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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th April 1859.

No. 110. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department, dated 4th April 1859, No. 1269.

Sanctioning the piece of ground near the Basin of Cochran 's Canal, being taken at a monthly rent of Rupees 50, on the conditions proposed, to form on which a Depot for the manufacture of Hydraulic Cement for the works of the Fortifications. } (Vide Military Consultation, 5th April 1859, Nos. 19 @ 21.)

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, No. 928; dated 19th April 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No. 1269.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 4th April 1859.

Read letter from the Town Major, Fort Saint George, 5th March 1859, *No.* 915; *to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government the accompanying letter No. 84 of the 3rd instant, from the Commandant of Engineers, with its accompaniments from C. Conniah Chetty, and Captain Prendergast, Acting Garrison Engineer, together with a plan of the ground and buildings referred to, in the correspondence.

From the Commandant of Engineers, Fort Saint George, 3rd March 1859, *No.* 84; *to the Town Major, Fort Saint George.*

1 *Letter from Conniah Chetty to the Commandant of Engineers, dated 25th February* 1859.
1 *Letter from Garrison Engineer to the Commandant of Engineer, dated 28th February* 1859.
1 *Plan.*

I have the honor to forward for your information the enclosed copies of 2 letters and 1 Plan (as per margin,) and to request that, if His Lordship has no objection, the parcel of ground mentioned in Conniah Chetty's letter may, without delay, be obtained for the use of the Garrison Engineer by exchanging for it that in the Goojelly Bazar, at present rented by Conniah Chetty.

2. In making the above request, I have not considered the question of whether the exchange will be advantageous or not to Government in a pecuniary point of view, but merely as being of great benefit to the Garrison Engineer.

From C. Conniah Chetty, Madras, 25th February 1859; *to the Commandant of Engineers.*

As I understand you require a site on which to form a Depôt for the Manufacture of Hydraulic Cement for the works of the Fortifications, I beg to tender a piece of ground* with buildings thereon situated near the Basin of Cochrane's Canal formerly occupied by Messrs. Dickson and Co. when working their Kyanizing Apparatus. You are aware that I at present rent from Government a piece of ground situated at the Goojelly, for which I pay Rupees 50 per mensem. The original †agreement I beg to send for your perusal.

*As per plan accompanying.

†*To be returned.*

I am willing to rent the site and buildings above described to Government for a similar monthly rent, or if Government should desire to secure the site in perpetuity, I am willing to exchange it for the plot of ground at the Goojelly now rented from Government by me.

3. Or if the buildings now standing thereon are not considered sufficiently spacious and adapted for the Cement Works, I am quite willing to make any additions and alterations you may suggest, provided you will obtain me a reasonably enchanced rate of monthly rent and compensate me for the outlay necessary to complete the buildings to your requirements.

From the Acting Garrison Engineer, Fort Saint George, 28th February 1859, *No.* 676; *to the Commandant of Engineers, Fort Saint George.*

1 *Letter.*
1 *Plan.*
1 *Agreement are herewith returned.*

In reply to your letter No. 75 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that the ground offered by Conniah Chetty is preferable to that which I was intending to purchase, from being a good deal larger and having the advantage of a good building on it; and my only reason for not selecting this ground before, was on account of the expense.

2. I was not however aware till now of the proposal contained in the 2nd para. of Conniah Chetty's letter to your address, viz., to exchange the ground near the Basin for a plot of ground which he rents from Government in the Goojelly Bazaar, adjoining the Durmaraja Pagoda—the extent of this plot is within 4 grounds, whereas that on the Canal contains 39 grounds, with a good building, which would prove of great service and save the time required to build a new one.

3. If Government would agree to this proposal, it would be of great advantage.

Referred to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, for an early report, in communication with the Collector of Madras, on the comparative value of the two properties referred to in the foregoing correspondence.

11th March 1859.

From the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, 24th March 1859, *No.* 8966; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Enclosures 6.
1 *Copy of letter.*
5 *Original enclosures.*
6

With reference to your endorsement, on a letter from the Town Major No. 915, dated 5th instant, referring for my report, in communication with the Collector of Madras, certain papers, having reference to the proposal made by Conniah Chetty for the rental of the ground situated near the Basin, or its exchange for that he occupies in the Goojelly Bazaar, I do myself the honor to submit for the information of Government, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Collector of Madras No. 4, dated 15th idem.

2. Mr. Cunliffe states the respective value of the parcels of land situated in the Goojelly Bazaar, at present rented by Conniah Chetty, and North of the Basin, referred to in para. 1, to be as follows:

(1) 4 Grounds at 2,000 Rupees each 8,000 Rupees.
(2) 39 Grounds at 35 Rupees each 1,365 Rupees.

Thus it will be observed, that the value of the ground rented by Conniah Chetty is six times higher than that offered by him to Government, but as the latter plot is represented by the late Acting Garrison Engineer to be far better suited to the purposes of his Department than that intended to be purchased by him, being much larger and having the advantage of a good building on it, I have the honor to recommend that no exchange of ground be made, but that Conniah Chetty's offer to rentthe ground near the Basin at Rs. (50) Fifty per month, the sum paid by him to Government for the plot of Ground at the Goojelly Bazar, be accepted, all existing limitations and conditions to be continued in force.

From the Collector of Madras, 15*th March* 1859, *No.* 4; *to the Superintending Engineer Central Circle.*

5 *Enclosures are herewith returned.*

1. In reply to Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer of the 14th instant, No. 8568, I have the honor to state that the greatest difference exists in the relative value of the two properties in question, as far as the site is concerned, of which alone I now speak.

*39 *Gronnds in extent.*
†*Within A grounds.*

2. The land* at Cochrane's Basin is worth about 35 Rupees per ground, that† at the Goojelly Bazar about Rupees 2,000.

3. On being informed that Conniah Chetty was constructing a building upon the ground at the Goojelly Bazar, on the permission of the Civil Architect, I wrote to Major Atkinson for further particulars, and he replied (27th November 1857) that he had your orders to put Conniah Chetty in possession of the land.

4. It appears that he rents it for Rupees 50 monthly. If it had been in my charge, I could have collected Rupees 70 monthly as ground rent, but as the Chetty will erect Bazars upon it, his monthly receipts will not be less than Rupees 250.

The Governor in Council sanctions the piece of ground alluded to being taken at a monthly rent of Rupees (50) fifty on the conditions proposed.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Sg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Town Major.
" Chief Engineer.
" Military Auditor General.
" *Department Public Works, for information.*

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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No. 892

Extract Minutes Consulted
in the Military Department

Read 14th April 1859
Answered 12th April 1859
No. 1769.

Sanctioning the plan
proposed near the Basin of
the Grand Canal, being taken
at a monthly rent of £250 on
the conditions proposed, to
form an Establishment for
the manufacture of Hydraulic
Cement for the use of
the Fortifications.

Read No. 928
Memorandum
Fort. Dept. Ordnance
19th April 59.