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Read the following papers.

No. 6. Letter from Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 4th December 1857, No. 5870.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1995, of 23rd October 1857, soliciting the sanction of the Government of India, to a further expenditure on the Madras Penitentiary, of Rupees thirty-six thousand, eight hundred and twenty, making with the Rupees forty-one thousand one hundred, sanctioned on the 10th July last, a total outlay of Rupees seventy-seven thousand, nine hundred and twenty, on the improvement of the Penitentiary.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council desires me to remind the Government of Madras that the expenditure proposed on this project, has now amounted to four-fifths of what the Government of India is competent to sanction and it is not yet reported that the proposed expenditure will complete the project.

3. I am therefore to request that the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council will endeavour to bring the expenditure within the narrowest possible limits, abandoning or postponing all work not absolutely necessary to the use of the building; to which extent only, in the present state of the finances, the Government of India can accord sanction to the project.

4. The Plans and Estimates received with your letter, are returned as requested.

No. 7. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 2nd January 1858, No. 6361.

Read the following letter from Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect P. D; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Madras, 24th December 1857, No. 685.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, and other correspondence since August last, on the subject of the Flanking Towers to the Penitentiary, which were first applied for by Colonel Boulderson, viz., the Extract Minutes Consultation on the subject No. 1546, dated 8th August last, I have the honor to state, that in obedience to your resolution thereon No. 3006, dated 18th of that month, I have proceeded with the said Towers, and have laid the foundations of all four of them, and which was done before the Monsoon, for the reasons I have already given, and on the strength of your said order, I have advanced some 2000 Rupees to Contractors for the timber work of two of the Towers connected with the new outer wall, at its N. E. and N. W. Angles of 20 feet high now being built, the fact of such advance having been reported by me to you, in No. 510 of 7th September.

2. But since that the Government having declared in their E. M. C. No. 1994, of 23rd October last, that the estimate for the Flanking Towers &c. should be submitted to the Government of India for sanction, I thought it necessary, in spite of your instructions, to carry out the work, to cause in the operation, pending sanction by the Supreme Government; so that I have only completed the foundations for the four towers, as already explained, and after raising the N. E. and N. W. Towers, to the height of 3 feet above the basement, they were left so from the end of October, till about this last week, when in order to go on with the outer compound Wall of which these Flanking Towers form the curtain or connection between, I have raised the 2 Towers a little more or sufficiently to indicate some of the loopholes in the lower story, and after to-day, the work not being emergent will be stopped for the holidays.

3. Premising here that my reason for re-commencing the 2 Towers during this past week was also the consideration, that as the money had been advanced to the Contractors for the wood work that the construction must necessarily go on, I should still be glad of definite orders of what I really should do. As if the building is to be suspended sine die, I would endeavour to come to other terms with the Contractors, to pay them for what they have already furnished, and either to store it or use it in other works, as may be best for the public service.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th January 1858.

4. Your opinion on this point, would therefore oblige, as it seems hardly fair to the Contractors, to be tying their hands for an indefinite time, by preventing their going on with their Contract. But under present circumstances I am unable to act otherwise.

5. Another point, is with reference to an estimate submitted by this Department, for Rupees 15,210, under date 6th April 1857, for additions to the Penitentiary viz., a Verandah to either side of the Jailor's Quarters, a Verandah to serve as covered way to the cells from East to West, and for building an upper range of cells for the European prisoners, which by the orders of Government, in the abovementioned E. M. C. No. 1546, of 8th August last, were approved of and ordered to be executed; on the strength of which I gave Contracts for the timber work to Mr. Williams of the Mount road, and advanced him 2,000 Rupees accordingly, as it was a work that would take a considerable time to execute.

6. But as subsequently, in the E. M. C. No. 1994 of 23rd October 1857, it was stated that this very estimate of 15,210 Rupees should be submitted to the Government of India, for sanction, along with the 2 others for the Flanking Towers, and for the 2 Guard rooms at the Gateway, I am again at a loss as to what I should do in the matter, viz., suspend as I have above detailed for the Flanking Towers or proceed with the work, on the return of the working season after the holidays.

7. Beyond the wood-work part of it, I have done nothing, except prepare a number of cubes required for Sub-foundation, which after making require of course a good many days to dry. But at present, I am doubtful whether even to excavate the foundations, now that the rains may be considered over, as once excavated, they cannot remain so, but must be filled up without delay.

Resolved to forward for the information and orders of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 685, dated 24th December 1857, with reference to the Chief Engineer's letter No. 4014, dated 25th September last, and respectfully to remind the Government, that the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, on the construction of the Flanking towers, has not yet been expressed.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 4; dated 5th January 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter from the Government of India be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter of 25th September 1857, No. 4014.

2. Adverting to para. 3 of Captain Yule's letter, Colonel Faber will report at once to Government what works, of those recommended by him on the 25th September, he considers absolutely necessary to render the Penitentiary fit for use, and what will be the cost of such works. Pending the receipt of this information, the Government defer passing final orders on the Extract above recorded regarding the prosecution of the Flanking Towers, &c., at the Penitentiary.

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

N^o 6361.
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Dept. of P. W. Fort St George.

Under dated the 2nd January/58.

Read the following:

N^o 685.. Civil Architects Office

From Colonel W. H. Atkinson.

Civil Architect P. D.

To Colonel W. H. Atkinson.

The Chief Engineer P. D.

Fort Saint George.

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Civil Architect's Office,
Madras,
24th December 1857.

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Civil Architect P.D.

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Central Office of P.W.,
Fort Saint George,
2nd January 1858.

(at this Extract)
W. L. Colman
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.D.

24 July 1857

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Communicated to
the Secy. of the
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Rs. 30,820 - - -

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No. 5870
From Captain H. Hule,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt of India;
To H. Forbes Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the Govt of
Fort Saint George.
Dated the 14th December 1857.

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4 The plans and Estimates received with your letter, are returned as requested.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort William,

Thurs. 11 December
1857

H. Gale
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India

PWD

N^o 4

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th January 1858

Read the following Paper

Letter from the Off^r Secy.
to the Gov^t of India

(Here enter 4 Dec/57. N^o 5870)

A. Prop^r of the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 2 Jan/58. " 6361)

Ordered that a
copy of the above letter
from the Gov^t of India
be communicated to the
Chief Engineer with
reference to his letter of
25 September 1857 N^o 1014

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at once to Government
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From Off^r Secy.
to the Gov^t of India

Dated 1st Jan
Received 23rd Jan 1858

J. E. 1858

Reminding the Govern^t
ment of Allahabad, that the Govern^t
of India has proposed to the Allahabad
Commissioners (No. 100 729 31) has
now announced to furnish the Govern^t
of India with the Government of India
is confident to sanction and
requesting the abandonment of
the Government of all work, not
absolutely necessary to the use
of the Commission, to which extent
any, the Government of India
accord sanction to the project.

copy to the Chief Secy.

5 Jan/57

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what works, of those re-
commended by him on
the 25 September, he
considers absolutely ne-
cessary to render the
Penitentiary fit for use,
and what will be the
cost of such works.
Pending the receipt of
this information, the
Government defer pas-
sing final orders on the
Extract above recorded
regarding the prosecution
of Planting Towers &c
at the Penitentiary.

W. H.

Copy to the Chief Eng.
with Copy of the
letter from Govt of
India - Pip. 9

Dr. Com: 29th Oct/57
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Public Works 1855-56
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Retreat during June.

29th 5th Jan'y: 1858.

From the Chief Engineer of 18th
February 1858 to 19th April 1858.

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Calling upon the Chief
Engineer to report at once, and
what works he considers ad-
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