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No. 27. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th January 1864, No. 4,591 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 2,864, dated 1st December 1862, I have the honor to submit letters as per margin, and to express my general concurrence with the Collector and Sub-Collector of North Arcot in thinking that there is no objection to the building known as the Big Barrack in the Fort of Arnee being made over to the Bishop of Thermopylce for the purposes of being used as an Orphanage and Free School; care being taken by Government, first to lease it on a small rent with power to assume possession at any time, giving one month's notice; or if granted free, to insist upon the buildings being put into and kept in thorough repair; and secondly, not to give up any of the ground outside the Barracks, or to allow of any cultivation within the Fort limits.

2. As the Barracks form the four sides of a square, the inner quadrangular space must of course be used by the School children.

3. A reference was made by me on this subject to the Quarter Master General of the Army. That Officer, however, has reminded me that the Barracks were written off the Return of Public Buildings in his Department on the 5th November 1855, agreeably to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2,883, dated 23rd October 1855.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1864, No. 340.

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 25th February 1853, it was ordered that the Barrack and other public buildings in the Fort of Arnee should be dismantled and the materials sold to the best advantage, but these instructions were subsequently held in abeyance pending a decision on a proposition which had been submitted to convert them into a Central Jail. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th October 1855, No. 752, Judicial Department, this proposition was abandoned as the buildings were unsuited to the object in view and the site was objectionable on sanitary grounds. The Government was then of opinion that the most expedient course would be to dispose of the buildings outright together with so much of the land in and about the Fort as belonged to Government. The Board of Revenue was accordingly requested, in communication with the Collector of North Arcot, to advise the Government as to the best mode of proceeding, after ascertaining the exact nature of the interest and title possessed by it in the ground occupied by the Fort and Glacis. The Board submitted its report in June 1857, from which it appeared that the then Jaghiredar claimed the site of the Fort as a part of his Jaghire; but after a due consideration of the claim the Government declined to recognize it, and the Board was requested to instruct the Collector to give effect to the orders for the disposal of the buildings in such manner as might seem most advisable. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 841, dated 21st August 1857, however the Board was desired to suspend the execution of those orders until further instructions.

2. An application has now been made by the Vicar Apostolic of Pondicherry for permission to appropriate the building known as the Big Barrack in the Fort of Arnee as an Orphanage and Free School, and the Collector of North Arcot and the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to whom the application has been referred, state that there is no objection to such appropriation.

3. As the building is not likely to be needed for any public purpose, Civil or Military, the Governor in Council resolves to accede to the application of Dr. Godelle, on the understanding that the building is to be kept in repair free of cost to Government; that the permis-

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sion accorded is not to carry with it any right to occupy or to cultivate ground outside the Barrack, and finally that the Government will be at liberty to resume possession of the building at any time on giving six months' notice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Ecclesiastic Department.  
„ Right Reverend Dr. J. Fennelly.  
„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Div.  
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Revenue.

No 4591

Superintending Engineer's Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Div.  
Madras 18<sup>th</sup> January 1864.

From,

Colonel A. J. M. Poileau, R.E.  
Suff Engineer, 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.  
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Ecclesiastical. Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No 2864 dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 1862, I have the honor to submit letters as per Margin, and to express my general concurrence with the Collector and Sub Collector of North Arcot in thinking that there is no objection to the building known as the Big Barrack in the Fort of Arcot being made over to the Bishop of Thermopyloe for the purposes of being used as an Orphanage and Free School, care being taken by Government, 1<sup>st</sup> to lease it on a small rent ~~from year to year~~ <sup>with power</sup> to assume possession at any time giving one Month's notice; or if granted free, to insist upon the buildings being put <sup>into</sup> and kept in thorough repair; and 2<sup>ndly</sup> Not to give up any of the ground outside the Barracks, or to allow of any cultivation within the Fort limits.

2. As the Barracks form the four sides of a Square, the inner quadrangular space must of course be used by the School Children.

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3. A reference was made by me on the subject to the Quarter Master General of the Army. That Officer, however, has, in addition to the Barracks, were written off the Return of Public Buildings in his Department on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1855, according to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 1855 dated 23<sup>d</sup> October 1855.

Madras  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obedt Servant

A. Boileau, Colonel R.E.

Supp. Engineer, &c.

Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.  
Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department.

Public Works Department  
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Under date the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864  
Read the following letter  
from the Supp. Engineer  
4<sup>th</sup> Division

States that there is no objection  
to the building known as the  
Big Barracks in the Fort at  
Orme being made over to the  
Bishop of Thermopylae.

More Enter 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864  
P. 4591.

In Ept. Minute of Council  
in the Military Department  
of 25<sup>th</sup> February 1853, it was  
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& the materials sold to the best  
advantage. But these instructions  
were subsequently held in abeyance  
pending a decision on a  
proposition which had been  
submitted to convert them  
into a Central Jail. In  
G. M. C. of 13<sup>th</sup> October 1855, 1852,  
Judicial Dept, this proposition  
was abandoned as the Buildings  
were unsuited to the object in  
view & the site was objectionable.



suspend the execution of those orders  
until further instructions.

An application has now  
been made by the Vicar Apostolic  
of Pondicherry for permission to  
appropriate the building known  
as the Big Barrack in the Fort  
of St. Louis as an Orphanage &  
Day School, & the Collector of  
South Arcot & the Supy Engr.  
is Dr. to whom the application  
has been referred, states that  
there is no objection to such  
appropriation.

As the Building  
is not likely to be needed for  
any public purpose, Civil or  
Military, the Governor in Council  
resolves to accede to the application  
of Dr. Godelle, on the under-  
standing that the Building is  
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of the Building at any time  
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• Cont. & Ancl of W. A. A.  
• Bd of Revenue ✓

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Right Reverend Dr. J.  
Formally authorized, on certain conditions,  
to use, the building known as the  
old Barracks in the Fort of St. Anne,  
N. West District, as an aspa-  
nage and Free School.

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