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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 26th February 1884, No. 4076.

1 Copy of letter.
1 Tracing plan (to be returned).

I have the honor to forward a copy of letter, No. 5328, dated 14th November 1883, from the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, and to request that orders may be passed settling the point whether the stone may be taken from the walls of the old Bangalore Fort, for the construction of the fortified post.

2. I kept back the Executive Engineer's letter till I had heard from him whether the General Commanding the Mysore Division approved of the stone being removed from the Fort walls.

I have now heard from Colonel Burton that General Payn recommended that the Fort stone should be utilized at the fortified post, by letter, on the 5th December, and by telegram, on the 23rd instant.

3. In G.O., No. 467 W. of the 20th February 1884, Rs. 8,032 are made available for work. It is much to be regretted that the Government of India have assigned funds at so late a date that it would scarcely be possible to utilize them, and when the question as to the stone is settled, I shall have to report what sum of money the Executive Engineer will be able to expend.

No. 473 C., Public Works

Referred to the Military Department for favor of *very early* assent to the arrangements proposed for obtaining stone for the fortified post at Bangalore.

(By Order.)

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

CHEPÂK,
28th February 1884.

No. 1000, Military.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut-Col.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th February 1884.

To the Quartermaster-General.

No. 474 C.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of letter from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No. 4076, dated 26th February 1884, the Chief Engineer would suggest, for the consideration of the Superintending Engineer, whether a portion of the grant sanctioned in G.O., No. 467 W., dated 20th February 1884, cannot be

utilized in preparing materials, more especially wood-work for the Ordnance Depôt and Laboratory. The three works referred to in G.O., No. 3060 W., dated 30th October 1883, form one project, and no effort should be spared to use up the allotment of Rs. 8,032 available for works.

2. The question whether stone may be taken from the walls of the old Bangalore Fort has been referred to the Military Department, and no time will be lost in communicating the order in that department when received.

28th February 1884. (Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th March 1884, No. 1559.

In returning correspondence referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief under O.G., No. 1000, dated 29th February 1884, I am desired to say that Sir Frederick Roberts approves of the proposal made in the Public Works Department to take the stone required for the fortified post from the old Fort at Bangalore, provided it is less expensive than quarried stone.

2. As, however, the disposal of the old Fort at Bangalore rests with the Government of India, His Excellency considers that its sanction would be necessary and should be obtained to the use of the stone.

No. 1188, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, and the referred papers returned, with the remark that Government in the Military Department have no objection to the proposed arrangement.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George, 10th March 1884. (Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 14th March 1884.

284 M.W., your's twelfth. No objection to proposal to take stone for fortified post, Bangalore, from the old Fort.

Order—dated 15th March 1884, No. 718 W., Public Works.

The foregoing communication from the Military Department, and the telegram from the Government of India, will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 15th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 15th March 1884, No. 718 W.

MARCH.

Fortified Post, Bangalore

Communicating to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, correspondence regarding the proposal for taking the stone required for the —, from the old Fort.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Military Department), dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1884, No. 856.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief being specially anxious that the ordnance stores at Bangalore should not be allowed to remain a day longer than is absolutely necessary in the old Fort, where they are now placed, I am desired to solicit that if no reply has been received from the Government of India to the application * for a special grant of funds for the commencement of the entrenchment and Ordnance Depôt within it at that station, Government will be pleased to invite the attention of the Government of India to this application by telegram, and strongly to urge the necessity for the grant.

* G.O., No. 3060 W., dated 2nd October 1883. (Military Department, No. 5945, dated 6th November 1883).

2. I am to note that if the grant for this year is not made the additional demand which will fall on the ordinary grant for Military works next year will require that some of the very few works now proposed to be provided for out of it should be postponed, and as these are all really important ones, Sir Frederick Roberts hopes that this may be avoided.

No. 643, Military.

Forwarded.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th February 1884.

Telegram to the Government of India, dated 11th February 1884, No. 370 W.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 19th February 1884.

One hundred and seventy-five M. W. your's 11th. Rs. 10,000 inclusive of establishment and tools and plant sanctioned for fortified post, Bangalore.

Telegram from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Calcutta, 19th February 1884.

Government of India sanction Rs. 10,000 for Bangalore entrenchment. General Payn has been telegraphed to to set Pioneers on works at once.

ORDER—dated 20th February 1884, No. 467 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle who will take immediate steps for utilizing the grant now sanctioned.

	Rs.
* Works	8,032
Establishment	1,847
Tools and Plant	121
Total ..	10,000

2. The amount available for works is Rs. 8,032 *.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 20th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Feb. 1884, No. 467 W.

FEBRUARY.

Fortified Post, Bangalore

Sanction of the Government of India to a grant of Rs. 10,000 for —, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle for taking immediate steps to utilize the grant.

Read the following letter -

No. 4076

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 26 February 1884.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.S.W.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a copy of letter No. 5328 dated 14th November 1883, from the Execu-tive Engineer Presidency Divn. and to request that order may be passed settling the point whether the stone may be taken from the walls of the old Banga-lore Fort, for the construc-tion of the fortified post.

