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No. 597. Read the following letter from Colonel C. DENISON, Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Government House, Madras, 20th June 1863:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to forward a Memorandum from His Excellency the Governor, relative to the buildings, alterations and improvements in the Government House and Chepauk compounds to be executed during his absence from Madras.

2. I have to request that no painting may take place in the house until after the departure of Lady Trevelyan and family, she will be at Madras on the 13th proximo, and probably remain at Government House for two or three days.

3. The drainage also should not be commenced till after her departure.

Memoranda as to building and repairs required at Government House, Madras.

1. Commencing at entrance by Marine Villa.

The ground should be levelled and made smooth along the bank of the river, between the road and the river, the whole way to the bridge. Clumps of bamboos, willows, and other trees might be planted near the water in several places.

2. A right of way is being established in front of the Marine Villa, this must be stopped by a fence as shown in the plan, running from the iron fence within a few yards of the building to the water. The ground between the lagoon and the wall of the Villa should be raised, and arrangements made for planting it with shrubs and flowers, laying it out in beds; the lagoon may be widened and deepened in order to provide soil for raising the ground. It might be as well to put a small foot-gate or turn-stile at the end of the road at A.

3. The ground in the Chepauk compound between the Villa and the Chepauk entrance at B should be planted. A double row of trees should be planted round the tank C, and a double row along the iron railing, separating the compound from the Beach road.

4. The road from the entrance B to the arch D should be made straight instead of curved as at present. A second row of trees should be placed round the tank E and F, the bank made good, and a brick fall made where necessary to lead the drainage into the tanks.

5. Clumps of trees should be planted here and there in the space between the tanks and the compound, and an avenue planted along the road G G.

6. The lagoon in the demesne should be widened and deepened and the soil made use of to level the ground. Bamboos and willows should be planted on the islands, in the space between the trees and the road, all the coarse grass and the creeping convolvulus should be rooted up and good Hungala grass sown in place of this. These remarks will apply to the whole of the rough ground by the side of the road and the tank H. There is a good deal of ground between the road by the river and that tank which ought to be raised and levelled.

7. It would be as well to plant a row of trees along the fence separating the compound from Triplicane, and to make the road from the arch through the compound with an avenue as far as the Office.

8. The road from the main entrance to the Park in front of Government House should be led through the trees which form a fair avenue on the west side of the Banqueting Hall, more trees being planted where necessary and some cut away.

9. It would be as well that the ground at the back of the Government House (at K) should be trenched and manured, and laid out into beds for a garden. Trees should also be planted in the space between the tank and the fence dividing the street from the compound.

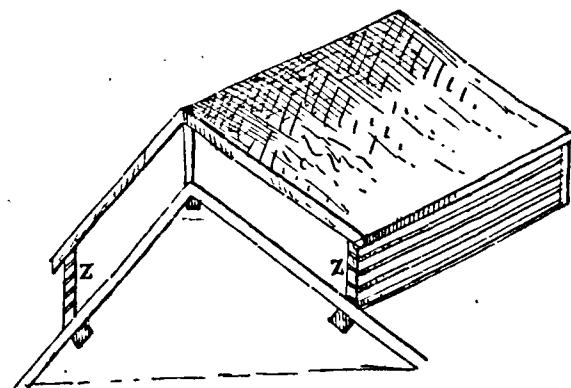
10. A low fence, five feet high, to keep out Deer, should be provided for the garden at the back of the house.

1-1/2 feet out from house

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11. The stables having been removed, in order to open the compound to the street, a certain number of fresh stalls will be required, as well as a guard-room for the Body Guard and stable, for their horses.

12. The roof, too, of the present stables requires to be raised as shown below for the sake of ventilation.



13. The roof should be stripped above the purlin, and a fresh roof raised two feet, placed above this space, the spaces between the uprights Z Z being venetianed and of course boarded.

14. The new stables will be built at right angles to the old, as shown at Y, the guard-room placed at the end of these and the Body Guard stables in rear; the back of the stables looking to the street should not be left as a mere dead wall, but should be pannelled and have some cornice or ornament. A tree or two might be planted in the interval between the stables and the fence.

15. Arrangements should be made to carry off the drainage into the main drainage of the Town; communication should be made to Mr. Fraser and the proposed level of his main drain ascertained.

16. The old Tealery may be cleared away and that end of the tank cleaned and deepened.

17. Arrangements should be made, in connection with Mr. Fraser, for maintaining the water in the tank at the back of the house and that in the front at some fixed level, by bringing in a supply from the water works.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

No. 598. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1863, No. 1,678.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 4th Division for information and guidance.

2. Captain Prendergast will be good enough to submit an Estimate as soon as possible for the work required.

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

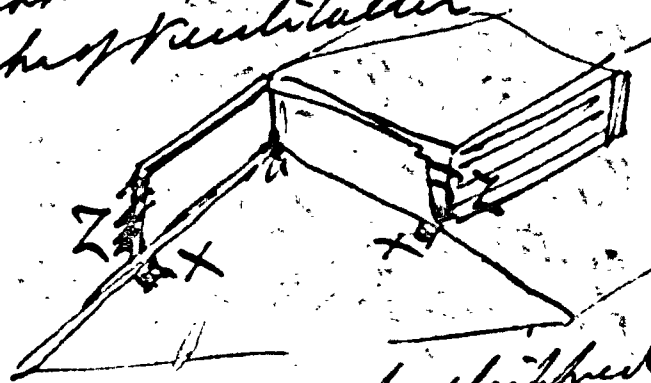
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the proposed road
this morning
and Denison

Mr Williams the
Deputy Engineer
as Quinby should be
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16. Tank -

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22. along the road E & F -

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from the water works

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the proposed level of his
main drain ascertained.

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