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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 27. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 3rd July 1857, No. 1750.

SIR,

1. In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 1240, of the 25th Ultimo, Government are pleased to observe, that I have recommended the proposition of the District Engineer of Bellary, that the public buildings at Ghooty, and on the Hill, may be sold at Public Auction, without affording any information as to their number, and present state and further, that I have omitted to refer to the previous correspondence on the subject under notice.

2. In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 333, dated 19th February last, communicating a letter No. 31, of the 5th Idem, I was directed to instruct the District Engineer at Bellary to take charge of the buildings on the lower Hill at Ghooty, referred to, to ascertain in what manner he intended to dispose of them, and to report the same for the information of Government.

3. The order of Government was communicated to the District Engineer, and Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, with Extract from Proceedings No. 10170, dated 26th February 1857.

4. The District Engineer with his reply No. 344, dated 7th April, forwarded a letter from his Assistant Captain Daniel, reporting on the buildings in question, but the information being insufficient, the District Engineer was directed in Extract from Proceedings, No. 12151, of the 28th Idem, "to personally inspect the buildings on the lower Hill at Ghooty, and report decisively what he would propose should be done with them, whether they should be dismantled, and the materials sold, or in the event of his considering it desirable not to destroy them, to state, what use they were likely to be of to his Department, and what arrangements he would propose to make for guarding them against depredation.

5. A copy of the District Engineer's letter No. 25, dated 13th Ultimo, was forwarded to the Quarter Master General, with Extract from Proceedings No. 631, of the 26th Ultimo, and to Government with Extract from Proceedings No. 1025, of the 9th Instant, and I regret to find that in the latter, I inadvertently neglected to refer to the previous correspondence on the subject under notice.

6. With reference to the first exception taken by Government, I would observe that I did not consider it necessary to enter into any particulars regarding the buildings in question, until it had been determined what was to be done with them.

7. With reference to the second exception, I would respectfully observe, that some limit appears to be necessary, to the references required to be made to previous correspondence on subjects, and it will be in the recollection of Government that in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 670, dated 9th April 1857, I was brought to task for acting the reverse of what I have inadvertently done in the present instance.

8. The District Engineer has now been directed to again carefully inspect the buildings in person, after obtaining a list of them from the records of the Quarter Master General of the Division, and having done so, to furnish, in communication with the Collector, a full report on their present condition, with an estimate of their value.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 1417; dated 23rd July 1857.

With the Extracts from the Minutes Consultation, dated 19th February and 6th April 1857, Nos. 338 and 633, Government communicated to the Chief Engineer two letters from the Quarter Master General of the Army regarding the transfer to the Public Works Department of certain Military buildings at Ghooty and in the earlier of the two orders, they desired Colonel Faber to instruct the District Engineer of Bellary to take charge of the buildings, and to report in what manner he would propose to dispose of them.

2. With his Proceedings of the 9th June 1857, the Chief Engineer submitted a letter from the District Engineer, with a recommendation that the buildings should be sold at public

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auction as proposed by that Officer; but he did not give any particulars as to the condition of the buildings, nor did he even refer to the last order of Government. In the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 25th June 1857, Government noticed these facts, called for a list of these buildings, and asked for information on certain points connected with them.

3. The Chief Engineer now submits a reply, and after detailing the whole correspondence on the subject, observes in para. 6 with reference to the first exception taken by Government, that he did not consider it necessary to enter into any particulars regarding the buildings in question, until it had been determined what was to be done with them. This is however not quite consistent with the Chief Engineer's own recommendation that the buildings should be sold by auction.

4. With reference to the second point, viz. the omission to quote previous correspondence, the Chief Engineer considers that some limit to this is necessary, and states that in the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 9th April 1857, No. 670, he was brought to task for the reverse of what he has inadvertently done in the present instance. The Government can prescribe no limit for quoting correspondence; nor is it necessary, as every public Officer familiar with affairs is aware that reference to previous papers must be regulated by the importance of the subject in hand. The Government took exception to the fact of the Chief Engineer omitting all reference whatever to their previous orders, and not to any insufficiency in the extent of quotation. The Government have carefully perused their order of 9th April 1857 referred to by the Chief Engineer as having found fault with him for quoting previous correspondence in his letters; but they can find nothing whatever that makes the slightest reference to the matter.

