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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 54. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 30th July 1857, No. 2511.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2409, dated 23rd December 1856, I have the honor to forward copies of the letters noted in the margin from the District Engineer Godavery Division, together with a plan, showing the arrangements of the present, and proposed towns of Dowlaishwaram.

1 Copy of a letter from District Engineer Godavery Division, dated 30th March 1857, No. 175.
1 Do. from do. dated 7th July 1857, No. 366.
1 Do. from the Collector Rajamundry, dated 11th March 1857, No. 44.

2. It is proposed to keep the town entirely to the North of the Government Work-shops, and other buildings, and to allow the extension to take place towards the Sapper lines, for which the ground lying between the Main road to Rajahmundry, and the Rail road, will afford ample space.

3. The high road leading from the annicut to Rajahmundry, divides the town into two portions, of which the Western one is to be devoted to the wealthier classes, and none but tiled, or terraced houses are to be erected in it, and the Eastern one to the poorer classes, who will be permitted to erect thatched houses, though the District Engineer is endeavouring to introduce as far as possible, the construction of tiled roofs.

4. The site set a part for any public buildings, such as the Engineering College, Electric Telegraph station. Town hall &c., is isolated from the town, and in the vicinity of the building containing at present the Stores belonging to the Upper Godavery expedition.

5. Respecting the sanatary arrangements, information was given on the following points in my letter No. 8437, dated 28th November 1856.

1st. The description of houses to be introduced, and the regularity with which they are to be built.

2nd. The substitution of stone for mud, as the materials for building the walls of the houses.

3rd. The formation of proper roads, to enable the inhabitants to prevent mud, and filth accumulating in the streets during the rainy season.

4th. Raising the ground on which the town is to be built.

5th. The construction of public necessaries.

and 6th. The raising among the householders, of a small annual subscription for the preservation of thoroughfares, and maintenance of scavengers.

6. The Collector of Rajahmundry, in the accompanying copy of letter, No. 44, dated 11th March 1857, states, that he has placed himself in communication with the District Engineer, and hopes in the course of time to be able to introduce into the town, the provisions of the Municipal Act XXVI of 1850.

7. Respecting the size of the houses, and the further sanatary arrangements of the town, the District Engineer in his letter No. 366, of the 7th Instant, writes.

Para. 3. " The size of the houses will of course vary with the means of the individuals " who erect them. The enclosures however average about 200 square yards, the frontage occu- " pying 15 yards in length. The streets are 12 yards broad inclusive of the ditches. The houses " are to be built in 2 rows facing outward, and there will be a small lane running at the back of " each row, which the inhabitants will be expected to keep clean, and which will enable any " Municipal Officer to ascertain, that no filth is allowed to accumulate in the Court yards in " rear of the buildings. In the centre of the town, a space has been alloted for the general " weekly market in the middle of this space, a large square tank faced with stone is about to be " erected by private contributions, at one end will be a Choultry for the use of travellers, and " merchants, godowns will surround 3 sides of the square, the fourth being open to the high " road."

Para. 4. " The town will be drained principally into the Canal, which leads from the river " to the Quarry Hill, as far as I can ascertain at present from the leading inhabitants, they are

" willing to assess themselves, and undertake the preservation of cleanliness, and sanatary ar-
" rangements."

8. The extent of the town as at present proposed, reaches from the river to the Sapper lines, and from the Quarry Hill to the Cocanada Canal, the native portion of it lying to the north, while the Europeans have located themselves principally to the south.

No 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 1665; dated 1st September 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the plan on which it is proposed to lay out the new town of Dowlaishwaram in the District of Rajahmundry, but desires that, under the restrictive order now in force, no expense be incurred in carrying out the improvements, for which estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 4,640, were entered in the Budget of 1857-58. It appears to the Governor in Council advisable that the Government Workshops &c. at Dowlaishwaram should eventually be made secure and defensible, and he desires that this object may be kept in view, when operations are commenced for the improvement of the town.

2. The Governor in Council observes that in the present instance, as in many others which may be cited, the Chief Engineer writes a long letter, containing almost word for word the contents of the enclosures which he submits, without adding a single idea, remark, suggestion, or recommendation of his own. Such a course, it is obvious, not only serves no useful purpose, but wastes the time both of himself and of the Government, and that of both establishments.

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

Central Office of P. Works
Fort St. George 30 July 1857.

No 2511.

Public
Dowlaiswaram
Town

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

Sir,

I. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2409. dated 23d December 1856, I have the honor to forward Copies of the letters noted in the Margin from the District Engineer Godavery Division, together with a plan, showing the arrangements of the present, and proposed towns of Dowlaiswaram.

2. It is proposed to keep the town entirely to the North of the Government Workshops, and other buildings, and to allow the extension to take places towards the Sapper lines, for which the grounds lying between the Main road to Rajahmundry, and the Port road, will afford ample places.

