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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 1st March 1862.

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 26th February 1862, No. 739:—

Approving of the measures proposed by Major General Whitlock for the removal of the Ellore Fort walls and other arrangements connected with the same. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 26th February 1862, Nos. 572 @ 574.)

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1862, No. 337.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for information and guidance.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1861, *No.* 6758 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, Cocanada, 14*th November* 1861, *No.* 165 ; *to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk.*

1. With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 10th March 1837, No. 314, Revenue Department, published at page 75, Grant's Circular Orders, on the subject of the removal of stones from old Forts, I have the honor to report that Captain G. A. Searle, Acting Second Assistant District Engineer Godavery District, has applied to me to be permitted to remove the stones in the walls of the dilapidated Fort at Ellore, and of portions of the mud walls. He proposes to use the stones in the construction of the Aqueduct just about to be commenced in the vicinity of Ellore to carry the high level canal, between that Town and Bezwada, across the Tameliar river.

2. Captain Searle would, he says, "only require to take down the useless portions of the "Fort walls. The Fort as it now stands, is quite useless in a Military point of view, and it "would add much to the appearance of the Town to remove the walls, and to the health of its "inhabitants by giving them the benefit of the sea breeze, which is at present obstructed in "coming to the Town by the high unsightly mud walls of the Fort."

3. I fully concur in these remarks, and I am aware of no objection to the stones in question being removed and made use of as proposed, a saving to the State being thus effected.

4. The only Bastion standing now forms a part of the wall enclosing the Taluq Kacheri. On its removal it will only be necessary to raise a wall across the space now occupied by it.

5. Under these circumstances, I request that the permission of Government may be obtained to the removal of the stones and as much of the mud walls *still standing as may be* necessary.

6. I should mention that the Fort has long been given up as a Military work. The interior is held by the Missionaries of the Church Mission Society under a grant, but it was distinctly specified that the walls were not included in the grant, Government reserving to themselves the right of acting in regard to them as they thought fit.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1861, No. 2358.

Referred to the Military Department, in view to its being there considered whether the suggestion made in the letter of the Collector of the Godavery District, is unobjectionable on Military grounds.

(True Extract.)

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

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)
6th January 1862.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 13*th February* 1862, *No.* 782; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Forwarded for the information and approval of Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 2358, dated 24th December 1861, referred to the Commander-in-Chief in the Military Department, under date the 6th January 1862.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Waltair, 3rd February 1862, No. 46; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

With reference to Proceedings of Madras Government and order thereon, dated 24th December 1861, No. 2358, subject as per margin, I have the honor to forward a copy of a Report from the Officer Commanding Ellore, to the address of the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division under my Command, on the subject: and with reference to the suggestion* therein for sloping off the Glacis of the Fort walls, I would recommend the same to the attention of Government as a sanitary measure apparently much needed.

Referring a suggestion of the Collector of the Godavery District, whether the removal of the old walls of the Fort at Ellore, is unobjectionable on Military grounds.

**Suggesting that an Estimate be prepared for sloping off the Glacis of the Fort walls and that holes and ruined houses in the immediate vicinity, used by the Bazar people as public Necessaries, be filled in or removed.*

2. With reference to paragraph 3, I approve—and with reference to paragraph† 4, I beg the removal of the South Fort gate by the District Engineer may meet with approval, and that the sanction of Government may be obtained to the stones in question being used in constructing the Aqueduct at Ellore.

†Stating that, on his own responsibility, he had sanctioned the removal, by the District Engineer, of the South Fort gate, and trusts the Government will sanction the appropriation of the stones (in the construction of the Aqueduct) that may be found in the old Fort walls.

3. Referring to paragraph‡ 5 as the old Racket Court in question, appears to be a great nuisance, I would recommend that it be handed over to the District Engineer for a Store Room as suggested.

‡Reporting that there is an old Racket Court close to the Fort gate, a public nuisance, and recommends it being pulled down or handed over to the District Engineer for a Store Room.

From the Officer Commanding Ellore, 28th January 1862, No. 43; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Northern Division.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 36, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Officer Commanding the Division, that in conjunction with Mr. G. Sage, the District Engineer, and the Revd. C. Tanner, I have personally inspected the Fort of Ellore, and consider that the removal of the Fort walls would be very beneficial both to the health of the Missionaries and to the Town; I would beg at the same time to suggest that an Estimate should be prepared for sloping off the Glacis of the Fort walls, and that all holes and ruined houses in the immediate vicinity, which are at present used by the Bazar people as public Necessaries, should either be filled in or removed;—if the Glacis, after it has been sloped, is allowed to be thrown into the enclosure now occupied by the Missionaries, they will undertake to construct and keep in repair, a fence at the bottom of the Glacis, which will prevent a repetition of the nuisance.

2. In addition to the above sanitary reasons, and looking on it in a Military point of view, I consider it would be advisable to have the walls removed, as the East and North East Bastions command the principal streets of the Town, and the Fort walls in their present state might afford temporary protection to insurgents against the Native Police, and whom it would be difficult to dislodge without the assistance of a Military Force.

3. I have been informed by the 1st Assistant District Engineer that no earth fit for making bricks is obtainable at Ellore, except the remains of the Fort walls, and as the purpose for which the bricks are required, necessitates the use of the best materials obtainable, I would recommend that the ruins of the Fort walls be handed over to the District Engineer.

4. The District Engineer has also likewise reported on the present dangerous condition of the South Fort gate-way, near the Tahsildar's Kachéri, I have taken upon myself the responsibility of sanctioning its removal (by the District Engineer) in hopes you will approve of my having done so, and as all stones will be of much use in the construction of the Aqueduct here, I trust Government will also sanction the appropriation of any stones that may be found in the old Fort walls.

5. I beg to report that there is an old Racket Court, close to the Fort gate, at present a public nuisance, and I would recommend that it should be either pulled down or handed over to the District Engineer for the purpose of keeping his stores and working materials.

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ORDER, No. 739, *26th February* 1862.

Ordered that the correspondence received with the Quarter Master General's letter above recorded, be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the measures proposed by Major General Whitlock.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Department Public Works. *With 10 spare Copies.*

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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