stacking firewood. The trade in fuel has of late so much increased as to make increased accommodation for landing the wood necessary, and it was proposed by the Superintendent of the Canal, to purchase the land in question, convert it into a wharf, and allot to the merchants a portion of the Esplanade to the East of the Toll Office for storing wood. The Collector of Madras reported that the land would cost Rupees

From Collector of Madras, dated 22d February 1856.

777-5-0 at 35 Rupees per ground, the rate given for ground forming a portion of the Esplanade. The opinion of the Chief Engineer was requested on the subject, his attention was called to the propositions which have been made to establish landing places and wharves, both along the western face of Black Town and in the Cooum, with the view of lessening the present concentration of traffic at the basin, and Mr. Cunliffe was requested to report what price the owner of the land was willing to accept for it.

Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 4th March 1856, No. 325.

Rev. Minutes Consultation dated 15th January 1855, No. 73 para. 7.

3. The Chief Engineer forwarded, with his support, a letter from Lieutenant Chambers in which he proposed, besides purchasing the small piece of ground north of the Canal Basin, that the space between the Canal and the Town ramparts from the north west Angle to the Elephant gate should be given up for storing wood, instead of the present Depôt on the north east Esplanade. The Government remarked, with reference to the proposed wood wharf near the Toll house, and a Depôt between the Town wall and the ditch, that it would be inconvenient that the whole of the wood landed should be carried across the road approaching the bridge, to the Depôt, and pointed out, that a simpler plan would be to form the east side of the Canal, south of the north west Bastion, into a landing place, whence wood might be taken direct to the Depôt. Colonel Faber submitted an estimate on the 1st November 1856, for carrying out this improvement, as well as for preparing the ground under the wall for the proposed Depôt at a cost of Rupees 23,800. The estimate was entered in the Budget for 1857-58, but no conclusion appears to have been arrived at as to whether the plot of ground to the north of the Toll Office should be purchased or not.

Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 16th December 1856, No. 2318 paras. 1 and 3.

whether the plot of ground to the north of the Toll Office should be purchased or not.

4. of Madras reported that the owner of this piece of land demanded Rupees 2,100 being the price he offered it himself, and Government expressed willingness to

Letter

No. 11.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd June 1856, No. 1021.

Letter dated 10th March 1857, No. 7.

was not to be found at Madras, and suggested that the land be taken under Act XX. of 1852.

Minutes Consultation dated 1st April 1857, No. 591.

Cochrane, the Acting Collector, reports in his present communication, that he could not procure correct information in regard to the absence of the man, that he appears to have concealed himself to avoid a warrant of the Court and that another person, who appeared and represented himself as having purchased the land, has since proceeded to Streeparoomboodoor "in order to be out of the way."

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has carefully considered all the correspondence that has passed on the subject, and is of opinion that the piece of land to the north of the Toll office is not at present required for public purposes. It was first proposed to convert it into a wharf, on which merchants might land their wood, prior to storing it in the adjoining Esplanade, to the east of the Toll office, but it has since been determined that a landing place shall be made at that portion of the Canal which bounds the Town on the west and the land between it and the ramparts given up for a Depôt. Under these arrangements, no wood Depôt will be necessary near the Toll office, and the land consequently will not be required. Lieutenant Chambers observed in para. 4 of his letter to the Chief Engineer dated 26th July 1856, No. 182, that under any circumstances the purchase of the land appeared to him very desirable as it was expedient to make the wharves of the basin, public, instead of private property. The Government do not concur in this opinion. By his own shewing, in para. 2 of the same letter, the wood brought down the Canal, and stored in Black Town, on the northern Esplanade, and on the small plot of ground proposed for purchase, is "almost entirely landed upon a piece of levelled ground to the south of the Toll office," and the proposed wharf cannot therefore be said to be a wharf at present neither can the land be required for general purposes connected with the Toll office, because, under the proposed system of forming landing places along the western face of the Town, much of the traffic will not be landed at the basin. At all events the Government are not disposed to authorize the taking up for Government of the land alluded to, until experience of the proposed improvements has shewn that the acquisition is really necessary.

