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No. 324. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 24th March 1873, No. 1,054 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit the following remarks in the hope that it may induce the Government to reconsider their Order, No. 662, of 1st March 1873.

2. I beg to point out that St. Thomas' Mount has never been the head-quarters of the Chingleput District. Whenever that district has been separate from the Presidency, the Civil Engineer has lived at Sydapet, if not in Madras. The Collector's Cutcherry is in Sydapet, and the District Engineer's Office, though nominally in Guindy, is on the confines of the land of that village, and is far nearer to Sydapet than to Guindy; it is nearly two miles from the nearest house in the Mount Cantonment.

3. Immediately after I had sorted the records of the Superintending Engineer's Office I moved my head-quarters to Guindy, and personally have been there when not in camp. I could not procure a house for my family at Guindy, and therefore left them in Madras. I shall be obliged to continue this arrangement even if the Government insist on my having a small house at the Mount for my personal use, as there is none available for my family.

4. But I beg to urge that Madras is most centrally situated. Ten roads in my charge end in Madras. Eight of these are north or west of Madras, only two are south, only one passes through the Mount:—

The Red Hill Tank is distant from Madras	10	miles,	Mount	16.
Cholaveram	do.		do.	15	do.	do.	21.
Chembrumbaukum	do.		do.	12	do.	do.	10.
Corteliar Bridge	do.		do.	16	do.	do.	22.

If any serious accident occurs to the Chembrumbaukum tank the Adyar would cut me off from it if I were at the Mount; from Madras it can be always reached by the road close to my house which runs along higher ground, or the western road, which is also near my house.

5. It is true that I have no regular duty in Madras proper, but I have to afford professional aid to the Collector, whose salt depôt is in Madras, and for whom I am now arranging the construction of a bridge.

6. I submit that if the Government be pleased even to allow of my residence in Madras it cannot be a precedent for any other officer, as in no other district is there a large town so centrally and conveniently situated as Madras is, in reference to Chingleput, and not in that officer's charge.

7. My office is five miles from the house in which my family reside. Many gentlemen live as far from the offices which they have to attend every day, whereas my work keeps me the greater part of every month in camp.

8. I may point out that if I were in Madras I should pass the Collector's Cutcherry on my way to office, that building being about two miles from my house, whereas it is four miles from the Mount.

9. I presume that the Government do not intend to supply me with another office at the Mount, but if not I shall be put to nearly the same inconvenience as now, of being some two or three miles from my office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd November 1873.

No. 325. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1873, No. 2,831.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

COLONEL MOBERLY is informed that the Government decline to enter into any discussion as to the permanent head-quarters of the District Engineer of the Chingleput District. That officer will be required to live either at the Mount, Guindy, or Sydapet, making use for his office of the building provided for that purpose at Guindy. The permission given to Colonel Moberly to reside temporarily at Madras was accorded to him exceptionally and on personal grounds, and Colonel Moberly should not have again raised the question of the permanent residence of the Chingleput District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

The Chief Engineer has the honour to remark that Colonel Moberly's proposal that the District Engineer of Chingleput should be allowed to reside permanently in Madras, would, if complied with, defeat in some measure the object that was in view when the Chingleput District was separated from the Presidency - That object was that the road works of the Chingleput District especially the Minor Road Works and Repairs Agricultural, now ...

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P. W. 1873 Department

From No 1945.
The District Engineer
Chingleput

To,
The Secretary to Govert.
Public Works Deptt.

Dated 24 March 1873
Rec'd 25th

No. 1054.

Submits his remarks for the reconsideration of Government with regard to change of Head Quarters.

With an Order.

making use for his office of the building [illegible] for that purpose at Guindy.

The permission given to Colonel Meberley to reside temporarily at Madras - was accorded to him exceptionally & on personal grounds and Colonel Meberley should not have again raised the question of the permanent residence of the Chingleput District Engineer —

Dt Engr Chingleput
Cuddalore
No. 17/73 Dated 24/3/73
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