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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd July 1858.

No. 56. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 4th June 1858, No. 674.

Read the following letter from A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Director of Public Instruction ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Combaconum, 18th May 1858, No. 406.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the annexed copy of a letter under date the 5th Instant from Lieutenant Colonel Pears, Inspector of Schools, reporting that Rama Dassapah Naidoo the Poligar of Vencatagherry in the District of North Arcot, has offered to erect a School house for the Talook School which has been established at Palamanair, according to a plan which has been approved by Colonel Pears, and the cost of which has been estimated at Rupees 827-15-4, provided the Government will contribute the sum of Rupees 307 as a grant in aid.

2. Colonel Pears observes that the Poligar "is a person of wealth, influence and respectability, and one who has shewn a warm interest in the cause of education;" and that "he has moreover means at his command, which will enable him to execute a work of this kind quite, as well, and probably on more advantageous terms, than it could be done by the Department of Public Works."

3. It will be in the recollection of His Lordship in Council that a grant of Rupees 77-8, was sanctioned in aid of local subscriptions raised for providing a building for this School in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1036, dated 30th July 1857. This grant which has not yet been drawn, will merge in that now proposed, which I beg to recommend for sanction.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. C. PEARS, Inspector of Schools ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, dated Ootacamund, 5th May 1858, No. 19.

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2. The expense of the building, (upon a plan which I fully approved of), was estimated at Rupees 827-15-4. The local contributions amounted to Rupees 137, (including a donation of Rupees 60 from the Polygar himself.)

3. Under ordinary circumstances, the Government would sanction a disbursement of a like sum of Rupees 137, making a total of Rupees 274.

4. The Polygar however offers, provided Government will contribute the sum of Rupees 307 (considerably less than half the expense) and will make over the local contributions to him, to undertake himself the construction of the building, according to the plan and estimate above referred to.

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6. I am very sorry that I have not been able to submit the Polygar's proposal to you sooner, and that so much delay should take place before the decision of Government upon it can reach him.

7. I thought it necessary however before I laid it before you, to obtain the opinion of the District Engineer of North Arcot upon the Plan and Estimate.

8. I forwarded them to him accordingly on the 9th March 1858, but have only received his reply this day. It appears that from an unusual press of business and other causes, he was unable to attend to the subject sooner.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd July 1858.

9. Mr. Dopping considers that the Polygar has considerably (by upwards of 200 Rupees) under estimated the expense of the building, but considering the command of labour and materials which his position gives him, he recommends that the offer of Rama Dassapah Naidoo, should be accepted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
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3. The arrangement is recommended by the Director of Public Instruction, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes its being carried out. A grant of Rupees (307) three hundred and seven, will accordingly be made towards the construction of the proposed School house, to be charged to the Educational Building Fund.

4. The grant sanctioned in July 1857 will, it is observed, merge in that now authorized.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. FYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 1213; dated 26th June 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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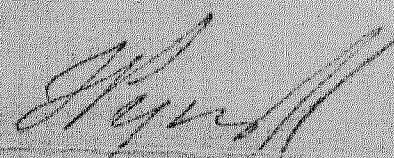
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To the Director of Public Instruction.

„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Auditor.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Public Works 1858 Sept 17
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Arch and Min. of Gen.
Public Department.

Sept 4th 1858
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Received a grant
of \$1500 towards the purchase
of a school house at the
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1858. 26th June 1858.
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men.

W. H. Barclay

John W. Barclay
26th June 1858

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