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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1862.*

No. 42. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 23rd October 1862, No. 3817.

Proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Chief Engineer to report on the best means of increasing the width of the Government House Gates' Carriage-way.

PRESIDENT— Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E.

MEMBERS— { Captain E. HEMERY, R. E.
 { Captain J. VERTUE, R. E.

The Committee assembled at the Gates this morning, and are unanimously of opinion :—

I. *First*.—That any temporary alteration, effected by moving either section of the gates with view to widen the carriage-way, preparatory to the substitution of a permanent arrangement, must be attended with such serious risk of great damage to the gates, as to render such alteration quite out of the question, until a permanent arrangement is devised.

Second—That such an arrangement is altogether impracticable without destroying the symmetry and general appearance of the gates, and that if it be positively determined to enlarge the carriage-way, new gates must be procured from England.

II. The Committee are further of opinion that although it would have been well to have provided in the original design for a greater width of carriage-way, yet the present width is amply sufficient for the easy passage of carriages, there being a clear space of 3 feet outside the wheels of an ordinary carriage passing through the gate-way. The various avenues of access to the fort although narrower, and much more complicated than that in question, do not seem to cause much inconvenience to the public.

III. The Committee would further remark that the drivers of carriages approaching the gates by day from opposite directions have a clear view of one another from a long distance, and that such precludes all chance of stoppage or inconvenience being experienced in passing through the gates; that at night, when there may be supposed to arise some difficulty, the stream of carriages is one direction, namely, from the Mount Road to the Beach, or *vice versa*, and that, moreover, when the works now in progress are completed, there will be more than one entrance to the Government House compound. The Committee would also recommend that the approaches on each side of the gates be well lighted up at night.

IV. Availing themselves then of all these considerations the Committee deprecate any alteration of, or addition to the gates, which they recommend be maintained *statu quo*.

(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Colonel, R. E.

(„) E. HEMERY, Captain, R. E.

(„) J. VERTUE, Captain R. E.

Madras,
20th October 1862.

Submitted to Government for information.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.
Chief Engineer.

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1862, No. 2,626.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Chief Engineer to report on the best means of increasing the width of the Government House Gates Carriage way.

President Colonel S. O. E. Ludlow R. E.

Members. { Captain E. Hemery R. E.
 { Captain J. Vertue R. E.

The Committee assembled at the Gates this morning, and are unanimously of opinion:

I. 1st That any temporary alteration, effected by moving either section of the Gates with a view to widen the carriage way, preparatory to the substitution of a permanent arrangement, must be attended with such serious risk of great damage to the Gates, as to render such alteration quite out of the question; until a permanent arrangement is devised.

2^d That such an arrangement is altogether impracticable without destroying the symmetry and general appearance of the Gates, and that if it be positively determined to enlarge the carriage way, new Gates must be procured from England.

The Committee are further of opinion II. that although it would have been well to have provided in the original design for a greater width of carriage way, yet the present width is amply sufficient for the easy passage of carriages, there being a clear space of 3 feet outside the wheels of an ordinary carriage passing through the Gateway.

The various avenues of access to the Fort although narrower, and much more complicated than that in question, do not seem to cause much inconvenience to the public.

The Committee would further remark III. that the drivers of carriages approaching the Gates by day from opposite directions have a clear view of one another from a long distance, and that such precludes all chance of stoppage or inconvenience being experienced in passing through the Gates; that at night, when there may be supposed to arise some difficulty, the stream of carriages is in one direction, namely from the Mount Road to the Beach, or vice versa, and that, moreover, when the works now in progress are completed, there will be more than one entrance to the Government House Compound. The Committee would also recommend that

that the approaches on each side of the gates be well lighted up at night.

IV.

Availing themselves then of all these considerations the Committee deprecate any alteration of or addition to the Gates, which they recommend be maintained in statu quo.

A. J. Hudson Colonel R.E.

James Vertue Captain R.E.

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Madras
20th October 1862 }

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From

Wm. A. O. S. Auditor
President of the
Committee on the

Fort House Gates

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From the Chief Eng^r
D. L. W.

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H. J. Hays Colonel R.
Chief Engineer D.H.

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To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

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