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No. 58. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, the Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th June 1858, No. 1098.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 778 and 1058 dated 26th April and 3rd June 1858 respectively, I have the honor to report that the extent of front of the proposed new Post and Telegraph Offices is 305 feet, and that of Abercrombie's Battery 335 feet, so that no possibility exists of affording an outlet to Moorcur Nulla Mootoo Street to the Beach, if that site be retained.

2. The Marine yard occupied by the Commissariat adjoining Abercrombie's Battery on the South has 300 feet of frontage, and if the new buildings commence exactly on the South side of Moorcur Nulla Mootoo Street so as to give the desired opening, they will occupy about 150 feet of the yard, but I am not prepared to say that this arrangement will be approved.

3. Should however the Government be desirous of effecting the object of the Municipal Commissioners, possibly a new Timber-yard for the Commissariat Department might be formed to the North of the Railway Terminus by the removal of Boatmen's huts, but otherwise I see no available site on the Beach for the proposed buildings than Abercrombie's Battery.

4. The buildings might of-course stand entirely on the site of the Marine-yard leaving Abercrombie's Battery (less 5 feet) entirely unoccupied.

5. The accompanying Sketch will illustrate my remarks.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, No. 1387; dated 17th July 1858.

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes, that at the time when Abercrombie's Battery was selected as a site for the new Post and Telegraph Offices, the fact represented by the Municipal Commissioners in their letter of* the 15th March 1858, that the erection of the proposed buildings on that site would completely mask one of the few openings for the passage of the sea-breeze into the Town, was not probably taken into consideration. From Major Lawford's letter above recorded, it appears that the Commissariat Timber-yard has a sufficient extent of frontage for the construction of the proposed Offices; and, as it adjoins Abercrombie's Battery, would seem to present an equally eligible site.

* Consultation 27th April 1858, Nos. 72-73.

2. Looking to the great importance of securing to the inhabitants of the Town a free circulation of air, by the arrangement proposed by the Municipal Commissioners in their letter already adverted to, and referring also to the possibility of Abercrombie's Battery being retained as a means of defence against attacks from the sea, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that the construction of the new Offices on the site of the Commissariat Timber yard, is a question worthy of consideration. Before however passing final orders on the subject, he resolves to communicate the correspondence noted in the margin to the Public and to the Military Departments, in view to its being ascertained in the former Department, whether the Post Master General has any objections to offer to the proposed change of site; and in the latter, whether the Commissariat Timber-yard can be given up for the purpose stated, and another established at the North of the Railway Terminus.

From the Municipal Commissioners 15th March 1858, No. 350.
Extract Minutes Consultation 26th April " " 778.
From Officer in charge of Central Office, 12th June " " 1098.

(Signed) T. PYCROET,
Chief Secretary.

Public

No. 1095

Central Office of C. W.
Fort Saint George,
12th June 1858.

From,

The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of C. W.

To,

The Secretary to Government C. W.

Sir,

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dated 26th April and 2nd June 1858, respectively,
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4 The buildings might of course stand entirely on the site of the Marine yard leaving Abercrombies Battery left 5 feet entirely unoccupied.

5 The accompanying Sketch will illustrate my Remarks.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
Lewis Nagel
Supt Engr in ch: of the
Central Office of P.W.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
12th June 1858.

To,
The Secretary to Government C.W.D.

E & W.D.

No. 1387.

Extract from the Minutes of Corporation

Under date the 17th July, 1858.

Read the following

Letter from the Officer in charge

of the Central Office of P.O.

Notice that the Plan of

the Municipal Commissioners

for continuing Victoria Street

to the Sea is quite incompatible

with the design of

erecting Post and Telegraph Offices

on Shorncombes Battery but should

the Govt. be desirous of

effecting the object of the Commissioners

the proposed building might be erected

on the site of the Commissariat Work yard,

the Commissariat Stores be removed to

that part of the Building

now occupied by the Admiralty

Agreed that the Chairman

do write to the Secretary

of State for War requesting

that the Commissariat Stores

may be removed to the

Victualling Yard

Agreed that the Chairman

do write to the Secretary

of State for the Home Department

requesting that the Police

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No. 1387.