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

Military
Barracks.

From

The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

Sir,

1 In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 1240, of the 25th ultimo, Government are pleased to observe, that I have recommended the proposition of the District Engineer of Bellary, that the Public buildings at Shooty, and on the hill, may be sold at public auction, without affording any information as to their number, and present state, and further, that I have omitted to refer to the previous correspondence on the subject under notice.

2 In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 338, dated 19th February last, communicating a letter No. 31, of the 5th idem, I was directed to instruct the District Engineer at Bellary to take charge of the buildings on the lower hill at Shooty, referred to, to ascertain in what manner he intended to dispose of them, and to report the same for the information of Government.

3 The order of Government was communicated to the District Engineer, and Officer Commanding Loaded Districts, with Extract from Proceedings No. 10470, dated 26th February 1857.

4 The District Engineer with his reply

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Fort St. George 3 July 1857.

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5 A copy of the District Engineer's letter N^o 25, dated 13th Ultimo, was forwarded to the ~~Government~~ General, with Extract from Proceedings N^o 631, of the 26th Ultimo, and to Government with Extract from Proceedings N^o 1025, of the 9th Instant, and I regret to find that in the latter I inadvertently neglected to refer to the previous correspondence on the subject under notice.

6 With reference to the first exception taken by Government, I would observe that I did not consider it necessary to enter into any particulars regarding the buildings in question, until it had been determined what was to be done with them.

7 With reference to the second exception, I would respectfully observe, that some limit appears to be necessary, to the references required to

to be made to previous correspondence on subjects, and it will be in the recollection of Government that in Extract Minutes of Consultation, N^o 670- dated 9th April 1857, I was brought to task for acting the reverse of what I have now virtually done in the present instance.

8 The District Engineer has now been directed to again carefully inspect the buildings in person, after obtaining a list of them from the Records of the Quartermaster ^{Genl} of the Division, and having done so to furnish in communication with the Collector a full report on their present condition, with an estimate of their value.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. L. Colwell.

W. L. Colwell.
Atty. Genl. C.

Chief Engineer.

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

2 N. 1417

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 23^d July 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer -

(Here enter 30 July 1857 &c 1750.)

With the extracts
from the Minutes Consultation
dated 19th February and 6th April
1857 Nos 338 and 636 Government
communicated to the Chief
Engineer two letters from the
Quarter Master General of the
Army regarding the transfer to
the Public Works Department of
certain Military Buildings at
Ghoozy and in the earlier of the
two orders, they desired Colonel
Faber to instruct the District
Engineer of Bellary to take charge
of

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Feb. 17th 1857. Departs
for New York (1857).

The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Congress
P. M. D.

Dated 3rd

~~Dec 24th~~ } Sunday 1857.

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in what manner he would
propose to dispose of them.

2 With his Proceedings
of the 9th June 1857, the Chief
Engineer submitted a letter
from the District Engineer,
with a recommendation that
the buildings ~~might~~ ^{should} be sold
at public auction as proposed
by that Officer; but he did
not give any particulars as
to the condition of the Build-
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to the last order of Government.
In the Extract Minutes consul-
tation dated 25th June 1857
Government noticed these
facts, called for a list of
these Buildings, and asked
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3 The Chief Engineer
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that he did not consider it
necessary to enter into any
particulars regarding the
buildings in question, until
it had been determined what
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This is however not quite
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4 With reference to
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previous correspondence in
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reference to the matter.

BJ

*J. Copies to the Chief Engr.
Chief Engr.*

Public Works 1857 July 18.
J. L. Co. 28 July.

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Contract Mining of Coors.
J 23 July 1857.

From Chief Eng. 1799 July 1857
C 44 18523. in Coors 11 May
From 1825 in 1823 to 1858

Expanding Coors and other
mines on a letter from the
Chief Eng. dated 3 July 1857
regarding the transfer to the
J. W. R. of certain military
buildings at Yonkers.

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