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No. 226. Read the following letter from Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., District Engineer, Kistna, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Masulipatam Canal, 14th November 1873, No. 83 :—

I HAVE the honour to report that on the permission granted in G. O., No. 150, dated 16th January 1873, I have attempted, without success, to let the European Hospital and European Barracks in the Fort, Masulipatam. I advertised the buildings for hire in the District Gazette and have spoken to several merchants on the subject, but no offer has been made.

2. I beg to recommend now that the remaining old Military buildings in the fort should be sold by auction; they are not likely to be required for use again, and they are now becoming so much decayed that it will cost a considerable sum to put them in good order. The doors and windows are all becoming dilapidated; the terraced roofs leak very badly, the roots of trees have in some places found their way through the walls, and the brick-work is beginning in places to crumble away from the action of the sea air.

3. These buildings are described in the list accompanying letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General of 26th July, printed with G. O. of 7th August 1866, No. 1,751. Nos. 2, 5, and 6 are the only Military buildings remaining, No. 11 having been sold; and Nos. 29, 31, and 32 (in the Cantonment) handed over to the Police.

4. In the out-houses of the European Hospital, stores belonging to the 7th Range, and which are received by steamer, are kept, but these may be found room for in the present Custom-house (the old Arsenal), the only building now retained for Government use.

5. The buildings having suffered from the late rains, I have examined them in company with the Collector, and we have found it necessary to pull down the high compound wall of the enclosure containing stables attached to the Custom-house. We agreed that the best arrangement would be to sell these stable buildings, together with the other Military buildings; and to retain the remainder of the Arsenal for Government use, which will allow ample space for the Custom-house and for the Department Public Works stores. To these arrangements I would request the sanction of Government.

6. I believe the buildings will sell well, as there is a good deal of timber, apparently quite sound, in them; but to prevent their being sold at considerably below their value, I propose to have them valued, and not to sell them unless there is a higher bid than the difference between the value of the timber and the cost of demolishing the buildings. Should they thus fall into our hands, I would demolish them at once and charge the timber to other works in the district.

7. I would publish a notice of sale of the buildings in the Gazettes of this and the adjoining districts and otherwise give due notice to all likely to be interested in the matter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th December 1873.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1873, No. 3,002.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5.

THE proposals made in this letter for the disposal of unoccupied Military buildings at Masulipatam are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
,, Military Department.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No 83.

Kistna District Engrs
Office Camp Masulipatam
Canal &c
14th November 1873.

From

Major J. C. Hastad R.E.
District Engineer Kistna

To

Colo G. T. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Madras

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

John Stat. Major R.E.

District Engineer Kristiania

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No 83

From No 6313

The District Engineer Kistna

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 14th November 1873
Received 20th

Subject Proposals for the disposal of unoccupied military buildings at Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith proposals made in this letter for the disposal of unoccupied military buildings at Masulipatam, together with a plan of the buildings.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Illegible
Executive Engineer

No 3082.

Recommends that the remaining old decayed Military Buildings in the fort of Masulipatam together with a table building may be disposed off by auction, as they are not likely to be required for Government use.

William Cruder

No 226-27.
Civil 24/11/73

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No. 6313

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To The District Engr
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Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 12 Dec. 1873. No. 3002

Nos. 226 & 227

Military Buildings at Masulipatam. Proposals of the Dist. Engr. for the disposal of certain buildings, Sanctioned.