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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th October 1858.

No. 143. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 30th September 1858, No. 4123.

SIR,

In a letter dated 2nd June 1858, No. 77, the Acting Garrison Engineer while reporting on the bad state of the roofs, &c. of the Accountant General's Office, requested authority to submit a fresh Estimate for remodelling the same, and was then desired to prepare and submit a Plan and Estimate, which I have the honor to forward, together with a copy of a letter from that Officer, dated 18th September 1858, No. 313, amounting to Rupees (16,800) sixteen thousand and eight hundred.

1 Copy of letter.
1 Abstract Estimate Rupees 16,800.
1 Plan.

2. The beams and joists of the 2nd and 3rd Stories of the building are much bent from the enormous weight of masonry laid over the terraced roof, and the inner cornices are also giving way from the great pressure above, so that it is necessary to give the roof support, and from the present appearance of the terrace, the cracks in which have been spreading, the leakage must become very considerable in the event of a severe monsoon.

3. The roof of the building is altogether in an unsound state, and requires complete renewal, and the accompanying Estimate of Rupees (16,800) sixteen thousand and eight hundred, being of larger proportional amount than the Chief Engineer is competent to sanction, I beg to submit the same for the orders of Government.

Letter from Lieutenant H. L. PRENDERGAST, Acting Garrison Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 18th September 1858, No. 313.

SIR,

With reference to your Resolution No. 880, dated the 5th June 1858, I have the honor to forward Plan and Estimate with Abstract, amounting to Rupees (16,800) sixteen thousand and eight hundred, for re-modelling the roof of the Accountant General's Office, and to report in continuation of my letter No. 77 of the 2nd June, that a part of the roof is now in that state, that it has been necessary to give it support. The inner cornices have been further giving way; there has been leakage to a slight extent, and from the present appearance of the terrace, the cracks in which have been spreading throughout, the leakage must become very considerable, in the event of a severe monsoon.

2. There are some of the joists on, in good preservation, but which will not be suitable for the new roof: it will be of advantage to sell them hereafter, rather than to cut them up to smaller dimensions, as in the latter case there will be a large amount of wastage.

.3 The building is altogether in an unsound state for the approaching monsoon, and at the request of the Accountant General, I have made a report to him to that effect, which I have no doubt has been forwarded to Government. The works required are so extensive, that some months must be given for their execution.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, No. 2130; dated 12th October 1858.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Garrison Engineer's Office.

5th to N 313.

From

Lieutenant H. L. Prendergast

Acting Garrison Engineer.

To

The Chief Engineer

in the D. P. W.

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to your Resolution ÷ Nº 880 dated the 5th June 1858, I have the honor to forward plan and estimate with Abstract, amounting to Rupees (16,800) sixteen thousand eight hundred, for re-modelling the roof of the Accountant General's Office, and to report in continuation of my letter Nº 77 of the 2nd June, that a part of the roof is now in that state, that it has been neces. .sary to give it support. The inner cornices ÷ have been further giving way; there has been leakage to a slight extent, and from the present appearance of the terrace, the cracks in which have been spreading throughout, the leakage must become very considerable, in the event of a severe monsoon.

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I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George — 18th September 1858.

(Signed) H. L. Prendergast Lieut.
Acting Garrison Engineer.

(True Copy)

Lt. Col.
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Comp. W.B.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 30th September 1858.

No. 4123

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

Public

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter dated 18th instant from the Acting Garrison Engineer, Fort St. George, with Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 16,800 for remodelling the roof of the Accountant General's Office in the Fort.

2. The Beams and joists of the 2nd and 3rd Stories of the building are much bent from the enormous weight of masonry laid over the terraced roof, and the inner cornices are also giving way from the great pressure above, so that it is necessary to give the

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Enclosure in a letter
From
The Offg Chief Engr
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt.

Dated 30th September 1858.
Recd 5th Octr

No. 4123

P.W. 2324/58

Copy of a letter from the Acting Garrison Engineer forwarding Plan and Estimate with Abstract amounting to Rupees 16,800 for remodelling the roof of the Accountant General's Office in the Fort.

Encl. to P.W.

the roof support, and from the present appearance of the terrace, the cracks in which have been spreading, the leakage must become very con-siderable in the event of a severe monsoon.

3. The roof of the building is altogether in an unsound state, and requires complete renewal, and the accompanying Estimate of Rupees 16,800, Sixteen thousand and eight hundred, being of larger proportional amount than the Chief Engineer is competent to sanction, I beg to submit the same for the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
L Lawford Lt. Colt.
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
30 September 1858.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Cons: 12th October
No. 2321.

From
The Offg. Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt.

Dated 30th } September 1858.
Recd }

No. 4123

Enclosures 3.
" 2. Returned 27-10
Encl. via Fin. Dept. 6/25 Oct. 58 & 22-6 with 21st Dec.

Forwards copy of a letter from the Acting Garrison Engineer, together with a Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 16,800, for remodelling the roof of the Accountant Generals Office and submitting the same for the orders of Government.

No. 2130. 12th October 1858.

With an order

No. 1430/144.

No. 2130

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration

Scott Ft. George
12th Oct. 58

3 Copies to the Financial Dept. with Estimate and Plan. Dated 13th