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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd November 1868.*

No. 514. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department.—

Considering it advisable to await His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief's proposals with respect to
the question of a defensible post at Bellary, before
sanctioning the alterations proposed to the
gate-ways of the lower Fort at that station. (Here enter 13th November 1868, No. 4,423)

No. 515. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1868, No. 3,678.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 34.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of 1868 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

GRD. DIVISION

Dated November 12, 1868

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Def. and Public Works - Proceedings
Public Works Department - Bellary
The Officer Commanding Ceded Districts
Bellary, 28th September 1868
To the Secretary to Government,
Military Department, Fort Saint George,
Madras.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
13th November 1868.

Read the following papers —

No 256. Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 21st October 1868, No ⁹⁵⁶ 7253.

In submitting for the consideration of Government, the within correspondence received from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that there is no objection, in a military point of view, to the proposal of the Municipal Commissioners for improving the approaches to the Fort at Bellary by the east and west gates. The Commission stipulate that the materials removed in carrying out the proposed improvements shall be made over to the Board.

2. His Excellency thinks that the consideration of the further suggestion for the entire demolition of the lower Fort walls should be deferred, until the question of providing a defensible post for the station is brought before Government, with reference to the recent Order in the Public Works Department, dated 28th August 1868, No. 2766

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, dated Head Quarters, Bellary, 28th September 1868, No 171

I have the honor to enclose, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a letter addressed to me by Mr Sullivan, the Collector of Bellary and President of its Municipal Committee, and request you to favor me with the order of His Excellency on the applications therein made

2 I enclose plans of the alterations proposed to the gate-ways of the lower Fort, and a sketch plan of the Fort itself for easier reference.

3 I see no objection to, but on the contrary much to recommend, the improvements proposed to the gate-ways of the lower Fort, nor yet to the levelling of the whole of the glacis and filling up therewith of the Fort ditch, but so long as the Arsenal and Powder Magazines are continued in the Fort, I cannot but consider it would be objectionable and imprudent to pull down any portion of the Fort wall, for though the latter may be of no importance or value for defensive purposes, partly from its extent, and partly from its defective construction, it serves, nevertheless, to prevent the roads about the Fort becoming available for general traffic, and thus keeps the Magazines in particular, and to some extent the Arsenal also, secluded and apart from the main lines of communication

4 The Arsenal is already objectionably near to the principal road passing through the Fort, and all traffic passes by its wall This is unavoidable, but if the Fort wall is removed, it will place both the Magazines, and particularly the larger one, open to the same objection; and further as regards the Arsenal, add to the traffic past its gate

From the Collector and President, Municipal Commission, to the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, — September 1868

It seems very desirable that the present tortuous approaches and narrow entrances to the Fort at Bellary, which make it a service of danger to drive a carriage in or out, should be improved and in view to this, I, on behalf of the Municipal Commissioners, beg to ask an expression of your opinion as to whether there is any objection, in a military point of view, to such a course being carried out, and also whether the retention of the present fortifications is considered expedient. I am given to understand that they are considered utterly useless as Military defences, and there is no doubt that as a measure of sanitation and general improvement their removal is highly desirable. The walls impede the free circulation of air and the Fort ditch is a huge latrine

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
13th November 1863.*

2. If you concur in the views above expressed, I should feel much obliged by your submitting, for the consideration of Government in the Military Department, the following proposals of the Commissioners

They are prepared at once to undertake the improvement of the approaches and gateways on a concession being made to them of the materials removed in the operation, and by degrees as funds will admit (a similar grant of the materials being made in this case also) to demolish the whole of the walls and ramparts, fill in the ditch, level and plant the glacis and carry out such further measures of improvement as may seem expedient

3 The Commissioners attach great importance to this portion of their scheme for the improvement of the area comprised within municipal limits being commenced without delay, and if considered unobjectionable, on a Military point of view, I trust that the orders of Government may be obtained at an early date. The Fort at Trichinopoly was demolished 15 or 16 years ago to the great advantage of the town, and a large portion of the ramparts of the Kurnool Fortress was removed in 1865-66 with similar benefit I should mention that the proposals of the Commissioners have reference only to what is known as the lower Fort, and not to the Citadel or the fortifications on the Bellary rock.

P. S.—A sketch (to be kindly returned when done with) shewing the proposed improvement of the present entrances and approaches accompanies this letter.
No. 257.

ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1863, No. 4423.

The Governor in Council considers it will be advisable to await His Excellency's proposals with respect to the question of a defensible post at Bellary, before sanctioning the alteration proposed in the foregoing correspondence.

(True Extract)

W. H. Munt Lieut.-Colonel,

Offg Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Quarter Master General,
with 2 plans and an enclosure.

.. Public Works Department, for information *With 20 plans & charts.*

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To
THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL
&c. &c. &c.

Date 1 November, 1868
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Nos. 256-257.

Considering it advisable to await His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's proposals with respect to the question of a defensible post at Bellary, before sanctioning the alterations proposed to the gate ways of the lower Fort at the station

No 3678-23rd Nov 1868
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And, depts stating that, before
constructing the alterations pro-
posed to the gateway of the fort
at Bellary, it will be
advisable to assist Mr. En^t
Commander in - Chief's proposal
to make a defensible fort
that station. needed.