Post Office

London 17th July 1858.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to transmit to you, for the information of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, a Letter from the Officer in charge of the Central Office of the Post Office, dated the 12th instant, with a Plan annexed, stating that the Municipal Commissioners for continuing Victoria Street to the Sea, are desirous of erecting Police Offices on Shorncombes Battery, and requesting that the Postmaster General will cause the Telegraph Office to be removed to the Victualling Yard.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[illegible]

The Secretary

to the Commissioners of

Her Majesty's Woods

Forests and Land Revenues

Whitehall

Post Office

London 17th July 1858.

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[illegible]

The Secretary

to the Commissioners of

Her Majesty's Woods

Forests and Land Revenues

Whitehall

Dated 12th June 1858 Department
Rec'd 12 " " Letter 1291.

From The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of P.O.
To The Secretary to Govt. P.W.

Dated 12th
Rec'd 12 June 1858.

No 1393

Enclosure Returned

Rec'd 1st July 1858.

States that the Plan of the Municipal Commissioners for continuing Victoria Street to the Sea is quite incompatible with the design of erecting Post & Telegraph Offices on Shorncombes Battery but should the Govt. be desirous of effecting the object of the Commissioners the proposed building might be erected on the site of the Commissariat Work yard, & latter be removed to the North of the Victualling Yard.

Dated 12th June 1858.

No. 65.

Rec'd 17 July 58.

Dated 1st July 58.

Rec'd 2nd " " 58 No 1273
" 8th " " 1425

Agd. 17 July 58.

No Right

Honorable the Governor and

Council observes that at

the time when Mercombes

Battery was

Bentley was selected as a

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Telegraph

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* Comm. 7th April 1858 No 72-73

From the Municipal Commissioners 15th March 1858 No 350.
Eclt Mins. Cons. 26th April — 778.
From Officer in Charge of Central Office 12th June 1858 No 1291.

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change of site; and in the latter, whether the Commissariat Timber Yard can be given up for the purpose stated, and another established at the North of the Railway Terminus.

W H B

10 Copies to the Hy Clerk Exec Dept 3 Q.
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Off to Comrs 27th April 58 L 72-73
" 8th June " 24 L 25

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Ltr. to Comrs. 20th July

No. 1357

Postmaster Genl. & Comrs.
Ltr 17th July 58

From the Offg Chief Engr 23d July
58 R 1866 in Comrs 27 July
& Plan from Chief Engr 28th July 58.
R 1975 in Comrs 29 Oct

Sir the Commrs. desire I should
consider the Commissariat Lumber
yard to be a preferable site
for the erection of the Post and
Telegraph Offices instead of
the Abercrombies Battery & for
the question for consideration
in the Secretary of Public Departments
in New Zealand being ascertained
whether the Post Master General
has any objections to offer to the
proposed change of site

No. 57459.

Dr. Ltr Comrs of Lands Inclg Despatch
39 November 1858 C No 2962
Dr Comrs:

Cattle be removed from ground
Performance Commenced

21st July 58

28th July 1857 No 19–20

No 104 & 105.

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P. W. 1858 Despatch
Dated 20th July 1858 No 135
From The Supg. Engr. & Co
In ch. Central Division P.W.D.
To
The Secretary to Govt
Fort St. G.

Sent to Board 16th June 1858
Rec'd 19

Rec'd & Returned 16th
22-7-58

Submitted for Sanction an Estimate amounting to Rupees 210 for constructing a small tank on the West side of the Royacottah Hill, adjoining the Fort wall, in the District of Salem.

Fort St. George
20th July 1858.

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr Civil Engrs

No 1411

The Honble the Council Sanctions, out of the One lac of Rupees, the Estimate submitted with the above letter, amounting to Rupees (210) Two hundred and ten, for the construction of a small tank on the West side of the Royacottah Hill, adjoining the Fort wall, in the District of Salem.

21st July 1858

Letter to Honble Secretary to Govt Fort St. George.