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

N^o. 8.

Madras, 24 April 1857.

From

W. C. Cochrane Esq.

Acting Collector of Madras.

To H. Forbes Esq.

The Acting Secretary to Government.

Sir, Madras 24 April 1857, N^o. 8.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. C. Cochrane

Acting Collector.

Madras

24 April 1857.

W. C. Cochrane

Public Works Department
N^o 1334

Extract from the minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th May 1857

Read the following
letter from the Acting
Collector of Madras.

(Here enter No. April 1857 No. 8)

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The letter from the
Collector of Madras, received
on the 12th inst. has reference
to a plot of ground situated
near the mouth of the Cochin
Canal, which is
proposed to
be purchased on account
of the Government.
This land has for
a long time been used
for stock and other
trade

Copy in a Q. A. D. O.
of 24 October 1857
Dated 12 to 30
a - 24 June 1857 - a - 32 463.
a - 1st March - a - 32 463.
a - 8 May - a - 32 463.

To the Acting Secretary to
the Government
at Fort St. George.
Dated 12th April 1857
Received 23rd 1857

No. 1334. A. N. O.

Attesting the desired
information in regard to
the absence of objection
to the purchase of the
ground adjacent to the
S. W. Officer's Quarters,
Council required by the
Board of Engineers.

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up for storing wood, instead
of the present depot on the
North East Esplanade. The
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might be taken direct to the
depot. Col. Tabor submitted an
Estimate on the 1st Novr 1856 for
carrying out this improvement,
as well as ^{for} preparing the ground
under the wall for the proposed depot
at a cost of Rs 23,800. The Estimate
was entered in the Budget for
1857/58, but
has not been
carried out.

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Ex. alt. L. 23rd June 1856 N. 1024

Dec 10th March 1857 N. 7

as to whether the small plot
of ground to the north of the
Toll Office should be purchased
or not.

The Collector of Madras
reported that the owner of this
piece of land demanded Rs
2100, being the price he paid
for it himself, and Govern-
ment expressed their un-
willingness to pay the sum,
tho it appeared to be exorbitant,
if he proved his statement,
and if it should be found
really necessary, to take the
ground. Mr. Cunliffe
informed Government
that the owner was not to
be found at Madras, and
suggested that the
land be taken under
act

Act XX of 1852. More explicit,
information however was
required in regard to the
absence of the owner, and
Mr. Cochrane, the acting
Collector, reports ~~in reply~~
in his present communica-
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not procure correct
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to the absence of the
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That a landing place shall be made at that portion of the Canal which bounds the Town on the west and the land between it and the ramparts given up for a depot.

Under these arrangements, no wood depot will be necessary near the Toll office, and the land consequently will not be required.

Lieutenant Chambers observed in para 4 of his letter to the Chief Engineer dated 26th July 1856 that under any circumstances the purchase of the land appears very desirable

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as it was expected to make the wharves of the River, Public, instead of private property. The Govt do not concur with him in this opinion. By his own showing, in para 2 of the same letter, the wood brought down the Canal, and stored in Black Town, on the Northern Esplanade, and on the small plot of ground proposed for purchase, is "almost entirely landed upon a piece of levelled ground to the South of the Toll Office," and the proposed wharf cannot therefore be said to be a wharf at present. Neither can

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The Government
observe that the in-
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Copy to the Chief Engr
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information required
from the Collector of
Madras, thro' the
Board of Revenue, in
para 3 of Extract
Minutes, Consultation
Public Works Depart-
ment dated 16 Decem-
ber 1856, No 2315, re-
specting the spot of
ground near the
Twin-^{Society's} in-need, Work-
shop, proposed to be
~~appropriated~~ for a
wood Depot, has not
as yet been furnished.
The Board will be
good enough to call
Mr. Cochrane's early
attention to the matter.

M J L

Copy in a Q L to C.
Of 24th October 1857
Paras 12 to 30
Collection A.

Public Works 1857
to 11th July
1857

Collection of Paras.
Of 11th July 1857.

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