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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 20th February 1860, No. 756.

Sanctioning the proposed demolition of the Fort at Poonamallee and the use of the stones from the walls as intended, and observing that the ditch may be filled in if it can be done without much expense. Also calling for a report of the probable cost.

(Vide Military Proceedings from 11th to 20th February 1860, Nos. 293 @ 295.)

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1860, No. 478.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Chief Engineer Sepakkam, 10th February 1860, *No.* 10184; *to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works.*

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, an estimate amounting to Rupees 310 received from the District Engineer Chingleput, for constructing an open drain in the Poonamallee Barrack square, with two tunnels, each 6 feet broad, one in the centre and the other at the east end—and also for gravelling the square.

2. This estimate was prepared at the request of Colonel Impett, the Officer Commanding Poonamallee, who represents that from the want of a drain of any description, and the prevalence of grass in the square, the wet and damp experienced after a shower of rain continues for a long time, and he therefore proposes to have a covered drain in the middle of the square, the grass removed and the square completely gravelled with a slope towards the centre—It appears to me however that an open drain will answer the purpose better than a covered one.

3. The estimate, which has been examined in this Office and found to provide adequately for the work, has had the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, who considers the work to be very necessary, although the Depôt of British Troops may occupy the station for a short time—I have therefore to request that Government will sanction the estimate in question for execution out of the general funds at the disposal of the District Engineer of Chingleput.

Enclosures 4—
1 *Letter from District Engineer Chingleput, No.* 1561, *dated 6th January* 1860, *with*
1 *Enclosure.*
1 *Letter from the Quarter Master General, No.* 217, *dated 23rd January* 1860.
1 *Abstract Estimate.*
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From the Chief Engineer Sepakkam, 11th February 1860, *No.* 10217; *to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to a proposition to pull down the Fort walls of Poonamallee, and to use the stones for the foundation and basement of the Army School to be built at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. The District Engineer of Chingleput states that this proposition was suggested to him by His Excellency the Governor shortly before he left Gindi, and he was not at that time sure whether the cost of conveying the stones would not exceed the estimate, but he has since found that it will not.

Enclosures 3—
1 *Letter from the District Engineer Chingleput with*
1 *Enclosure*
1 *Letter from the Quarter Master General, No.* 1636, *dated 26th January* 1860.
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3. The bricks to be had now are of such an inferior description that they are not recommended to be used for the foundations of the proposed building, and there can be no question that the stones from the Fort walls will add much to the stability of the work.

4. As from the Quarter Master General's letter of the 6th instant, it will be seen that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has no objection to the proposition now submitted, but considers it to be very desirable, and is also of opinion that the Fort ditch should be filled up, on sanitary grounds, I have to request that Government will issue orders for carrying the same into effect. Early orders are requested in order that the building may be commenced.

No. 338.

ORDER, No. 756, *20th February* 1860.

The Governor in Council sanctions the proposed demolition of the Fort at Poonamallee, and the stones from the walls being used as intended.

2. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, that the ditch be filled in, may be attended to at the same time, provided it can be done without incurring much additional expense.

3. The Chief Engineer will call for, and submit a report of the probable cost.

4. The estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer with letter No. 10184, will be re-considered with reference to para. 2 of this order.

(True Extract.)

Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works, with 7 enclosures. 420 Spare Copies
„ Chief Engineer.
„ Quarter Master General.

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