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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 8th September 1891, No. 4817, Revenue.

Read—again endorsement, dated 18th June 1891, No. 3592, Revenue.

Abstract.—Referring to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, for early remarks, Proceedings of the Public Works Department, dated 13th June 1891, No. 367 D., referring letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, requesting that orders may be passed that, in the expiry of the present lease, the quarries at Sholinghur may be reserved for the exclusive use of Public Works Department in the Presidency town of Madras.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 20th August 1891, Mis. No. 5972:—

Read—the following papers:—

Endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, dated 18th June 1891, No. 3592.

Reference thereon, dated 26th June 1891.

Forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot for very early remarks. Pending further orders the lease should not be renewed.

2. It should be stated to what extent the local public depend on these quarries and what substitute the public will have if the present quarries are reserved for Government work in the Presidency town.

Letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 7th August 1891, No. 1059.

Resolution—dated 20th August 1891, Mis. No. 5972.

Submitted to Government with reference to its endorsement, dated 18th June 1891, No. 3592.

2. Certain contractors, who supply stones to the Public Works Department of the Presidency division, complained that, owing to the leasing to a private individual of the Banavaram, Sholinghur, &c., quarries in North Arcot, from which they had hitherto obtained their supplies of stone on payment of two annas per cart-load (six cubic feet) as seigniorage, the rate of seigniorage was raised and that they were thus threatened with loss. The Consulting Architect, in view of the delay in carrying out Government building works in Madras and of the increased cost likely to accrue if the petitioners' statements are correct, suggests that these quarries should not be leased hereafter but should be reserved for Government works in the Presidency division.

3. On receipt of the Government reference, the Collector was instructed not to renew the lease pending further orders and to report whether the wants of the local public and of the local Public Works Department and the Local Boards could be supplied from other quarries in the district.

4. The Collector reports that there are no other quarries available and that therefore the quarries in question cannot be reserved for Government works in the Presidency division. The District Forest officer states that the contractors' complaints of overcharge are not founded on fact, that an agreement can easily be got from the lessee to the effect that he will charge only two annas a cart-load as seigniorage from the Public Works contractors of the High Court and other buildings, and that, when the lease is renewed, a condition to the same effect may be added to the license. If this is done, the Board agrees with the Collector in thinking that it is not desirable to reserve the quarries in question exclusively for Government works in the Presidency town.

Order—dated 8th September 1891, No. 4817, Revenue.

The Government agrees with the Board.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to its endorsement, No. 367 D., dated 13th June 1891.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 24th September 1891, No. 2574 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Architect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Architect to Government,
with two enclosures for perusal and return.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
Spare Copies

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 24th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Sept. 1891, No. 2574 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Quarries at Sholinghur

Proceedings in the Revenue Department regarding the proposal to reserve the — for Government works in the Presidency division, communicated to the Consulting Architect.

No 511

Office note

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To
The Collector of North Arcot

With reference to petition and accompanying letter from Consulting Architect No $\frac{3196}{27-1-91}$, and your Endorsement (G.O. Dis. No 499 of 1891) thereon I have the honor to report briefly as follows:

I The four quarries are Reserved lands vide District Gazette September 5th 1885

II D.P.W. and Local Fund have to pay seigniorage rates.

III Great publicity was given to the auction

IV Right of quarrying was sold for Rs 550/-/- compared with Rs 320/-/- receipts last year

V I submit that petitioners have no claim they would an should have bid in the auctio if the Quarry was necessary: to him.

D. A. Collis Marie
Forest Branch
Camp Coles
2d February 1891

J. G. F. Marshall
Asst. Dist. Forest Officer
North Arcot.

/ True copy /

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Collector

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Gl 2713/91

DEPARTMENT. NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Ref only to Eng No. 71 of 91 7-2- 1891.

FROM
H. LE FANU, ESQUIRE,
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
NORTH ARCOT, N° 7/4

TO
THE Consulting Architect
to the Govt. of Madras

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 3196 dated 27 January 1891 & in forwarding you copy of a reply received from my District Forest Officer on the subject I have the honor to state that the Contractors must arrange with the lessees of the quarries. If, as is probable, your Contracts were given out before the quarries were leased, it would be only fair that you should pay the seigniorage. It is really no extra cost to Government being only a book transaction, unless indeed the charge of the lessee should exceed the sum paid in auction for the quarries. In that case there is no help for it. Your Contractors should have

bid for the quarries. It is unfor[illegible]
that they did not know of the auction
If I now interfere in any way, the
lessee or lessees will sue me and
I have no defence. I must apologise
for the delay in replying but my
forest officer was in a distant
place 70 miles off in camp.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Collector

From
The Collector of
North Arcot
To
The Consulting
Architect
to Govt. of
Madras
Refce. 711 / Gl. Eng. 7-2-91
Subject
Informing [illegible]
any interference
with the lessee
of the quarries
will lead to [illegible]
&c

3/25/3/91

3/27/3/91

Ref on Gl. Eng.

