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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd November 1857.

No. 40. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Military Department, dated 27th October 1857.

Read the following letter from F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 26th October 1857, No. 463.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of 20th Instant No. 455 I now, by order of the Commander in Chief have the honor to request you will be so good as to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of letter from Lieutenant Moberly, District Engineer, to the address of the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas', Mount, explanatory of the delay which had occurred in commencing on the Chunam washing and repairing the north Foot Artillery Barracks at that station preparatory to their being occupied by the detachment of Royal Artillery expected from England.

His Excellency desires me to observe that he thinks Lieutenant Moberly's explanation by no means satisfactory. The work required to be done was "trifling" and "emergent", and as such, might have been carried out under the Regulations of the service without first submitting an estimate for sanction to the Chief Engineer, a course of Proceeding, which at distant stations particularly, would be attended with the utmost inconvenience in like cases.

From Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to the BRIGADIER, Commanding Saint Thomas', Mount, dated camp at Guindy 19th October 1857, No. 1197.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 540 of the 16th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that immediately on receiving your letter No. 470 of the 12th September 1857, I forwarded a copy to your Staff Officer who was at that time in charge of the [illegible]s at the Mount, with a request that he would prepare the requisite estimate and forward it to me for transmission to the Chief Engineer, as without obtaining his sanction, I am precluded from carrying on repairs finding however after taking charge from Lieutenant Colonel Browne that he had not prepared any estimate, I called upon Lieutenant Hankin who I had put in charge to send it to me as early as possible; as however I have received instructions to carry on the repairs forthwith, I beg to inform you that they were commenced this morning.

As regards that portion of your letter in which you refer me to certain letter regarding the Well in the north Artillery Barrack square. I have the honor to inform you that on receiving your letter No. 502, of the 26th September, I had an estimate prepared which was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer in his letter dated the 2nd Instant and the clearing was completed on the 6th, as regards the Buckets &c., an estimate was prepared for them immediately on receiving your letter and forwarded to the Chief Engineer. Sanction has been received and orders issued, and but for the heavy rain of Wednesday and Thursday last and the feast on Friday and Saturday, the work would have been completed ere this.

In reply to para. 2, of your letter I would beg to state that there would have been no delay if the Quarter Master General had addressed the Chief Engineer direct as then I would have received instructions to carry out all that was required without having first to prepare an estimate and then wait for its sanction before I could commence.

No. 3764.

Communicated to Department Public Works.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 2056; dated 3rd November 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 27th October 1857.

Read the following letter
No 463

Quarter Mr Genl's
office

From

The Quarter Master General
of the Army

To The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
of 20th Instant No 455 Draw, by order
of the Commander in Chief, have the
honor to request you will be so good as
to submit to the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council the accompanying
copy of letter from Lieutenant Inderly

District

District Engineer, to the address of the Brigadier Commanding, Saint Thomas Mount, explanatory of the delay which had occured in commencing on the Chunam washing and repairing of the Saint Artillery Barracks at that station preparatory to their being occupied by the Detachment of Royal artillery, expected from England.

His Excellency desires me to observe that he thinks Sir H. Maclagan's explanation by no means satisfactory. The work required to be done was "trifling" and "emergent", and as such, might have been carried out under the Regulations of the service without first submitting an estimate for sanction to the Chief Engineer, a course of Proceeding, which at distant stations particularly, would be attended with the utmost

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in convenience in like cases.

I have &c.

(Signed) D. A. Reid

Quarter Mr General.

Fort St. George
26th October 1859.

No 1197.

To
The Brigadier
Commanding Saint Thomas
Mount.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 540 of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that immediately on receiving your letter No 470 of the 12th September 1859 I forwarded a Copy to your Staff Officer who was at that time in charge of the works at the Mount, with a request that he would prepare the requisite Estimate and forward it to me for transmission to the Chief Engr, as without obtaining his sanction I am precluded

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As regards that portion of your letter in which you refer me to certain letter regarding the well in the North Artillery Barracks square I have the honor to inform you that on receiving your letter No.o 502 of the 26th September I had an Estimate prepared which was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer in his letter dated the 2nd Instant and the clearing was completed on the 6th as regards the Bucket &c

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I have &c.a &c.a

District Engr.s Office Camp Gindy 19th Octor. 1857

(Signed) A.S. Moberly Lieut. Engr. & Chinglepu

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(A true Copy)
(Signed) M. Molesworth Capt.
Off. Station Staff, Officer.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. Maury
Aid. De. Asst. Adjt.
General of the Army.
No. 3714.

Communicated to Depart.
ment Public Works.

(Signed) C. A. Brownell
Secretary to Govt.
To
The Department
Public Works.

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Leonard Smith

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Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department

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Communicating a letter from the Dy Mr Genl of the Army explaining the delay which had occurred in commencing on the Chinnampet Washing & explaining the North Foot Artillery Barrack Road &c. &c. Horse and Mounted Police Parade Ground to their being occupied by the Detachment of Royal Artillery expected from England.

To be recorded
No 2056
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