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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 25-1-59

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Dated	21-1-	1859

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 25th January 1859.

No. 69. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 30th November 1858, No. 4309.

Read the following papers.

Extract Minutes Consultation Public Works Department.

(Here enter 19th October 1858, No. 2197.)

Letter from Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 27th November 1858, No. 185.

Dated 22nd October 1858.
Dated 19th do. do.

1. Adverting to the order of Government in the Military Department referring for my report Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the Public Works Department, I have the honor to make the following observations.

No. 1387, dated 17th July 1858.

2. It has been considered undesirable to disturb the occupants of the ground north of the Railway Terminus which was pointed out to me in Minutes of Consultation, as suitable for a Commissariat Timber Depôt, I have now visited personally and examined a piece of ground south of the Railway Terminus lying between the Black Town walls and the Terminus, and open to the Sea.

3. This piece of ground is now occupied by the timber of private speculators, by a large quantity of Government Coal, which will be removed as soon as buildings now preparing to receive it are completed and which will be very shortly.

4. There are two Public Privies on it, not much resorted to, and to the removal of one of which, there would probably be no obstacle.

5. This piece of ground appears to me particularly suited as a new site for a Commissariat Timber Depôt. The proximity to the Sea is an important feature, for it must be observed that the Depôt is not merely a place to stow Timber but it is a Manufactory also, in which a vast amount of work is always being carried on. All the furniture for Public Offices, Chests for the Treasury, Fittings for Churches, furniture for Hospitals, Barracks, &c., are made there; but what most renders it important that the Depôt should be near the Sea, is the constant connexion it has with the Shipping, for it has to supply and ship Horse Boxes, fitting up Powder Magazines on board, constructing Stalls for Horses and Bullocks, Battens for Hammocks, and to perform various other Carpentry and Smithery on Shipboard, which call often for immediate action.

6. If therefore the ground I have described can be devoted to the purpose of a Commissariat Timber Depôt and Manufactory, I would strongly urge that it may be set aside for that purpose in lieu of the site now occupied by it and required for a Telegraph and Post Office.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Commissary General be communicated to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 207; dated 21st January 1859.

Ordered to be referred together with the Order in this Department of the 19th October 1858 No. 2197, to the Commandant of Engineers and Town Major who will jointly consider the proposition of the Commissary General and report their opinion thereon to Government. Should they concur with the Commissary General they will, before reporting, take measures to as-

certain, in communication with the Collector of Madras, whether the piece of land in question is the property of Government, and if not to whom it belongs and on what terms it may be obtained. They will also ascertain from the Municipal Commissioners whether there is any objection on their part to the occupation of the land in question in the mode proposed.

2. Should the two Officers however prefer any other site than that proposed by Colonel McCally, they will in like manner make the necessary enquries respecting such piece of land.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department

No 1309

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

30th November 1858

Read the following Papers

Extract Min. to Pub. Works Depart.

/Recd under 19th October 1858 No 2197/

Commissary General's Office
Madras 27th November 1858
No 135

From The Commissary General

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort St George

Sir,

9/22d Oct. 1858 No 2197
9/19 — do — —

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No. 1387
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This piece of ground is now occupied by the timber of private speculators, by a large quantity of Government Coal, which will be removed as soon as buildings now preparing to receive it are completed and which will be very shortly.

There are two Public Privies on it, not much resorted to, and to the removal of one of which, there would probably be no obstacle.

This piece of ground appears to me particularly suited as a new site for a Commissariat Timber Depôt. The proximity to the Sea is an important feature, for it must be observed that the Depôt is not merely a place to store Timber but it is a manufactory also, in which a vast amount of work is always being carried on. All the furniture for Public Offices, Chests

for Ordnance, Treasury Fittings for Churches, Furniture for Hospitals, Barrack Bedsteads &c. are made here, but what most renders it important that the Depôt should be near the Sea, is the constant connexion it has with the Shipping, for it has to supply and ship Horse Boxes, fitting up Powder Magazines on board, constructing Stalls for Horses and Bullocks, Battens for Hammocks, and to perform various other Carpenters and Smiths work on Ships-board, which call often for immediate action.

