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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. 1210, 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. 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 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. 311, 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 depradation.

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 636, Government communicated to the Chief Engineer two letters from the Quarter Master General of the Army regarding the transfer to the Public Works Deparment 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

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 inadvertantly 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.

N° 1750

Central Office of Public Works
Fort St George 3d July 1857.

Military
Barracks.

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

1 In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, N° 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 N° 338, dated 19th February last, communicating a letter N° 31, of the 6th 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 Ceded Districts, with Extract from Proceedings N° 1074, dated 26th February 1857.

4 The District Engineer with his

Reply

reply N° 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, N° 12157, of the 28th idem, "to personally inspect the buildings on the lower hill at Shooty, 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 depradation.."

5 A copy of the District Engineer's letter N° 25, dated 13th Ultimo, was forwarded to the Quarter Master General, with Extract from Proceedings N° 631, of the 26th Ultimo, and to Government with Extract from Proceedings N° 1025, of the 9th Instant, and I regret to find that in the latter, I had certainly 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, N° 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..

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) Colonel..
Chief Engineer..
Offg Supt Engr N.C.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department..

P.W.D.

No. 1417.

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

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer -

(Here enter 30th July 1857 No. 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
Ghooty and in the earlier of the
two orders, they desired Colonel
Faber to instruct the District
Engineer of Bellary to take charge
of

Govt. No. 1417 dated 23d July 1857.
" 24 " " " 324 "
" 21 " " " 328 "

Read Letter from Chief Engineer
No. 1750 dated 30th July 1857.

Ordered that Letter from Chief Engineer
No. 1750 dated 30th July 1857 be
forwarded to the Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Department
for information.

Dated 3rd August 1857.

Public Works Office
Fort St. George
3rd August 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
herewith a letter from the Chief
Engineer No. 1750 dated 30th July
1857 on the subject of the transfer
of the Public Buildings at
Ghooty -

I have &c.

(Signed) C. Lushington
Secy to Govt.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

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 ~~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 Buildings, nor did he even refer to the last order of Government. In the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 25th June 1857 on 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

now submits a reply and in after detailing the whole correspondence on the subject, observes in Para 6, with reference to the first exception taken by Govt. that he did not consider it necessary to enter into any particulars regarding the buildings in question, until it had been determined what were 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

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 Govern=ment can prescribe no a limit for quoting Correspond=ence; nor is it necessary, as every public officer familiar with the 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 on omitting all reference on whatever to their previous orders, and not to any insufficiency in the extent of quotation. The Govt have

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 in that matter the slightest reference to the matter.

J. D.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr
Civil No 211

Public Works 1857 Deptt.
D.to Cons 28th July.-

No. 1417.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Of 23d July 1857.

From Chief Engr. of 29 July/57
C No. 1523. in Cons: 11 Aug
From Do. 5 in 123 Feb/58

Passing Orders and Observations on a Letter from the Chief Engr. dated 3d July c. regarding the transfer to the P. W. D. of certain Military Buildings at Ghooty.

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