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Supg Engrs' Office 3rd Circle
No. 179 S.A. Camp. Sholapuram Tanjore Dist
5th June 1880
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From,

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Buildings & Roads.

J. W. Rundall Esquire
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

To,

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

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1 Estimate
1 Specification
1 Data list
2 Drawings
1 Sheet of levels
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1 Estimate
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I have the honor to forward herewith 2 Estimates amounting respectively to Rs 5,350 and Rs x2,630 for works to protect the Flag Staff at Cuddalore old Town.

2. On the 7th Ultimo, the Executive Engineer South Arcot informed me that he had forwarded to the Collector the first of the above Estimates, viz: for Rs 5,350 and had commenced the work in anticipation of sanction. I replied on the 10th that there were no funds at my disposal for the work in question, and that the work should be stopped pending sanction of the Estimate.

3. I received the Estimate on the 14th May and as it appeared to me, that in all probability the Flag Staff could be protected by pitching the mound at

to base, quite as effectively and much more cheaply, than by the cross bank proposed by Captain Smith. I called on that Officer for an Estimate for this work which is the second of those now sent up and amounts to Rs 2,630.

4. I have not had an opportunity of inspecting the locality but I consider the protection of the base of the Flag Staff Mound is better as well as cheaper than the erection of the Bank proposed by Captain Smith. I suppose the cutting at the Flag Staff Mound is due to the action of the wind, and I am not at all sure that embanking the head of the back-water would lessen the depth of water inside, as with such a narrow neck of sea beach separating the back-water from the sea, the water inside is pretty sure to remain high and the wind might still continue to cause the undermining of the mound.

5. As the work is reported to be urgent I do not like to delay the submission of the Estimates and therefore send them on for the favor of your early orders.

6. My own proposals would be, to make the pitched slope 1:1 instead of 2:1, to put 6" of gravel backing behind the lakeside blocks and to omit the so called Jetty work, the utility of which is doubtful. I also think the revetment should be carried up 1'.6" above H. W. Springs.

7. Captain Smith informs me under date 20th May that entertaining fears for the safety of the buildings about the Flag Staff he gave orders for the commencement of the work on his first Estimate and that his Contractor had spent Rs 500 partly on work and partly on Materials.

9. I would ask therefore that the Executive Engineer be authorised to commence the pitching of the mound at 1:1 with 6" gravel backing and be instructed to forward a revised Estimate as quickly as possible.

10. The cost of the work will, I calculate roughly, be about Rs 1650. I am altogether uncertain whether there are any Port Funds to meet the charge and request orders as to what head of service the work is chargeable to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt Servt
J. W. Rundall
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

R. D. Marine / 1880 / Departmt
16 JUN 80 (Flag. Staff)

P.W.D.
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From, No 2714

The Supdg Engineer
3rd Circle

To,

The Chief Engr.
P. W. D.

No 179 S.A.

Dated 5th June /80.
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Flag Staff at
Cuddalore old Town

Forwards for orders
2 Estimates for works
to protect the –

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Supg Engr.

14th June 1880.

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Outlay for preserving Cuddalore flagstaff should be suspended - Memo follows.

Sd. R.H.S.

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SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 10th June 1880.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W

Letter No 179 S.A. of 8th June 1880 from S.E. III -

For orders.

It appears that the Cuddalore flagstaff and the mound on which it stands are being endangered by the extension of the back-water between it and the sea -

Capt. Smith proposes to close the mouth of the backwater with a bank at an estimated cost of

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Rs 5250 -

Mr Ram Lall considers it sufficient to protect the base of the flagstaff would at a cost estimated at Rs 1650 or Rs 2650 according to the work to be done -

The less expensive scheme as recommended by Mr Ramlall would probably be preferable, assuming it to be necessary to spend any large sum on the protection of the flagstaff -

But it appears to me that further enquiry is necessary before sanctioning even Rs 1650 -

It is not certain that the flagstaff is worth the sum
the
spent in preserving it; if one is necessary, might it not be removed to another site for a much less sum?

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Unless other public interests are involved, it would seem better to move the staff, or even to let it go altogether, than to spend a large sum on its preservation -

I think enquiry should be made on these points, and no further expenditure incurred in the mean time -

DJW

The opinion of the Marine Dept should be asked for -

D. W. Agreed

12.6.80 RMtt

No. 149 d/ 14th June /80

From S.E. 3rd Circle,
No. 179 S.A., d/ 5th June/80.

Referred to the Marine Dept. for opinion. 1832/6

2. It appears that the Cuddalore× flagstaff, and the mound on which it stands, are being endangered by the extension of the backwater between it and the sea.

× old town.

3. Alternative proposals have been made. The Executive Engineer, Capt. Smith, would have the mouth of the backwater closed with a bank at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,350. The Superintending Engineer, Mr. Rundall, considers it sufficient to

protect the base of the flagstaff mound at a cost estimated at Rs. 1650. or Rs 2639 according to the work of the same.

4. The less expensive plan as recommended by Mr Rundall would, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, be preferable, assuming it to be necessary to spend any large sum on the protection of the flagstaff.

5. But before recommending even the smaller estimate of Rs. 1650 for sanction, the Chief Engineer considers further enquiry to be necessary.

6. It is not certain that the flagstaff

is worth the sum to be spent in preserving it; while if it is a necessity, it might perhaps be removed to another site for a much less sum.

7. Unless the public interests are involved, it would seem better to move the staff, or even to let it alone altogether, than to spend a large sum on its preservation.

