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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th August 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 233. Endorsement of the Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, dated Pondicherry, 16th June 1873, No. 45.
From F. GRAHAM, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Tindivanam Range, South Arcot, to R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, dated Gingee, 9th June 1873, No. 40.

In reply to your office No. 135, of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that a sum of Rupees 500 was expended last year in removing trees and brushwood growing near to, and within the masonry of, the various buildings in the old fort at Gingee. Wherever roots could not be extracted from wall or roof, they were well charred with a hot iron to prevent their growth as far as it may be.

2. No attempt was made to fill up the very numerous cracks and openings in the buildings. To do this well would cost something like Rupees 50,000, and what good purpose would this large outlay of money serve? It would, in my opinion, be far better to allow this venerable old pile to remain as it is with its historical records, as it were, hanging about it, than to attempt anything in the way of repairs. The touch of a restorer would, I think, destroy the fine appearance of this old fort.

3. A survey of the Gingee Fort has not yet been made. This would be a work of two months, and I have not a man to spare for this employment.

4. The trees and brushwood cut down within the fort were made over to the Deputy Tahsildar at Gingee for sale at public auction.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., No. 1,072, of 25th April 1872.

(Signed) R. E. NORFOR,
Officiating District Engineer.

No. 234. From R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 14th July 1873, No. 64.

In answer to your No. 245, of the 1st instant, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that the intentions of the late Superintending

Engineer, 5th Division, as expressed in paragraph 9 of his letter, recorded with G. O., No. 1,072, of the 25th April 1872, have been strictly kept in view and carried out as far as practicable in laying out the sum of Rupees 500 sanctioned for expenditure on the Gingee fortifications.

2. The work was commenced in June 1872 and completed in March 1873.

3. All brushwood and rubbish were removed from the ground within the fort wall.

4. All trees were cut down from the walls and roofs of the various buildings and from the ramparts, and where possible the roots were extracted, but in most cases it was found impossible to get at the roots without demolishing part of the structure, as they were very old trees with deep-seated roots, but all that could be done to destroy them by charring was done, to prevent them shooting out again, but I fear that in this respect very little permanent benefit has been attained.

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Rubbish, brushwood, and rank vegetation have been removed from the floor of the buildings and from round their bases, and every building laid open to view.

5. Chunam and whitewash have been removed from all the stone carvings in the buildings and gateways, except those in the Puttabbaram Covil, which is in use by the ryots as a granary.

6. The trees cut down were made over to the Sub-Magistrate of Gingee by the orders of the Collector, and were sold by public auction.

7. In order to check the growth of trees in the buildings and to keep the grounds in the fort free of brushwood and rank vegetation, I would suggest, for the consideration of Government, that an annual grant of Rupees 100 be sanctioned as, unless something in this way is being constantly done, the place will soon again be in its former condition.

8. I visited these forts in March last, and saw what had been done and was satisfied with the work.

P. S.—I beg to forward also the plans which were returned with your No. 90 of the 14th March 1873.

No. 235.

ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1873, No. 2,029.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied from the report of the Acting District Engineer of South Arcot that the object the Government had in view in sanctioning the grant of Rupees 500 for conservancy of the buildings and carvings in the old fort at Gingee has been so far attained. When Range Officers are called on to report on work done by order of Government, care should be taken that they do not generalize too much, but report exactly what has been done, in order that Government may judge of its conformity with their intentions.

2. Major Vertue's letter recorded with G. O., No. 1,072, of 25th April 1872, will now be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate, through the Revenue Department, for such further action as it may be necessary to take with reference to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the same. Also to show cause why the proceeds of the trees and brushwood cut down and sold by auction should not be credited to the Public Works Provincial grant, to which the cost of clearing away the same was debited; and he will report his opinion as to the agency and means required for keeping the interior of the fort in order for the future and preserving memorials of interest in it.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

„ Revenue Department, with G. O., No. 1,072, dated 25th April 1872.

„ Financial Department.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 10.

South Arcot District.

No. 2 or Indivannam Range Office.

Gingee 9th June 1873.

From,
The Assistant Engineer

Indivannam Range South Arcot.

To, The District Engineer of
South Arcot.

Sir,
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2. No attempt was made to fill up the very numerous cracks and openings in the buildings. To do this well would cost something like Rs. 50,000, and what
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3. A Survey of the Guinee Fort has not yet been made. This would be a work of two months, and I have not a man to spare for this employment.

4. The trees and brushwood cut down within the Fort were made over to the Deputy Tahsildar at Guinee for sale at public auction.

I have &c
Signed J. Graham.
M^o Engineer.

N^o 45

D^{ist} Engineers' Office, Madras
Pondicherry 16th June/73.
Submitted.

Submitted to Government with
reference to G.O. N^o 107 of 25th April
1872.

W. M. S.
Off^g Dist^l Engineer

To The Secretary to Government.
P. M. S.

MEMORANDUM

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers:— that the papers regarding the Ginger Fort asked for in Memo of the 10th Instant may be sent soon as they are urgently required by the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
13 November 1876.

To

The Registrar of the

Registrar

Public Works Department.

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June/73.
the

South Street

Office Secretary to Government
Pitt St

March 16th 1893
 43rd June 1893

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Submitting a letter from
the Anti-Slavery Office
and enclosing a large report
upon our last visit of
Ganges.

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MEMORANDUM.

For C. No.

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers:—

Spave copies of the correspondence about finger
foot in South Arcot together with plan &c.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
9 Nov 1876.

To
The Registrar of the Public Works Dept.

[Signature]
Registrar.

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Rev. of the under-mentioned papers.

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G. O., 15th Aug 1873, No. 2029.

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Letter at Geneva. Nancy
wrote me letters from the
H. Reg., ~~South West~~,
narrating a detailed
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ried out by the Gov.