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No. 26. Read the following letter from Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, dated 16th November 1858, No. 479.

SIR,

I have the honor to report to Government, that on receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1052 dated 2nd June 1858, I communicated with the Brigadier Commanding Vellore and subsequently with the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works on the subject of the Vellore Pagoda referred to in the 5th para of the above Extract. The Brigadier is of opinion that the carvings in the Pagoda can be easily restored by the removal of the coating of chunam which now covers them; But the difficulty is to provide suitable accommodation for an office. The roof of the Pagoda has been inspected by Brigadier Logan, and is considered by him capable of sustaining a Building for such a purpose. On communicating with the Chief Engineer on these points, that Officer has furnished me with a Plan and an Estimate amounting to Rupees (3,250) three thousand two hundred and fifty for the removal of the objectionable Brick and Chunam and the erection of an Office Building, and has intimated that, should a new office be required for the Ordnance Officer at Vellore, another site than the present must be selected for the purpose. The estimate is considered large, and the antique appearance of the Pagoda will, it is supposed be lost, by the erection thereon of a modern structure, and hence the proposal for the selection of another site.

2. I have deemed it necessary to bring these circumstances to the notice of Government, with a view to receive their instructions as the course to be adopted in the provision of an office for the Ordnance Officer at Vellore, if the Vellore Pagoda is to be cleared of the Brick-work and chunam, to render the carvings visible.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 2590; dated 2nd December 1858.

The Government are not prepared to incur the expense that would be involved in the scheme proposed in this letter. They will therefore confine themselves for the present to directing that in any arrangements that may be made for enlarging the Arsenal at Vellore, care shall be taken not to injure any of the Pagoda carvings.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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No 479

From

The Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant,
G. Mallett Coll.
Inspector Genl. of Ords. & Magz.

Inspector Genl's Office,
Fort St. George,
10 November 1858.-

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No 1855 Secretary
Public Works Department
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From
The Inspector Genl of Ordnance
and Magazines

To
The Secretary to Government
Pub. Works Department

Dated Fort St
the 16th September 1858

Requesting instructions as to the course to be adopted in proceeding after accommodation for the Ordnance Officer Obliged, if the Cellar Magazine is to be cleared of the Powder and Ammunition Works of the carriages.

With copy Order
No 2590. 2nd December 1858.

No. 2590

The Govt are not prepared to incur the expence that would be incurred in the scheme proposed in this letter. They will therefore Confirm Observations for the present to directing that in any arrangement that may be made for enlarging the arsenal at Vellore, care shall be taken not to injure any of the Magazine Carriages

Fort St. George
2 Dec. 1858

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