8. Pending further enquiry and receipt of remarks from the Master Attendant, who will, it is assumed, be desired in the Marine Dept.

to report on the matter, no further expenditure will be incurred.

To the Marine Dept.

No. 150 A/ 14th June /80.

The undersigned has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Supdg. Engineer's letter of the 5th June, 1880, No. 179 S.E., and to request that no further ~~expenditure~~ outlay in connection with the flagstaff at Cuddalore may be incurred till the question of removing the ~~flag~~ staff has been reported on by the Marine Dept, who have been

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addressed on the subject.

2. If the flagstaff must remain where it now is, and is worth preserving, the Chief Engineer considers that the less expensive plans proposed by the Supdg Engineer should be adopted in preference to Captain Smith's design.

To the S.E. 3rd Circle.

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Memorandum

Letter from the Supdg Engr., 3rd Circle,
No 1798 dated 5th June 1880.

Referred to the Marine Department for opinion.

2. It appears that the Cuddalore* flagstaff, and the mound on which it stands, are being endangered by the extension of the backwater between it and the sea.

* old town.

3. Alternative proposals have been made. The Executive Engineer, Capt. Smith, would have the mouth of the backwater closed with a bank at an estimated cost of Rs 5,350.

The Supdg Engineer, Mr Rundall, considers it sufficient to protect base of the flagstaff mound, at a cost estimated at

Rs: 1650, or Rs: 2630, according to the work to be done.

4. The less expensive plans as recommended by Mr Rundall would, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, be preferable, assuming it to be necessary to spend any large sum on the protection of the flagstaff.

5. But before recommending even the smaller estimate of Rs: 1650 for sanction, the Chief Engineer considers further enquiry to be necessary.

6. It is not certain that the flagstaff is worth the sum to be spent in preserving it; while if it is a necessity, it might perhaps be removed to another site for much less sum.

7. Unless the public interests are involved it would seem better to move the staff, or even to let it alone altogether, than to spend a large sum on its preservation.

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8 Pending further enquiry, and receipt of remarks from the Master Attendant, who will, it is assumed, be desired in the Marine Department to report on the matter, no further expenditure will be incurred

Ootacamund
14th June 1880.

R. H. Sankey Col R.E.

Chief Engr & Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

To
The Marine Dept.

With Enclosures —

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

No. 1261.

Forwarded to the Master Attendant Madras for his remarks, which he will furnish at an early date.

P.W.D.
2 JUL 80

R. Davidson
Chief Secretary

Ootacamund
16th June 1880
To the Master Attendant Madras

Marginal 1880 Deferred
Acting Chief Secy
From the Chief Engineer
Public Works Depart.
Dated 14th June 1880
Recd 15th June 1880
No. 149 [illegible]

No 363

Referring for the terms a letter from the Acting Supt. Engineer 3rd Circle, ... Engr. stating that no further expenditure will be incurred on the Cape [illegible] flag staff at Cuddalore pending receipt of remarks from the Master Attendant Madras.

With enclosures.

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Cuddalore

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Administrative Department.

No. 5161

MADRAS,
Marine Office,
21st June 1880.

From
J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras.

To
R. Davidson Esquire C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, to the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department, No. 179 S.A. dated June 5th 1880.
2 Columns
2 Plan sections
1 Detail sheet
2 Drawings
1 Sheet of sections
1 Rough sketch
Memo from the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P. W. Department, No. 145, dated June 5th 1880
Endorsement Memo of the Chief Secretary to Government No. 1261, dated June 16th 1880

In returning the papers relating to Cuddalore Flag staff, I have the honor to observe that a new monsoon is commencing, and it would certainly be better to wait, and observe its action on the shore, before any further step is taken. It is very probable that some favourable change will render any interference unnecessary.

2 As to the Staff itself, I have no doubt its condition and that of its rigging

rigging would on close inspection be found very defective, so that it would be impossible to move it. Any alteration of sites would compel a new Staff and rigging, while the present one, if not interfered with, may yet last some time. I would not advocate any money being spent on efforts having only the support of the staff for their object. I hope to have an opportunity soon of visiting this port, as well as Porto Novo, Negapatam, and other minor ones.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most Obedt Servant
J W Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department.

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Transferred with papers to the Public Works Department.

P.W.D.
2 JUL 80
No.

Ootacamund
29th June 1880.
to the Public Works Department.
Chief Secy

Marine / 1880 / Despatch
(Flagstaff)

From
The Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept.
Madras,
28 JUN 80

To
The Chief Secy. to Govt.,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 21 }
Received 28 } June 1880.

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Enclosure. 4

No. 392

Returns the papers relating to the Cuddalore Flagstaff and suggests the matter may be deferred until after the next Monsoon.

With Endorsement.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 July 80

Read the following :—

Endorsement per the Marine Dept (B.E. No 1328 d/ 29 June 80)

Communicated to the Supdg. Engr., 3rd Circle who will however report whether there is any danger of injury being caused by the fall of the flagstaff to the adjacent buildings which would render Govt. liable for damages

2. The Government agree in the opinion expressed by the Master Attendant.

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S. E. 3rd Circle with enclosures
Master Attendant

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G. O. 12th July 1880. No. 1632

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Flag staff at Cuddalore

Letter from the Master Attendant, Madras remarking that the action of the preceding monsoon on the shore should be awaited before any further steps be taken with reference to the — Comd to the Engr 3rd Circle —