2. I kept back the Exe-cutive Engineer's letter till I

Enclosures. 2

1 Copy of letter
1 Tracing plan (to be returned)

1st Feb 1884
Fortified Post
Bangalore

I had heard from him, whether the General Commanding the Mysore Division, approved of the Stone being removed from the Fort walls.

I have now heard from Colonel Burton, that General Sayer recommended that the Fort Stone should be utilized at the fortified post, by letter on the 5th December, and by telegram on the 23rd Instant.

3. I w[illegible] G. O. No. 4675 of the 20th February 1884, Rupees 8032 are made available for work. It is much to be regretted that the Government of India have assigned funds at so late a date that

that it would scarcely be possible to utilize them, and when the question as to the Stone is settled, I shall have to report, what sum of money the Executive Engineer will be able to expend.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Clerk Sundry pro Col. R.E.
Superintg Engr
5th Circle

Clerk's A/c
28th Febry/84

No. 473 C

Referred to the Military Department for favor of very early assent to the arrangements proposed for obtaining stone for the forthfied Post at Bangalore

(By order)

C. Owen Major R.E.
Under-Secretary to Govt
P.W. Dept

REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

W. 1000 24

Referred to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief

Kenneth Herbert Capt.
Offg Secy to Govt
Mily & Port Depts
Quarter Master Genl

F. St. G. E.O.
29 Feb. 84

July: 1884 Dt.

From

No. 1021

The Superintending Engineer,
5th Circle,

From The P.W. Dt.
473. C

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

D/28th Febry
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Dated 26
Recd. February 1884.

Enclosures. 2

No. 4076

Fortified Post at Agram-Bangalore—
Requesting that orders may be passed whether the stone required for the — may be taken from the walls of the Old Bangalore Fort.

Referred

Mily Dept

No. 474 Ca/28th Febry/84

Memo.

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C No. 1776 x

x (Requesting that orders may be passed whether the stone required for the fortified post at Agram Bangalore may be taken from the walls of the Old Bangalore Fort.)

With reference to the concluding para of letter from the S.E. V Circle No. 4076 x of 26 Febry 1884. the Chief Engr. connected suggest for the consideration of the Supply Engr. whether a portion of the grant sanctioned in G.O. No. 467 W of 20 Febry 1884. cannot be utilized in preparing materials more especially wood-work for the Ordnance Depot & Laboratory—

The three months referred to in Sec. No. 3060 dated 30 Oct. 1883 form one project, & no effort should be spared to use up the allotment of Rs 8032 available for works.

2. The question whether stone may be taken from the walls of the old Bangalore Fort, has been referred to the Judiciary Dept, & no time will be lost in communicating the order in that dept when received.

C.S. 28-2-84

Cr. Dy. C/S.

No. 474 Ca/28-2-84

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Exec. Engr. Bangalore Dept.

No. 5328. Bangalore 14th November 1883.

From

The Executive Engineer
Residency

To. The Superintending Engineer
5th Circle.

Sir

In reference to G.O. No. 3060 dated 30 October 1883 giving sanction to the plans and estimate for the Fortified Post at Agrams and other works, I have the honor to enquire whether the stone required for these works may be obtained from the Glacis, counterscarp, escarp of ditch and walls and ½ circular towers of the old Fort from the vicinity of the old store Gate and from between Towers No. 25 and 26 - if this can be done without involving extra cost.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Colonel.

Colonel Kerrich's Committee which originally selected the Site for the Fortified Post Reported thus on this point.

"As the existing Bangalore Fort in its present condition, would be more or less a source of anxiety & difficulty whenever the troops might be absent from the Station; the Committee would suggest that the demolition of the old work and the construction of the new one, which is proposed to take its place, be simultaneous, and that it be a condition with the R.E. Officer deputed to build the latter, that he obtain all his building Stone from the former."

This will secure without extra cost to the new work the complete destruction of the old one; completely, as far as the Military necessities of the case require." 718/9

The works sanctioned above will require very nearly 100.000 C ft. of building Stones - all more or less what are locally named Sized Stones - to obtain which from the Old Fort might ensure two large breaches in that work, or rather the Stone facing to the Ramparts and escarp &c. being taken away a few Seasons Rains or charges of gun powder, would effect the rest.

If the general principle is sanctioned, I should propose to first obtain this Stone from the parts previously named - Access across the ditch being there comparatively easy - breaches at these points too as being near the road to old Fort leading

leading past the Lal Bagh Gate and remote from Pattah would perhaps be best in a Military point of view.

Also as I presume it would be desirable to give as much Variety of labor as possible to the Pioneers, I would propose to employ Military labor on thus getting this Stone - its cartage over 4½ miles (somewhat longer cartage than that involved if Stone is obtained from quarries) to Agra remaining paid for as Civil labor cutting the Stone in play as well as cartage being also done by the Pioneers.

I have &c

Sd/ W. H. Burton Lt Col. R.E.

P.S.

