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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 5th to 21st October 1859.*

No. 111. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 3rd October 1859, No. 3518.

Calling for plans and estimates of the cost of the requisite buildings for the protection of the magazine and military stores at Trichinopoly. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 24th Sept. to 4th October 1859, Nos. 275 @ 278.)

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1859, No. 2430.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who will submit the plans and estimates called for in the above proceedings.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

*From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 26th September 1859, No. 375 ;
to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

That Government may be fully aware of how the subject of the Fortified Post at Trichinopoly now stands, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief, to request, you will be so good as to submit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer thereon. His Excellency remarks, that this is a very important matter, and which he has been very anxious about, and one in which there should be no delay whatever.

2. The Arsenal and Magazine and Ordnance Establishment generally, at Trichinopoly, are in a very unsafe position, and it is absolutely necessary that immediate steps should be taken to remedy an evil of such importance.

3. The following is a brief Sketch of the correspondence &c. that has taken place on the subject.

4. Sir P. Grant's Minute, in which he first recommends the Fortified Post, and brings to notice the dangerous and insecure position of the Arsenal and Magazine, is dated 12th October 1858, and appears in Minutes of Consultation 7th December 1858, No. 2641.

5. On 16th May 1859, I brought to the notice of Government, that the Arsenal at Trichinopoly still remained in the same insecure state, as described in the Commander-in-Chief's Minute of 12th October 1858.

6. On 21st May, I forwarded to Government a Minute by the Commander-in-Chief, referring to the Proceedings of Government of 7th idem on the subject of the Arsenal.

7. On the 10th of June 1859, Government issued orders regarding the Trichinopoly Arsenal, in connection with the Commander-in-Chief's Minute of 12th October 1858, and in para. 2 directs that the Chief Engineer, in communication with the Commandant of Engineers, and subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, be called upon to prepare a Plan and Estimate, *complete and perfect in all details*, for the proposed defensive work.

8. On 18th July, I requested the Chief Engineer to be kind enough to hurry on the plan and Estimates for the Fortified Post at Trichinopoly. A reply to this, dated the following day, from the Chief Engineer stated, that the Commandant of Engineers had taken entire charge of preparing the Plan for the Trichinopoly Fortified Post, on the receipt of which by the Chief Engineer, he would cause the Estimate to be prepared with the least possible delay.

9. On the 20th July, I addressed the Commandant of Engineers, stating the Commander-in-Chief's anxiety, that the building of the Fortified Post at Trichinopoly should be put in hand as soon as possible, and begging that the Plan might be completed without delay, the Commandant of Engineer's reply is dated 30th July, forwarding the Plan, and stating that the cost of the building is estimated at Rupees (1,11,400,) one hundred and eleven thousand and four hundred.

10. On the 1st August, I returned the Plan to the Commandant of Engineers, stating that the rough Estimate contemplated but Rupees (50,000,) fifty thousand, and asking if the larger Estimate included the cost of Barracks and other buildings inside the Fort.

11. The Commandant of Engineers replied on 4th August, that this Estimate did not include other buildings, and that it was undoubtedly higher than his own rough Estimate, but that the difference was partly caused by the Case-mates.

12. On 8th August, I forwarded the Plan to the Chief Engineer, informing him that His Excellency approved of it and recommended that it should be considered a Standard Plan for all Fortified works for Military Stations in the Plains, with such modifications as regards size, as circumstances might render expedient.

8th August 1859.

13. Nothing more was heard of the Plan until the receipt of the enclosed copy of letter dated 21st September 1859, No. 5262, in answer to one from me on 14th instant, begging the Chief Engineer to state what steps had been taken in reference to the construction of the Fortified Post.

14th September 1859.

21st September 1859.

14. The Commander-in-Chief desires me to conclude, in again expressing to Government His Excellency's consideration of the very great importance of this subject, and his opinion that immediate action is indispensable.

From the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, 21st September 1859, No. 5262; to the Quarter Master General of the Army.

† No. 2146.

In reply to your letter† of the 14th instant, I have the honor to request, you will inform His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that beyond the preparation of an Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,11,400 nothing has yet been done towards the construction of a Fortified Post at Trichinopoly.

2. The Estimate in question however does not provide for the buildings to be erected within the works, which are not yet planned, and Captain Moberly will now be called upon to submit Plans and Estimates accordingly, but it is as well to remind you, that as the whole amount will greatly exceed that which it is competent for the Government of India to sanction, the entire project will have to be submitted to the Home Authorities prior to its being commenced.

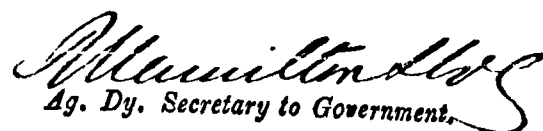
ORDER, No. 3518, 3rd October 1859.

The Governor in Council entirely concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the public interests indispensably require that the work referred to in the foregoing letter, should be undertaken without delay.

2. His Honor however observes the primary object of the Defensive Post, being to protect the Magazine and Military Stores; an Estimate of the cost of the requisite buildings is consequently necessary, and the Chief Engineer is requested to prepare the same without delay, in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, the calculation for the stores being strictly confined to local wants, with due regard to the facility of replenishing the stores, by sea, and rail, from Madras.

3. The foregoing letter will accordingly be communicated to the Chief Engineer, through the Department Public Works, in view to the early submission of the Plans and Estimates, as now required, as well as, those called for by para. 2 of the order of Government in the Military Department, dated 10th June 1859, No. 2048.

(True Extract.)


Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

- „ Department Public Works. *With 20 spare copies*
- „ Inspector General of Ordnance.
- „ Commandant of Engineers, for information.

Mr. 24th June/57. 1556-57

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