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Government of Madras.

The Chief Minister DEPARTMENT.

30-8-58

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Dated	<i>8-1-</i>	<i>19/858</i>

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No. 37. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th December 1857, No. 6242.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Guindy, 18th December 1857, No. 1506.

SIR,

With reference to para. 1 of your letter No. 5489 of the 25th ultimo, in which you state that, His Lordship had expressed dissatisfaction at the progress of the works in St. Thomas' Mount, and now with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2278 of the 8th Instant passing orders on a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, in which, by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, remarks are made regarding the progress of the works, especially the Gun Sheds at the north end of the Artillery Barracks, I have the honor again to state, what I before mentioned in my letter No. 1392 of the 26th ultimo, that I was not aware that His Lordship or His Excellency were about to visit the Mount and that if I had known it, I would have made a point of being present.

2. As I have now found out that only a portion of the works, in progress in my Department during the months of October and November, was shewn by the Brigadier Commanding the Mount to His Lordship and His Excellency, I conceive that the remarks made by them were in ignorance of the several other works that had been executed or were in progress, and I consequently hope, and trust that I may not be considered presumptuous, in expecting that an opportunity may be granted me of personally pointing out to His Lordship and His Excellency what has been done by my Department since the commencement of October, if however my request cannot be acceded to, I would beg that a Committee, with at least one Engineer Officer as member, may be appointed to examine the works and report their opinion, whether I was dilatory or not.

3. As regards para. 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter in which he states that by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 3967 of the 10th November, these new sheds were placed at the disposal of the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery, I have the honor to state that I have never received the above mentioned Extract Minutes of Consultation and would beg to draw your attention to my letter No. 1215 of the 23rd October, in which I informed you that Lieutenant Colonel Faddy wanted these Gun Sheds, and also a Harness Room to be built in rear, and that at that time I was unable to send in the Plan and Estimate for a Harness Room as I did not know if the Gun Shed would be given: on the following day I received a letter from the Staff Officer at St. Thomas' Mount in reply to mine of the 21st October stating that the Gun Sheds in question were intended for the Golundauze Battalion.

4. I heard nothing more about the matter until on the 24th ultimo, I received Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2137 of the 20th November, I immediately put myself in communication with Lieutenant Colonel Faddy, and but for the Brigadier having said that he would not allow the space between the Gun Shed and Barrack to be occupied by buildings, the Plans and Estimates would have been sent to you before this, the Plan and Estimate for a Harness Room were sent to you on the 14th Instant, and would have been sent earlier, but for the Overseer having omitted to send a Plan with his Estimate and as I was in the District, there was a delay in obtaining the Plan.

5. In conclusion I beg to forward a Statement shewing the amount of work done by this Department during the month of October and November in St. Thomas' Mount and beg that this letter and Statement may be laid before His Lordship in Council.

Resolved to forward the foregoing letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput No. 1506 dated 18th Instant, and its enclosures, explanatory of the delays imputed to him, for information

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

of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, but without the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for the appointment of the Committee of Officers, applied for in para. 2 of Lieutenant A. Moberly's despatch.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 20; dated 8th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department.

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

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From
Lieutenant A. S. Moberly
To District Engineer of the
Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer I. B. P.
Sir.
With reference to Para 1 of your
letter No 1489 of the 25th ultimo in which
you state that, His Lordship had
expressed dissatisfaction at the progress of
the works in Saint Thomas Mount and now
with reference to Extract Minutes of Con-
sultation No 2278 of the 8th instant
passing order on a letter from the Quarter
Master General of the Army, in which,
by order of His Excellency the Commander
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progress of the works, especially the Gun
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state, what I before mentioned in my
letter No 1392 of the 26th ultimo, that
I was not aware that His Lordship
or His Excellency were about to visit
the Mount and that if I had known

it I would ^{have} made a point of being present.
2. As I have now found out that only a portion of the matter, in progress in my Department during the months of October and November, was known to the Brigadier Commanding the District His Lordship and His Excellency, it can come that the remarks made by them were in ignorance of the several other works that had been executed or were in progress, and it consequently being clear that they may not be considered presumptions, that an opportunity may be granted me in respect of personally pointing out to His Lordship and His Excellency what has been done by my Department since the commencement of October. if however my request cannot be acceded to, at least one Engineer Officer as Member, may be appointed to examine the works and report their opinion whether I was dilatory or not.

3. As regards Para 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter in which he states that by District Minutes of Consultation No 967 of the 10th Nov. there was a plan made for the

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disposal of the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery, I have the honor to state that I have never received the above mentioned District Minutes of Consultation and would beg to draw your attention to my letter No 1215 of the 23rd October, in which I informed you that Lieutenant Colonel Faddy wanted three Gun Sheds, and also a Magazine Room to be built in rear, and that at that time I was unable to send in the plan and Estimate for a Magazine Room as I did not know if the Gun Sheds would be given. on the following day I received a letter from the Staff Officer at Dumfries The was returned in reply to mine of the 25th October stating that the Gun Sheds in question were intended for the Fife and Forth Battalion.

4. I heard nothing more about the matter until on the 24th ultimo, I received District Minutes of Consultation No 2137 of the 20th November I immediately put myself in communication with Lieutenant Colonel Faddy, and sent for the Brigadier

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omitted to send a Plan with his
Estimate and as it was in the District
there was a delay in obtaining the Plan.

In conclusion I beg to for-
ward a Statement showing the amount
of work done by the Department
during the months of October and
November in Saint Thomas District
and beg that this letter and Statement
may be laid before His Lordship
in Council.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedt Servant.

Distd Officer

Office
Camp & District

Wm. M. M. M.

Distd Officer

of Saint Thomas

N: 6242

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works at St George's
Under date the 24th December 1857

Read the following letter

From the District Engineer of Chingleput.

Forwarding a statement shewing the amount
of work done by his Department in Saint
Thomas Mount, during the months of October
and November 1857, and requesting that his
letter and statement may be laid before His

(Here Enter 18th Dec 1857
N: 1506)

Highness in Council.

Originals
Enclosures 2.

1 letter
1 list

Resolved to forward the foregoing letter
from the District Engineer of Chingleput N: 1506, dated 18th
instant, and its enclosures, explanatory of the delays imput-
ed to him, for the information of the Right Honourable the
Governor in Council, but without the recommendation of the
Chief Engineer for the appointment of the Committee of
Officers, applied for in Para. 2 of Lieutenant A. Ingham's
despatch.

J. A. True Extract
Wm. Lister Colonel
Chief Engineer

Enclosure

Copy to Mr. W. J. 24/12/57

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Forward a statement
showing the amount of
work done in the
month of October
and November 1857
at Saint Thomas
Mount, and request
that the same may be
laid before His
Highness in Council.

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Extract from the Circular of the

Chief Engineer

of the Secretary to Government

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December 1855

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Enclosed

Forwarded for information a list

and a list issued from the

Chief Eng^r, Singapore, showing

the amount of work done by

his Dept^t in all the Islands

during the month of October 1855

in explanation of the delay

inferred to him on 20.8.55

1000 8 May 1856

Enclosed to the

annexed to the

Department

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Chief Eng^r 1000
1000 January 1856

1000 to the Chief Eng^r
with the Chief Eng^r

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