Therefore the ground I have described can be devoted to the purpose of a Commissariat Timber Depôt and Manufactory, I would strongly urge that it may be set aside for that purpose in lieu of the site now occupied by it and required for a Telegraph and Post Office.

I have &c.
(Sgd) A. McCally Lt Col
Commissary General

Ordered that the foregoing Letter from the Commissary General

Should be communicated to the Department
ment Public Works.

I have &c
Jas Marshall, Colonel
Dy Secretary to Govt

To

The Department Public Works.

Comp? H.G.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the January, 1859.

Read the following

Extract from the Minutes of

Consultation in the Military

Department

Communicating to this

Department a letter from the

Commissary General reporting upon

the Site decided for the Commissariat

Simla Depôt

As the Sum of

ground between the Black

Town Mall and the Railway

Commissariat Timber Yard,

Commissary General to be made

Commissariat Timber Yard,

His Right Honorable the Governm

in Council will not object,

under the circumstances stated

in para 5 to its being made

available for that purpose,

and

Cons: 19th Oct. 58 No 109 V 100
" 20th July " 58 V 59.
" 23rd November 58 No 70 "
" 14th December " 43-44

Pub Wks 1858 Dy. Sec. Dy. to Govt: 25 Jany. 59 No 2962)

Extract Mins Govt Military Department

Dated 30th Nov 1858 Read 6 Dec } 1858 No 5439)

S.G. No 707 21st January 59

Communicating the decision of Govt upon the letter from the Commissary-General respecting upon the Site decided for the Commissariat Simla Depôt

A 269.

Cs 5th Jany 59 R 11th Ca 12th Jan 59 R 17

and desires that the Chief Engineer will submit an estimate of the cost of constructing the necessary buildings upon it, after ascertaining that the ground is the property of Government.

W A B

Pub. Works Depr.

No 207.

Extract from the Minutes of Commissioners
Under date the 21st Jany 1839.

Read the following
ing Extract from the
Minutes of Coms. in
the Civil Engy Departt.

Communicating to this De-
partment a letter from the
Commissary General report-
ing upon the Site selected
for the Commissariat Store
Depot

(Novr 30 & Jan 38 & 4309)

Ordered that the
same be laid before
Under in this Department
of the 19th October 1838 &
2197 to the Commandant
of Engineers and Town Mayor
~~and Municipal Com~~
~~missioners~~ who will
jointly consider the
suitableness of the
Commissary General
and report their opinion
thereon

C. Jany 1839

thereon to Government.
Should they consent
with the Commissary
General they would
before reporting, take
measures to ascertain
whether the piece
of land in question
is the property of
Government, and if
not to what it belongs
and on what
terms it may be
obtained. They will also ascertain from the
Municipal Court whether
there is any objection on
their part to the ex-
emption of the land
in question in the mode
proposed.

2. Should the two
Officers [illegible] any other
than that proposed by Col. MacCally,
they will in
like manner make
the necessary enquiries
respecting such piece
of land.

3. [illegible]

1 Copy to the Commandant of Engrs Dated 22
with C. Ref. No. 2197.
1 — " — " Town Major "
1 — " — " Coll. of Madras "
3 — " — " Municipal Court for the Town of Madras "
7 — " — " Judy Dept "

Public Works 1859 Dispatches
Dy:- to Cons: 25th January

No 207.
Extract Mins: of Cons:
D/ 21st Jany/59.

From the Adjt Town Major D/ 24th
Feby 60 C/No 508 m/Cons:
10 March -97-98.

Referring to a letter from the Order in this Department to the Commandant of Engineers and Town Major to consider jointly the proposition of the Commissary General and prepare their opinion thereon to Government and directing that if they concur with the Commissary General they will take measures to ascertain in communication with the Collector of Madras whether the piece of ground between the Black Town walls and the Railway Terminus is the Government property and if not to whom it belongs and on what terms it may be obtained &c.

No 69 & 70.

C. 12 & Dft. 4 Aug.