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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 9 of 1859.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD STANLEY,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

Para. 1. We have the honor to submit for your Lordship's consideration and early orders
Pro. 3rd May 1859, Nos. 75 to 77. copy of a Minute recorded by our President on the best means of restoring the Sea Face of Fort Saint George.

2. His Excellency has suggested that instead of re-building the dilapidated portions on the old model at a cost of Rupees 4,60,000, the result of which would probably be that a few discharges of Cannon the Fortifications would be reduced to the same state as they are now in, the opportunity should be taken for constructing a solid Earthwork, which would bear the heaviest armament, and for removing a portion of the screen which intercepts the Sea-breeze from the Barracks of the European Regiment stationed in the Fort. The advantages of the substitution will be additional power and stability to the Fort works, and a saving of Rupees 2,80,000, besides improvement in the sanitary condition of the Fort.

3. Not to allow the Fort to continue longer in its present dilapidated condition, His Excellency has arranged for a commencement being immediately made. The works being of an entirely Military character, and such as should be entrusted to an experienced Military Engineer, His Excellency has proposed that Major Horsley of the Madras Engineers, who has just returned from England and who is considered by Colonel Cotton, the Commandant of the Corps, and by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to unite every requisite qualification for this duty, should take charge of these works as Garrison Engineer of Fort Saint George, and that Captain Rawlins, the present Garrison Engineer, who is an Infantry Officer, should retain his present pay and allowances as Assistant to Major Horsley until other suitable employment can be found for him.

4. Fully concurring in these suggestions we have this day appointed Major Horsley to be Garrison Engineer with the Staff salary of Rupees 800 per mensem, and Captain Rawlins as his Assistant on a salary of Rupees 500 a month with the view of relieving Major Horsley of the multifarious details connected with the ordinary duties of the Office and leaving him time available for the many important questions which will need attention in carrying out the new works.

5. We solicit your Lordship's attention to the recommendation contained in the last paragraph of His Excellency's Minute, that at least three hundred of the newly invented "Armstrong Guns" of various, but chiefly of the largest calibre should be sent from England for the defence of the Coast of this Presidency, one hundred and eighty of these being placed in Battery at Madras, and the remainder being kept in reserve. This Presidency has no Naval force of its own, nor any upon the constant presence of which it can rely; on the other hand it has a very extensive Sea board, and a large proportion of its principal Towns are on the Coast; and the Government must chiefly rely upon Guns in position for protecting this portion of the Queens'

dominions from insult and injury. These are considerations which render it important to have a supply of Guns of the most powerful and effective description and we would earnestly recommend to your Lordship's consideration that early measures should be taken to send the number wanted in order that the Artillery Force of this Presidency may become familiar with their use, without which the excellence of the weapon will be of no avail.

Fort Saint George, }
3rd May 1859. }

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servants,

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated 3rd May,
No. 9 of 1859.

Minute by the Honorable the President on
the best means of restoring the Sea Face of Fort
Saint George, submitted for consideration and
early orders.

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No 9 of 1859
To The Right Honorable Lord Stanley
Secretary of State for India

My Lord,

Pro: 3 May 59 N^o 75 to 77

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[Signature]

Fort St. George
3rd May 1854

P. M. D.

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Letter to the Right
Honorable the Secretary of
State for India

Dated 3rd May 1859.

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Minute by the
Honorable the President
on the best means of
restoring the sea face
of Fort St. George sub-
mitted for consideration
and early orders.

Replied. No. 27 of 20th Oct 59.

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