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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Municipal Commissioners Office.
Madras 13th March 1858.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

We have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that for the purpose of improving the circulation of air in the Town we propose widening the eastern end of Moocur Nulla Mootoo Chetty Street, which runs from Popham's Broadway by the side of the Church Mission Chapel to the rear of Abercrombie's Battery, by purchasing the Houses on the south side from its junc=tion with Unkapa Naick Street, where it is 24½ feet wide, to the 2nd line Beach, &c., where it is narrowed down to a mere lane of only 12 feet 4 inches, as shewn in the accompanying Sketch.×

× requested to be returned.

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2. To make this improvement complete, it is very desirable that a portion of Abercrombie's Battery should be given up in order to continue the street to the Batt Beach Road, — we are aware that some time back it was proposed to erect a Post and Telegraph Office on the site of the said Battery, but we respectfully beg to point out that if the entire space is devoted to that purpose, the proposed building will entirely mask one of the few openings East and West, by which the sea breeze finds its way into Black Town. — We trust that this object, so which is so desirable in a sanitary point of view, may induce the Government to meet our wishes, or at all events we hope that the intention to close that opening by the erection of a large building may, upon this representation, be abandoned. —

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servants

—— President

Municipal Comm.rs
for the Town of Madras

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Memo:

With reference to the Hon. W. Morehead's remarks on "the Draft disposing of the "proposal of the Municipal Commrs "regarding the Abercrombie Battery" in which he asks for information

(A) under what authority the Commrs spend money for improvements,

(B) who decides that such improvements are to be made, and

(C) who gives the Commrs the Funds?

the undersigned has the honor to circulate Acts XIV, XXV and XXVI of 1856, and to invite attention, first, to Sect XXV of the last mentioned Act, which disposes of Question (A). With this Sect. may be read Sects IV, VI and IX of Act XIV, which indeed furnish an answer also to Question (B). The Commrs appear to be able to do everything by themselves except laying out new & diverting old roads.

Question (C) will be found answered in the foregoing Sections. but please see Public Consultn 10th Feby/57 put up, by which it will be learnt that the Commrs came in for upwards of two lacs from the old Justices.

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From the Municipal Com. missioners. Madras.

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Brings to the notice of Govt that for the purpose of improving the Circulation of air in the Town they propose widening the Eastern end of Moveur Nulla Moveur Chilly's Street, which runs from Popham's Broadway by the side of the Church Mission Chapel to the Cear of Abercrombie's Battery by purchasing the houses on the South side from its junction with Uncapa Naick Street. Toward a Sketch of the same state that to make this improvement complete a portion of Abercrombie's battery should be pierced up.

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D/ 26th April/58.
From Chief Engr. D/ 7th May 1858 Cons. No 16 & 3 Ill. & Pass. Reserving on the proposal of the Municipal Comrs for widening the Eastern end of Moveur Nulla Moolar Chetty's Street in Black Town, that the Municipal Comrs would appear to propose the abandonment of the site for the contemplated Buildings of the Post & Telegraph Depts by giving up a portion of Abercrombie's Battery that dictation abandonment or even reservation of a portion of the Battery for the inlet of the breeze into the Town would involve a complete change in a Plan that has been

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Resolving therefore, to refer to the Gt. Engr. for report on the subject of the present proposal.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th April 1858 -

Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners Madras -

(Here enter 15th March 1858 No 350

The occupation of Abercrombie's Battery by a building for the service of the Post and Telegraph Depts, was proposed in the Budget of 1857/58; and altho' sanction for the erection of the structure has not yet been accorded in consequence of restricted funds, still from para 5 of Col Baker's letter of the 30th Oct/57, No 5213, it is to be presumed that the general plan and design of the building ~~has~~ have met with the approval of the Govt of India. From the close of para 2 of their letter, the Municipal Comrs would appear to propose the abandonment of the site, in connection with a project for widening a street running in rear of Abercrombie's Battery, inasmuch as the erection of the proposed building would obstruct the ventilation of the

town, by masking one of the few openings for the passage of the sea breeze. Such an abandonment, or even reservation of a portion of the battery for the inlet of the breeze, as suggested in the beginning of the 2d para of the Comrs letter above referred to, would involve a complete change in a plan that has been matured and agreed upon after long deliberation; and as regards the selection of another site, the Govt further see difficulty ~~in this respect~~, in the absence of any other locality which would so well serve the interests of the community. The Govt however admit the great importance of the plan suggested by the Municipal Comrs in connection with the sanitary condition of the Town. to make reference to the Chief and they resolve therefore

Engr, who will report on the subject with reference to the letter of the Municipal Comrs above recorded. [illegible]

9 Copies to the Chief Engr with Copy of the letter & orig Plan. Disp. 27

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