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No. 62. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D. Superintendent Botanical Gardens; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 30th September 1857, No. 157.

SIR,

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that on arrival at this station, having found the building operations suspended at the new Conservatory in the Government Gardens, I addressed Major Dobbie Executive Engineer on the subject. In reply* that Officer states that, he acted in accordance with the Chief Engineer's Circular dated 17th July 1857, No. 66. The materials being on hand to finish the work, and as the cost will now be small, I request that Government will be pleased to give the necessary instructions, in the absence of which Major Dobbie does not feel himself justified in completing the edifice.

* Dated 30th September 1857, No. 184, herewith annexed.

I may be permitted to mention that the close fitting of doors and windows is of the utmost consequence in the construction of a Conservatory, and that the wood-work unpainted and exposed to weather will suffer serious injuries, if the building be not glazed and roofed in.

Letter from Major G. STAPLE DOBBIE, Executive Engineer Ootacamund; to H. CLEGHORN, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated 30th September 1857, No. 184.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 153 dated 28th September 1857. I stopped the work in accordance with the orders of the Chief Engineer, vide Circular No. LXVI. dated 17th July 1857. I had proposed when the weather was fine to give all the wood-work of the Conservatory a coat of lead colour and so preserve it from the effects of the weather. I do not feel myself justified after the strict orders I have received, to go on with the work without permission from higher authority. I have all the glass and most of the material ready to finish the work which would soon be completed at a comparatively small cost, should I receive orders to finish them.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 2007; dated 24th October 1857.

The Government observe that the Conservatory at Ootacamund, referred to in the above letter, was entered in the Budget* of 1857-58 at an estimated cost of Rupees 4,300. Dr. Cleghorn's letter will now be communicated to the Chief Engineer, in view to his reporting the sum that had been expended upon the building up to the date on which the work was stopped under the recent restrictive orders, and the amount of balance in hand.

* Item No. 369 of Statement No. 2.

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

Ootacamund.
30th September 1857.

No. 157.

From,

F.C. Cleghorn Capt. & D.
Supt. Botanical Gardens.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant,

H. Christy
Supt. Botanical Gardens.

Executive Engineer's Office
Dotacamund Sept. 30th 1857

No 184.

From,
Major G. Staple Dobbie
Executive Engineer. Dotacamund.

To
H. Cleghorn Esqr.
Conservator of Forests
Dotacamund

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.
Signed, G. Staple Dobbie Major
Executive Engineer

True Copy.

H. Christy
Supt. Botanical Gardens.

Cons 20th May/58 No 96

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From The Supt Botanical Gar
To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Departm
Fort St Geo

Enclosed —

Dated 30th Sept 1857
Rec'd 8th October 57

The building operations
at the new Conservatory in the Go
Gardens at Ootacamund
being suspended in acc
ance with the Chief Engineer's Cir
Cir No 66 dated 17 July 1857, pr
Govt will issue the nece
sary instructions for its com
pletion, for reasons stated
within. No 2007, 24th October
With an order

No 2007.

The Government observe

1st That the Conservatory at Ootacamund
referred to in the above letter was
Item No 36 of in the Budget of 1857/58 at an Estim
Statement No 2. cost of Rs 4300. Dr Cleghorn's
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Fort St Geo
24th October 1857

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