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No. 15. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 15th February 1859, No. 7903.

SIR,

1 Copy of letter from the Acting Garrison Engineer No. 637 dated 8th February 1859.

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, the accompanying transcript of a letter received from the Acting Garrison Engineer No. 637, dated 8th Instant, on the subject of the shed proposed to be erected, at the Abercrombies Battery on the North Beach.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 155, dated 18th Ultimo, the sum of Rupees 125-4-6 (part of Rupees 500) was sanctioned for certain alterations, to an existing shed, on the site referred to, for the purpose of fitting it up for a forge.

3. In their order No. 276, dated 29th Idem, the Government were also pleased to authorize for immediate construction, at a cost not exceeding 621 Rupees, a temporary shed 142×25 for the protection of Machinery and for the accommodation of certain Mechanical Engineers arrived from England.

4. Accordingly in a letter No. 7658, dated 5th Instant; the Garrison Engineer was informed, that the shed sanctioned by Government, in their order last quoted, was to be erected north of the Staff Serjeant's Quarters on the Abercrombie's Battery, extending to the Commissariat Stores, and immediately inside and close to the west-wall of the Battery. Captain Prendergast was also informed, that the shed in question was to be built of the same description as those already erected, excepting that a portion (75 feet long) from the North end, was to be additionally strengthened, for the purposes of a forge and for fitting up Machinery.

5. The Acting Garrison Engineer has however, after a personal inspection of the proposed site, recommended in his letter above quoted, that in lieu of the alterations sanctioned to be carried out to an existing shed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 155, a separate one should be constructed 60 feet long × 20 feet broad, without any supporting posts in the Centre, in order to adopt the same to the purposes of a work-shop; and observes that in lieu of the shed 142×25 authorized for execution in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 276, a smaller one 100×25 would be sufficient.

6. The necessity for these deviations from the sanctioned plan, is fully explained by Captain Prendergast in his communication enclosed; and under the circumstances represented, I have instructed him to proceed with the work, in accordance with the plan proposed by him. But as this change will involve additional expense, I respectfully solicit the authority of Government, for the prosecution of the work, in excess of the amount authorized; and to state, that full particulars will be given in the submission of the Bill, as to the causes, which have led to such excess.

Letter from Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, Acting Garrison Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 8th February 1859, No. 637.

SIR,

With reference to your memorandum No. 7658, of the 5th Instant, directing me to construct a Temporary shed on the North of the Staff Serjeant's Quarters on the Abercrombie's Battery, extending to the Commissariat Stores, I have the honor to state, that in arranging with the Mechanical Engineer Mr. Flockhart, in carrying out your views, he required a separate sloping shed 60 feet long by 20 feet broad, without any supporting posts in the middle, in the first instance, as a work shop for the use of the Mechanical Engineers recently arrived from England, the shed to run from east to west adjoining the Commissariat Stores, and another shed as described in your memorandum now under reply, to the extent of 100 feet or more, to be built parallel to the sheds already erected. I therefore went to the spot with Captain Blagrave, and Messrs. Curley

of 100 feet or more to be made for and in addition
already erected at Bengeo and to be after mention
Lockham Bridge and Ponds Bridge under contract,
and are found that there would be some difficulty in
moving round the portion of Pole next to the Brew-
ery, and that the other under which they are to be
put up, would in addition more interfere on the East
side of the Railway.

2. That Bengeo Commissioners purchase the
workshop, and with your sanction will present unto
the Local Board as far as any funds will permit, which
however of course will not be sufficient. The Cause of
this is that the estimate of Engineer 621 was formed
from that of the old Mode, and the Bridge contained a
greater space for permits depositing goods, the dimin-
ution of the number must be altered, which will cause the
additional expence.

First Class
8th January 1849

Thomas Wm Lowe & Son
Messrs. W. & T. Bennington Engrs
& Surveyors
Hertford

Yours &c.

W. Bennington Junior
For Self & Engr of Local

Public

No. 7903 Central Office of R.E.
Fort Saint George
15th February 1859

From, The Chief Engineer

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

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Accordingly

Enclosure in a letter
From the Chief Engineer
Dt. 15 Feby 1859
To the Secretary to Government
F.W.D.

Dated 15th Feby 1859
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Copy of a letter from the Garrison Engineer, Report-ing the Construction of a Shed for Machinery &c. in the Abercrombie Battery on the North Beach.

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From,
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Enclosure 1

Requests the Sanction of Government for the prosecution of the work connected with the erection of the 2 Sheds at the Abercrombie's Battery, in excess of the Sanctioned amount. —
With an order

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Under the circumstances represented, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Garrison Engineer to proceed with the construction of the sheds at Abercrombies Battery according to the plan proposed by him. The Chief Engineer will however state without delay for the information of Government, the probable amount of additional expense which this change will cause. —

Fort St. George
26th Feby 1859

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