3. The high road leading from the Anicut to Rajahmundry, divides the town into two portions, of which the western one is to be devoted to the wealthier Classes, and, none but tiled, or terraced houses are to be erected in it, and the Eastern one to the poorer Classes, who will be permitted to erect thatched

In Two covers
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1 Do from Do dated 7th July 57 No 366
1 Do from Mr Cotton Rajahmundry dated 11 March 57 No 46
1 Plan

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4. The site set apart for any public buildings, such as the Engineering College, Electric Telegraph Station, Town Hall &c., is isolated from the town, and in the vicinity of the buildings containing at present the Stores belonging to the Godaveri expedition.—

5. Respecting the sanitary arrangements, information was given on the following points in my letter No. 843. dated 28th November 1856.—

1st The description of houses to be introduced, and the regularity with which they are to be built.—

2d The substitution of stone for mud, as the material for building the walls of the houses.—

3rd The formation of proper roads, to enable the inhabitants to prevent mud, and filth accumulating in the streets during the rainy season.—

4th Raising the ground on which the town is to be built.—

5th The construction of public necessaries.—

6th The raising among the householders, of a small annual subscription for the preservation of thoroughfares, and maintenance of scavengers.—

6. The Collector of Rajahmundry, in the accompanying Copy of letter, No. 44. dated 11th March 1857. states that he has placed himself in communication with the District Engineer, and hopes in the course of time to be able to introduce into the town, the provisions of the Municipal Act XXVI. of 1850.—

7. Respecting the size of the houses, and the further sanitary arrangements of the town, the Assistant District Engineer in his letter No. 366. of the 7th instant, writes.—

Para 3. "The size of the houses will of course
"vary with the means of the Individuals who erect
"them.—The enclosures however average about 200 Sq.re Yds.,
"the frontages occupying 15 Yds. in length.—The streets
"are 12 Yards broad inclusive of the ditches.—The
"houses are to be built in 2 rows facing outwards,
"there will be a small lane running at the back of
"each row, which the Inhabitants will be expected
"to keep clean.—and which will enable any Municipal
"Officer to ascertain, that no filth is allowed to accumu-
late in the court Yards in rear of the buildings.—In
"the Centre of the Town, a space has been allotted for
"the general weekly market.—in the middle of this space
"a large Square tank faced with stone is about to be
"erected by private Contributions, at one end will be
"a Poultry for the use of Travellers, and Merchants,
"Godowns will surround 3 sides of the Square, the
"fourth being open to the high road."—

Para 4. "The Town will be drained principally into the

"the Canal, which leads from the River to the Dacca
"Hill - as far as I can ascertain at present from the
"leading Inhabitants, they are willing to asses them-
"selves, and undertake the preservation of cleanliness -
"and sanatary arrangements." -

8. The extent of the town as at present pro-
posed, reaches from the river to the Sapper lines,
and from the Dacca hill to the Cocanada Canal,
the Native portion of it lying to the North, while the
Europeans have located themselves principally to
the South. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

A
A. Bp. Esq. M. C.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

No. 1.

No 1865.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 16th August, 1857.

Read the following

Letter from the Chief Engineer

With reference to Extract
Home Cons. No. 2109, dated 23rd Dec.
1856, forwards copies of correspondence,
together with a plan shewing the
arrangements of the proposed
towns of Dowlaiswaram in the
Rajahmundry District.

/ Received 30th July 1857 No 2511 /

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council approves
the plan on which it is pro-
posed to lay out the new
town of Dowlaiswaram in
the District of Rajahmundry
but desires that, under the
restrictive order now in force,
no expense be incurred in
carrying out the improvements,
for which Estimates, amounting
in the aggregate to Rupees 1610,
were entered in the Budget of 1857/58.

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Public Works Dept. Letter from Chief Engineer, dated 30th July 1857, No. 2511, with enclosures. Read 16th August 1857. Nos. 2-53.

From Lieut. Col. Orlebar, Chief Engineer,
To C. Hay Mackenzie, Esq. Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dated Fort St. George, 30th July 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to forward Copies of Correspondence with the Collector of Canara, regarding the Encroachments of the Sea at Honawar, and the Measures proposed to be adopted for protecting the Town.

2. I also forward a Plan of the Ground, shewing the Encroachments of the Sea, and the Alterations proposed to be made in the Position of the Streets and Buildings.

No 1065 of 1857.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Orlebar
Lieut. Col.
Chief Engineer.

Public Works Department Letter from the Collector of Canara, dated 25th Dec. 1856, forwarding Copies of Correspondence together with a Plan shewing the Arrangements of the proposed Towns of Dowlaiswaram in the Rajahmundry District.

No 854

Canara Collectorate Kumpta 25th December 1856.

From
The Collector of Canara,
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Plan of the Ground, shewing the Encroachments of the Sea at Honawar, and the Alterations proposed to be made in the Position of the Streets and Buildings.

2. The Plan is drawn to a Scale of 100 Feet to an Inch, and the Encroachments of the Sea are shewn in Red Colour.

3. The Plan is accompanied by a Report, dated 23rd Instant, from the Assistant Collector of Honawar, explaining the Encroachments of the Sea, and the Alterations proposed to be made in the Position of the Streets and Buildings.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Elliot
Collector.

Collr. Canara
25 Dec. 1856

2. The Governor in Council observes that in the present instance, as in many others which may be cited, the Chief Engineer writes a long letter, containing almost word for word the contents of the enclosures which he submits, without adding a single idea, remark, suggestion, or recommendation of his own. In such a course, it is obvious, not only serves no useful purpose, but wastes the time both of himself and of the Government, and that of both establishments.

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Copies to the Chief Engr.
Dep. Sec. Esq.

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Public Works, 1857 Department
Cons. 1st September

№ 1665.

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Dated 1st September 57.

From the Chief Engr 2d Dn 9th
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Approving the plan on which it is proposed to lay out the new town of Dowlaishwaram in the District of Rajahmundry, and desiring that under the Restrictive order now in force, no expense be incurred in carrying out the improvements for which estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rs 4640. were entered in the Budget of 1857/58.

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Cons. 15 Oct 1858 №