For such a large quantity of Stone as above, estimates based on cost of obtaining a small quantity are not altogether reliable, but with general approval to this proposal to make 2 large breaches in the old Fort, the Executive Engineer at the time the new Fortified Post is built would be at liberty to use either new Stone or old Fort Stone whichever might be the most economical.

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/True copy/

Asst Secretary pt Col. R.E.

Superintg Engr 5th Circle

Quartermaster-General's Office,
Fort St. George,
4th March 1884.

No. 1559.

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From

The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Military Department.

Sir,

In returning correspondence referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-chief under G.O. No. 1000 dated 29th February 1884, I am desired to say that Sir Frederick Roberts approves of the proposal made in the Public Works Department to take the stone required for the Fortified Post from the Old Fort at Bangalore, provided it is less expensive than quarried Stone.

2. As, however, the disposal of the old Fort at Bangalore rests with the Government of India, His Excellency considers that its sanction would be necessary and should

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should be obtained to the use of the Stone.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obed.t. Servant,
D.J.S. McLeod Major
Depy. Q.r Mr. General.

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Nos 26480 - 11.10.82
3078W - 30-10-83.
2568 C - 30-11.83
2532 C - 17-12-83
4670 - 20-2-84
4742 - 28-3-84

W 1188

Transferred to the Public Works Dept. and the referred papers returned, with the remark that Government in the Military dept have no objection to the proposed arrangement.

/ By order /
Kennedy Herbert Lt Col.
Off Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
10 March 84

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Military (1884) Department.

No. 1131
Nos 2207

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1569

Dated 4 March.
Rcvd. 5 "

No 718 W 4/15-3-84

ENCLOSURES. 2 (1 plan)

States that the C in C approves of the proposal made in the P. W. D. to take the stone required for the fortified Post from the old fort at Bangalore, provided it is less expensive than quarried stone. —

INDIAN TELEGRAPH

Class. To DS — Madras — From Calcutta — Local No. 1169

Words 24/5. Day 14 Hour 13. Minute 55.

To (Station) Madras Works — From (Station) Indy

Official Instructions.

284 m. to 718/13
Yours 12 no objection to proposal to take stone for fortified post from old fort Bangalore the

L. N.

Sent To — At — Hrs. — Min. — By

Rcvd. from — At — Hrs. — Min. — By

Date 14-3-84

Telegraph Master.

MADRAS

P. W. D.

Telegram Urgent.

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To Military

Calcutta.

Proposed to take stone for portion post Bangalore from glacis and walls of old fort. Army and Post have no objection - Assent of Govt. India requested by wire.

Despatched
12/3/84
Telegram Des

Cl.
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Immediate action should be taken in this matter.

W.
15/3/84

Replied to.
C.No. 2309-15/3/44.

S.A.cv.- 718/15

Please note for consideration whether reply* is received from Govt Deptt, whether portion of the ground cannot be utilized in preparing materials, more especially cinders, by the ordnance depot & Labourers. This could enable us to get through the ground, and also I think the No. 10000 loan been given for the justified part on which to be included in C.O for the 9 cwtrs included in C.O No. 3060 cv of 30 Oct 44. I think this is quite feasible.

cv.
28/2/44.

9 days been unfortunately absent
before since date of telegram.

* means to be sent since

Replaced to
C.No. 2309-15/3/84-
Pol.
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To TV.

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Pending reply to the proposed telegram to Govt of India, I think it would be well to convey orders, in anticipation of India's sanction, to S.L. to take the Arms from the Fort.

This is view to advancing as far as possible the Cases that I fear must occur.

CJ.
12-3-84

Wee reply to telegram must I think be awaited. I learn from Col. Beaton that there has been some representation on the subject from or through the Resident.

Ill
12-3-84

Issue telegram as noted
CJ

Replied to.
C.No. 2309-15/3/84-
S/T.
14.

AC 21/8/87

Pending the arrival,
the Mfs of the Petition
paper for S.S. IV Lead
letter received from
the Petitioners Head
Master of the Ps
Nos 1, 2, 93. Candles
quoted in the Mfs C/f,
Nos 4 & 5 effected in
field - Ag
15/9

Received by
C.No. 2309 dt 15/3/84.

Military Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

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READ the following

From the S.E. V Circle No 4076 dt 26. Febr 1884.
Endt to the Mily Depot " 4736 dt 28th —"—"—
Memo to the S.E. V Circle " 4746 dt 28th —"—"—
Endt. from the Mily Depot No 1188 dt 10th March 84
Telegram from the Govt of India dt 14th —"—"—

The foregoing Communication from the Military Dept, & the Telegram from the Govt of India, will be communicated to the S.E. V Circle for information & Guidance

To the S.E. V Circle
Copy Mily Dept.

Dept 15/3/84.

CJ. 15/3/84

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Dated

Read

Rec'd

G. O., 15th March 4 /1884

Fortified Post
Bangalore

Covering the Chief
Commissioner's opinion
the proposal for taking
the above land for the
— from the Old Fort

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Secretary Govt Records