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No. 30.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. BURGESS, Esq., LL.D., Archæological Surveyor, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Rámesvaram, 17th January 1883, No. 6.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O. of 6th January, No. 20 W., regarding the proposed demolition and removal of the fort walls of Govindapuram, in the Anantapur District.

I am not aware of the character of these walls, nor have I any information with respect to the history of the fort. Perhaps the Head Assistant Collector could obtain this information on the spot.

I think it is a pity to raze old forts for no other reason than that parts of the walls are in a dangerous condition. The gate-ways could be propped or repaired at less expense than they can be removed; and those portions of the wall only which are in immediate danger of falling where they would be likely to injure life might be pulled down, without touching other parts and incurring expense to eradicate the plans of interesting military works of a past age and style of warfare, and which usually have a history that is interesting to the people and will become more so as they are better educated. The science of Hindu fortification has yet to be studied.

No. 31.

G.O., dated 1st February 1883, No. 658, Military.

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Order—dated 1st February 1883, No. 658, Military.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, in reply to Proceedings of Government, No. 20 W., dated 6th January 1883.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

No. 32.

Order—dated 3rd February 1883, No. 379 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, who will submit alternative estimates for demolishing the fort walls of Govindapuram and for treating them in the manner suggested by Mr. Burgess.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle,
with copy of G.O., No. 20 W., dated 6th January 1883.
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Fort Wall of Govindapuram.

Dr. Burgess' proposals in regard to the —, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, for submission of estimates.

No 6. 1883

Rameswaram, 17th Jan. 1883

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J. Burgess LL.D.

Archæological Surveyor

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Annex reply from the Military Dept.

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Government of Madras.

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Ag Secretary to Govt.

To the Public Works Dept.

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