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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 152. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st December 1858, No.5 935.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 5540, dated 18th November 1858, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput reporting on the condition of the Begum's House at Saint Thomas' Mount recommended for purchase, and to request the final orders of Government.

2. Although I was not directed to send in this report, I have thought it my duty to do so, but my opinion on the question of purchasing the property does not seem called for.

Letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Lieutenant Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Guindy, 24th November 1858, No. 943.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings Nos. 5228 and 5539 of the 9th and 18th Instant respectively, I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully examined the Begum's House at Saint Thomas' Mount, it is a badly built house, and the walls are of brick in clay, the front and middle part of the house have flat roof with teak wood rafters &c., but there is a room on either sides with a pent roof with Palmira rafters, there is also a room upstairs over the rear part of the building which is a pent roof, the wood of the Doors and Windows is generally speaking very old, altogether the building is not in such condition as to make it a good purchase for Government.

2 In the letter from Brigadier Hamond attached to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2030, of the 30th September, it is mentioned that there is a large compound, and that being in the vicinity of the Barracks and Parade ground, it would be very desirable to have the ground, so that the Horses of a Battery might be located in it, for these reasons, and as the ground is well adapted for Horse Lines, the bad state of the house might be overlooked.

No. 153. ORDER THEREON, No. 2651; dated 7th December 1858.

Referred to the Military Department in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation in this Department, dated 27th November 1858, No. 2539.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 943.

From

Captain A. T. Moberly

District Engineer of Chingleput

To

Lieut.t Colonel C. Lawford

Off.g Chief Engineer P. P. Works

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I have the honor to be, Sir
(Signed) A. S. Moberly Capt.
District Engr. of Chinglepute

Chinglepute
Distt. Engrs. Office
Guindy 24th. November
1858.

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(True Copy)
L. Newmarch Lt. Col.
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Enclosure in a letter
from
The Engr Officer Chingleput
to
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept

Dated 1st December 1858
Rec'd 2nd December 1858
No 5935

P.W.D. 2.9.32/58

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput reporting on the condition of the Begum's House at Saint Thomas' Mount.

No 5935

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The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obedient Servant

Lt Col
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
1st December 1858.

Corrs: 5th Oct/58. Nos 30-31.
—— 20 Nov/58 — Nos 80-81.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Corrs: Recd No 2932. December

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

Dated 1
Recd 2d } December. 1858.
No 5345

Encloses
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No 2661. 7 Dec 1858.
With an order &

No 2651

Returned to the Military Department with Communication of Corrs noted in this Department dated 7th December 1858 No 2537.

Fort St George
7th December 1858.

Corrs to Military Dept
Dated 8th

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