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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 67. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in charge of Central office, of P. W.; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 8518.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 79, dated 16th January 1858, I have the honor to submit an estimate amounting to Rupees (220) two hundred and twenty, for adapting part of Tiroomul Naik's Palace to the purpose of a Subordinate Court.

2. The plan which accompanies will shew how Lieutenant Campbell, in communication with the Judge and Collector, has endeavoured to meet the views of Government for preserving the Palace from disfigurement, and I am of opinion that the alterations will produce no permanent deterioration of the edifice, especially if the partition walls are built of brick in clay which under the conditions proposed is perfectly suitable, although it cannot be denied that for the present the Palace is temporarily disfigured and defaced.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend the sanction of the estimate, viz., Rupees (220) two hundred and twenty.

Letter from Lieutenant J. M. CAMPBELL, Acting District Engineer of Madura; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Madura, 10th March 1858, No. 1070.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Extract Proceedings No. 6773, under date 21st January 1858, forwarding Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 79, dated 16th January 1858, and calling for a report as to the effect which certain arrangements for the accommodation of the Subordinate Court of Madura in Tiroomul Naik's Palace, would have on the appearance of that building.

2. The former estimate prepared by Lieutenant Scott, provided for the accommodation of the Subordinate Court in the space A B E F, on the enclosed plan. It was proposed to partition off this space from the Session's Court by a wall A B, built up to the soffit of the arches, while the Sub Judge's seat was to be at K, and a new wall G H, 9 feet high would divide the body of the Court from the part appropriated to writers, &c.

3. On inspecting the Palace, I came to the conclusion, that to fill up the arches by the wall A B must by interrupting the view of the cloisters, which forms, in my opinion, the greatest beauty of the Palace, materially affect its appearance. An idea of the effect may be gained by a reference to the section on A B.

4. I could see no remedy for this but lowering the partition wall, and though I must allow that one of any height will be somewhat of an eye-sore, it will hardly be worse than the numerous walls already built to the height of 8 or 9 feet, and some of which are shown in burnt sienna on the plan. A wall of this height however would not, I feared sufficiently separate the two Courts when placed in such close proximity, but I judged it expedient to take the opinion of the Judge on that point. I accordingly visited the Palace in company with Mr. Mayne, when he gave it as his opinion that a partition wall of 9 feet height would answer the purpose, or at all events was worth the trial, as he considered that it was sufficient to shut out each Court from view of the other, and that the noise of business would not be found an inconvenience. The wall G H, would probably have some effect in causing a slight echo in the direction of the Sessions Court, and Mr. Mayne was of opinion, that it might be omitted with advantage.

5. In accordance with these suggestions, I prepared the accompanying estimate of Rupees 220 which provides merely for the wall A C, 9 feet high, and with one door in it, the addition of 1 foot height to C B, and the Judge's seat, besides opening out two lights in the north wall D F, as originally proposed by Lieutenant Scott. As I remarked before, these partition walls do, to a certain extent, injure the appearance of the Palace, but one of 9 feet height, although it interrupts the view in part still permits the eye to pass over it, and the beauty of the cloister is thus

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not wholly lost. Besides it will be evident at a glance, that this wall, like others already built, is merely a temporary erection which can be swept away at any moment without leaving a trace of its existence, and in this view of the case, I propose a perfectly plain wall, as I do not think that any attempt to make it harmonize with the rest of the building would have a prospect of success.

6. The dotted line shows the height to which the wall will be raised, while a good idea of the effect may be obtained from section C D where one of those already built is shown.

7. As to the convenience of having the two Courts in such immediate proximity, with only a half partition between them, I had some doubts, but I thought Mr. Mayne was probably the best judge on that point.

8. Should the present plan be objected to either on that score, or on account of the injury it would inflict on the appearance of the Palace, I see no course left, but the erection of a new building for the Sub Court, as the only other parts of the Palace where it might be placed are, the small halls on the north and south side, which are in a most ruinous condition and could only be rendered secure by being in a great measure re-built. The expense of this would be great and the accommodation gained would withal be inferior to that of a new building, designed with a view to the purpose for which it was to be employed.

Letter from R. D. PARKER, Esq., Collector of Madura; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Madura, 12th March 1858, No. 327.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying original letter and enclosures addressed to you by the Acting District Engineer of Madura, and received by me last night, relative to the adaptation of a portion of Tiroomul Naik's Palace to the purpose of the Subordinate Court House.

2. I have no remark to offer further than that Mr. Campbell appears to me to have laid the matter very fully and fairly before you. The wall which it is necessary to erect will certainly be in some degree a disfigurement to the building; and I very much doubt whether it will be found practicable to conduct the business of two Courts in such close proximity to each other; but the arrangement may answer temporarily till the new Jail is built, when another one will suggest itself.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 703; dated 16th April 1858.

Ordered to be referred to the Judicial Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 23rd December last, No. 1664.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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The Acting District Engineer

Madura.

To,

The Chief Engineer

Department of Public Works.

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On inspecting the Palace, I came to the conclusion that to fill up the arches by this wall **A.B.** must be interrupting the view of the cloisters, which forms, in my opinion, the greatest beauty of the Palace, materially affect its appearance. An idea of the effect may be gained by a reference to the section on **A.B.**

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Madura District,
Engineers Office,
Madura, 10th March 1858.

I have vc vc vc
(Signed) J. M. Campbell. Lt.
Acting District Engineer.

Madura.

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James Major
Supg. Insp. to Civil Engrs.
of Central Office of P.W.

Contd.

Madura, 12th March 1858.

From, R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

To, Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer in the D. P. M.
Fort Saint George.

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I have &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Madura
12th March 1858.

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To The Secretary to Government P.H.D.

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I have the honor to be
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Yours devotedly,
D. Campbell Esq.
Supt. Engr. & Civil
in ch. of P. & O. Affairs

To
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