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## Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.*

No. 35. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 25th June 1857, No. 1507.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant C. SCOTT, District Engineer of Madura; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Dindigul, 15th June 1857, No. 399.

SIR,

With reference to your Extract Proceedings No. 1060, of the 10th Instant, forwarding Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1068 of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the nature of the report upon Tirmul Naick's Palace called for by Government; as 2 reports not in the least noticed in the Extract Minutes Consultation above mentioned, have already been submitted.

2. On the 10th July 1856, Lieutenant Roberts forwarded a report upon the building, giving a general description of its nature, and present condition, and adding a brief sketch of its history so far as that is known.

3. On the 14th April 1857, I forwarded, together with a copy of Lieutenant Roberts' report, a very voluminous one drawn up by myself, in accordance with the orders contained in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 573 of the 30th March 1857, describing, in detail, the form and dimensions of each portion of the structure, and stating, and remarking upon the number, extent, position, and probable cause, of all the cracks, fissures and other unsoundnesses in the masonry, this report as Lieutenant Roberts had been before it, was illustrated by plans prepared in the Engineer's office and drawings made by native artists.

4. In my report above alluded to, I did not state any particular measures to be recommended for the preservation of the building considering that its adoption to public purposes therein recommended, would be the best means of preserving it; as the ordinary repairs to the various public offices, it contained would have the effect of preventing the decay of the whole portion so occupied, without putting Government to any expense over and above that of former years, while those portions whose almost complete re-construction would be necessary to their preservation, would be partitioned off and left to their fate. I gave my reasons for not submitting a detailed estimate for its restoration to its pristine grandieur. I may however now state that from the observations I then made, I think I can pretty correctly make a rough estimate of the cost of such a restoration at 2 lacs of Rupees.

5. Should it be desired by Government, I will at once prepare the requisite detailed estimate, but its preparation according to rule, will necessarily be a tedious operation, and will in some measure interfere with the general duties of my office.

6. If I might be permitted to suggest a re-consideration of the plans, reports, and estimates sent in by Lieutenant Roberts and myself, with reference both to the Zillah School, and the Subordinate Court, I would observe that it will be seen from them that the proposed alterations no where interfere with the style of the building, except in the case of the verandah to the School Master's quarters, a disadvantage explained in para. 23 of my letter No. 201 of the 14th April 1857, to be unavoidable, if the Master is to reside within the Palace.

7. There will be an incongruity of material between the new and old work in the proposed repairs to the basement, of the cloisters to be used as School rooms, it having been proposed to repair the broken places with brick and mud instead of carved cut stone, but this eyesore can readily be prevented by the substitution in the estimate of the item $85\frac{7}{8}$ cubic yards of carved cut stone at Rupees 12 per cubic yard, for $85\frac{7}{8}$ cubic yards of brick in mud at Rupees $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cubic yard or in other words by adding Rupees 902-3 to the amount of the estimate, if this be done, the outward appearance of the ornate portions of the building, will be so far as the Zillah School and Subordinate Court are concerned, just what it was in Tirmul Naick's time.

8. While speaking of the Subordinate Court, I would beg to observe that the responsibility incurred by holding the sittings of the Court in the hall described in my diary of general observations for September 1856, appears to me to be considerable.

*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.*

Resolved, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1068, dated 4th June 1857, and also to the subsequent orders of Government, No. 1179, dated 17th June 1857, acknowledging Lieutenant Scott's report on Tirmul Naick's Palace at Madura, to submit copy of the District Engineer's letter No. 399 dated 15th Instant, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for information and orders, with reference to the late order of Government No. 1060 dated 3rd June 1857, respecting the preservation of Indian memorials of ancient times.

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

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1292 ; dated 6th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Department in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th May 1857, No. 909.

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



No. 1507

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George
Under date the 25th June 1857.

Read the following letter

No. 399

From
Lieut. C. Scott
District Engr. of Madura

To
Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engr. in the Dept.
Fort St. George

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School, and the Subordinate Court, I would observe that it will be seen from them that the proposed alterations no where interfere with the style of the building, except in the case of the Verandah to the School master's quarters, a disadvantage explained in para 23 of my letter No 201 of the 14th April 1857 to be unavoidable, if the Masters is to reside within the Palace.—

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Madura Dr Engrs Office
Dindigul 15th June 1857

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Sd/ C Scott Lieut
Dr Engr Madura

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dated 1st July 57

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N°. 1507.

Submits for the information and orders of Govt. Copy of a letter from the District Engineer Madras with reference to G. O. C. No 1060 of the 3d June 57 respecting the preservation of Indian memorials of ancient times.—

With an order dated 2d July No. 1292.

No 35 & 36

N°. 1292

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Department in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12 May 57 N°. 909.

Fort St George
6th July 1857

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