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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 30th March 1858.

No. 98. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 11th March 1858, No. 8040.

SIR,

In doing myself the honor to forward for the information of Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2365, dated 22nd December 1857, reflecting on the slow progress of public works at Saint Thomas' Mount a Report on those buildings by Major Lawford, I beg leave to solicit attention to para. 7, and to recommend that, as so very slight an outlay is now wanted to complete the Adyaur groupe of works, namely a bridge (parapet walls unbuilt through the roadway is open to the public and is in unceasing use for carts) a dam to keep up a sheet of water for pontooning and a wharf wall for the practice of embarking and debarking guns, the District Engineer may be authorized to avail himself of the present favorable season to work out in full the remaining balance of the sanctioned estimate.

2. I have the less hesitation in thus venturing to support Major Lawford's proposal, because in an exclusively military point of view it appears of such importance that, with the frequent arrivals of re-inforcements of the Royal Artillery intended probably for early Field Service, there should be the means at hand at Artillery Head Quarters of practising the operations of embarking and debarking guns and of manœuvring generally on water, whether with pontoon rafts, casks or other experiments calculated to add to the efficiency of the Ordnance Arm of the service. The expenditure itself is also represented to be small, the works being "all but finished."

3. The attention of the District Engineer of Chingleput will be drawn to the necessity of conforming to the 48th para. of the "Regulations for the conduct of "Buildings and Repairs,"" and of duly sending in a duplicate Fixture Report to the Barrack Department or Officer of the Quarter Master General's Department, for the countersignature of the latter Officer.

Letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, in charge of Central Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 9th March 1858, No. 274.

SIR,

I have the honor to report my inspection of the works at Saint Thomas' Mount, on the 6th Instant, when I found the North Gunsheds, Harness Room, Canteen, &c. for the Royal Artillery quite complete, except a coat of flat roofing tiles purposely deferred.

2. These buildings have been very well constructed, and are creditable to the Executive Officer Lieutenant Hankin.

3. There will however be a considerable excess of cost above the estimate, owing partly to an improvement directed by myself, in the omission of pillars in the harness room, partly to the omission of centering and scaffolding charges from the estimate, and in part to the haste with which the work was carried on during the monsoon, when no bricks could be made.

4. The South Gunsheds, &c. are in a fair state of forwardness, and the married men's quarters are just being commenced.

5. The Magazine on the Hill is nearly finished, but the fortifications are as you know stopped.

6. The annicut under the Adyaur Bridge on the Poonamallee road is so far complete; as to be efficient, and a fine pool of water is now at any time available for Artillery exercise, but the wharf wall is not yet built.

7. It is much to be wished that these works should not be left in their all but finished state, beyond the close of the current official year.

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No. 99.

ORDER THEREON, No. 578; dated 30th March 1858.

The Government presume that the works on the Adyaur referred to in the above letter are those entered as No. 203 in the Budget Statement No. 2 for 1857-58, and before passing order on the Chief Engineer's present recommendation, they request that that Officer will furnish the explanation respecting the Project required in para. 43 of Extract Minutes Consultation date 18th January last, No. 93.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

From

To

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No. 5040

Central Office of No.
Fort St George 11th March 1858

The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government (H. O. R.)

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Central Office of M^r.
Fort M^r.
11 March 1838

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Your most Obedient
W^m. H. Colwell
Chief Engineer

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