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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th April 1858, No. 8778.

SIR,

1 Letter from the District Engineer Chingleput No. 1975, dated 24th March 1858, with
1 Enclosure.
1 Letter from the District Engineer Chingleput No. 2039, dated 31st March 1858.
1 Abstract Estimate.
2 Plans.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, Plans and Estimates amounting to Rupees (5,490) five thousand four hundred and ninety, for certain buildings, for the proper accommodation of the Horse Battery at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. These works appear to have been undertaken by the District Engineer, partly on an order from the Brigadier, and partly under the supposed verbal instructions of His Excellency the Commander in Chief; but Lieutenant Moberly did not submit any estimate, till the buildings had been for some time in progress, nor did he report to this office the instructions he had received.

3. There is no doubt therefore, that the District Engineer has carried on these works without due authority, but it is to be remarked, that the demands for increased Military accommodation at the Mount have been very urgent; and Lieutenant Moberly having incurred blame for supposed dilatoriness in other cases, was probably over anxious to avoid censure in this.

4. The only work entered in the Progress Reports is, for "constructing a compound wall "round Handin's ground, for picketting the Horses of the Royal Artillery."

5. The buildings consist of a compound wall bounding Handin's Livery Stables Rupees 1,610, a Guard room Rupees 2,260, 2 Line houses, Rupees 326, a Trough for horses, Rupees 310, and Levelling ground, Rupees 954. Total Rupees (5,490) five thousand, four hundred and ninety.

6. The buildings are all necessary; the rates are generally suitable, and the estimate is recommended for sanction.

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Letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Guindy, 24th March 1858, No. 1975.

SIR,

With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Acting Staff Officer at the Mount, I have the honor to forward 2 Plans and an Estimate amounting to Rupees 5,490, for constructing a compound wall &c., round the ground near Mr. Handin's Stables for Picketting the Horses intended for the Horse Battery at that Station, the compound wall and Trough are finished, the Guard room is in progress and the Line houses are not yet commenced.

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Letter from Captain H. MOLESWORTH, Acting Station Staff Officer; to Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput, Guindy, dated Mount, 19th December 1857, No. 683.

SIR,

* To be returned.

In forwarding the accompanying correspondence* received from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division, I have the honor by order of the Brigadier Commanding the Mount to request you will be good enough to take *immediate* steps for the ground therein alluded to being drained and levelled for Horse Lines.

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No. 4441. Military Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 8th December 1857.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, 30th November 1857, No. 542; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Right Honorable the Governor is aware that, at the present moment, the horses intended for Horse Battery purposes are picketted on the Parade ground at the Mount, an arrange-

ment open to many obje tions. The Commander in Chief has therefore endeavoured to find some other spot suitable for the purpose, and His Excellency desires me to request you will be so good as to submit the accompanying survey of a piece of ground, rented by Mr. Handin, Livery Stable keeper at Saint Thomas' Mount, which the latter is willing to sub-let to Government, although he declares himself much inconvenienced by it, the ground is conveniently situated at the north of the Mount Parade, and the Survey Sketch shews that it is capable, by drainage of being made available. This ground, His Excellency wish to adopt to the purpose of picketting the Horses immediately.

Mr. Handin pays, it is understood 17 Rupees a month for the whole lot, including the ground on which his own dwelling house and stables stand and the Commander in Chief think that if Government paid him (20) twenty Rupees a month for the accommodation required which of course does not include the dwelling house &c., it would be ample remuneration for any inconvenience or loss the present holder might suffer.

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The Governor in Council sanctions the ground referred to being hired at a rate not exceeding Rupees (20) twenty per mensem for the purpose required.

(True Extract and Copy.)

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

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Letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; dated Camp at Guindy, 31st March 1858, No. 2039.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 8573 of the 29th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that on getting the letter from the Staff Officer St. Thomas' Mount together with the Extract Minutes of Consultation referred to, I enquired from the Staff Officer and Brigadier to state exactly what was required as I had not been present on the occasion of His Excellency the Commander in Chief inspecting the ground in question, they informed me that a wall was required to divide the ground from Mr. Handin's Stables and also from the compound on the east, that a building would be required for the Guard who would be in charge of the Horses, also Line Houses and a Trough would be required for watering the Horses.

2. Shortly afterwards His Excellency the Commander in Chief accompanied by His Lordship the Governor visited the Mount and on finding that the wall had not been begun His Excellency en quired why I had not commenced it and on my stating that I had put every available hand on the Gun sheds he desired me in His Lordship's presence to proceed quickly with the work as more Horses were shortly expected.

3. In building the Guard room &c., I conceived I was only carrying out the wishes of His Excellency and as at that time there had been several complaints made to Government and stating that apparently I wished to delay works instead of expediting them I carried out what was pointed out to me by the Brigadier and his Staff Officer.

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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 747; dated 22nd April 1858.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department for consideration.

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

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Central Office of P.W.

Military

No. 8778

Fort Saint George,
7 April 1858.

From,
The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of Public Works.

To,
The Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for Submission to Gover-

Enclosed [illegible] ment, plans and estimates amounting to Rupees (5790)

Five thousand four hundred and Ninety, for certain

buildings, for the proper accommodation of the Horse

Battery at Saint Thomas's Mount.

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6 The buildings are all necessary; the rates are generally suitable, and the estimate is recommended for Sanction.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Stanford Major
Superintending Engineer
in charge of the Central
Office of Public Works

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7th April 1858

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To
The Secretary to Government,
of W.D.

Dated 7th April 1858.
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No. 8776

5 Enclosures
Returned
No. 10 583

Forwards for sanction Plans
and Estimates amounting to Rs. 7490
for certain buildings for the proper
accommodation of the Horse
Battery at Saint Thomas's
Mount.

No. 747. 22nd April 1858
With an order

No. 747.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department
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Fort St. George
22nd April 1858

A Copy sent to the Public Dept
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