DEPARTMENT. No. 780 of 91

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, [illegible]–2– 1891

FROM
H. LE FANU, ESQUIRE,
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
NORTH ARCOT, 25/2

TO
THE Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 3351 dated 7 February 1891 I can only say that the position is as stated in my letter Ref on Gl. Eng. No. 711 d/ 7-2-91. The lessees have you at their mercy. Either you or the Contractors must pay what they demand. I would suggest that you might find some other quarries and arrange with the District Forest Officer to have them for your own. Of course, here too you would have to pay seignorage. Please address the District Forest Officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

for Collector

From
The Collector of
North Arcot
To The Consulting
Architect
Madras

No. 780 / 7 Feby

Subject

Regarding Tables the District Board
offices in connection
with the Licenses
&c

North Arcot Collector's Office
Chittoor 12 February 1891

Ref: on: G Mis No 749 of 91

From ~~5~~/6

A. Le Fanu Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

To

The Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras

Sir,

With reference to your No 3328 dated the 6th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the restriction cannot be withdrawn now. Colonel Campbell Walker's letter confirms the view I have already expressed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedt. Servant

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for Collector

To.

The Chief Engineer. P.W.D.

Through the Consulting Architect to
Government Madras.

No 54/7

Respected Sir,

The humble petition of the undersigned contractors most respectfully showeth

(1) Your petitioners have been engaged with Govt to supply stone for most of the important architectural buildings at Madras that had been undertaken by Govt during the past 20 years - such as the Telegraph Office, Presidency College, New Town Hall, Victoria Hospital &c.

(2) that they are now under a contract with Government to supply stone for the New High Court Buildings now under construction.

(3) that the chief source of supply upon which the petitioners have been depending for the performance of their past & present undertakings are the quarries near Sholinghur. viz Banavaram, Vadanthangal, ~~[illegible]~~ Kattupakkam Balakrishnapuram &c.

(4) that till last December 90 they had been allowed to quarry stone therefrom on the terms of paying 2 as seigniorage on a cart load or 6 c. ft of stone

the 15th January 9

From
The Collector of
North Arcot

To
The Consulting
Architect
to the Govt
Madras

749
27 Aug

Subject
Informing that
certain extraction
not be withdrawn
&c

was issued by the Forest Ranger of the Walajapett Taluq North Arcot District to the village Officers to proclaim that the above mentioned quarries at Banavaram had been decided to be leased out in public auction to the highest bidder and that an auction sale for the purpose will be held on 25th January 91 (i.e) only 10 days after the date of the notice

(6) that at first the lease was understood to be subject to the condition of allowing the P. W. D and Local Fund Departments to quarry on the old terms (i.e) on payment of seigniorage at 2 annas per cart load so as not prejudice existing interests

7. That an auction was accordingly held on the 25th January 1891 and lease knocked down to the highest bidder but in the written lease given to him the conditions relating to P. W. D & Local Fund Departments mentioned in para below seem to have been altered and words inserted so as to make it applicable only to those sections which were at North Arcot and not to the departments in general as was formerly understood

8 That the petitioners beg to urge the following objection to the lease

(a) that the time which lapsed between

short to permit them to make refer
to the higher authorities for th
obtaining resultations in their f

(c) that it seems to have been the
of those who proclaimed and conducted t
auction sale that your petitioners shou
have no opportunity of making represe
tions on their behalf to superior author
ie that they not only hurried the sale
misled the petitioners to their prejudice by
ting them from taking auction by g
stating that the P W D and Local Fun
partments were to be allowed to quarry
the old terms. But that at the time of
they restricted the privilege to the s
of those departments at North Arcot, when
the petitioners were deprived of the advantag
They felt certain they had secured

(c) that by reason of the control of land hav
been transferred to a private individual they
were left entirely at his mercy - that they ar
deprived of all the advantages to be derived
from the rocks having been prepared for
quarrying at a large expense money, labour
& time in the way of digging out the surfac
soil (sometimes to the extent of one to 6 feet
deep) cutting & removing the trees, shrubs
growing thereon & they are obliged to pay a
higher rate of seigniorage than they had
hitherto been paying and in addition to

to the inconvenience of taking up
hat the lessee is pleased to allow
fficult or unfavourable to quarry
ay be to the utter loss of the advantage x
they hitherto possessed of choosing
ir spot should seem to them best
that in consequence of above the petitioners
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s which they did not and could not
at the time of their making the &
contract with Government that they
be thus unjustly deprived of the
they had expected from this undertaking
ay even be put to very heavy loss.
ginally noted figure will clearly explain
statement made in this paragraph)

that in view of the above the petitioners
respectfully request that the chief
gineer will move Government for the
hdrawal of the license and prevent
great and irreparable loss that
now impending over or, if that cannot
done to recommend to Government to
low them higher rates so as to cover
l the additional charges.

For which act of kindness
nd charity the petitioners will

Cost of quarrying 1 c.ft of stone & transporting it to site at Madras.

1. Cooly for quarrying	"	5	6
2. Drainage	"	4	"
3. Loading the stones in the Railway carriage	"	"	6
4. Carriage from quarry to station	"	1	"
5. Carriage of stone from station to site	"	1	"
6 Incidence of seigniorage on 1 c.ft at 2 as per 6 c.ft or 1 cart load	"	"	4
Total cost	"	12	4
The price at which these stones are supplied to Govt	"	13	"
Net gain as at present per c.ft	"	"	8

After the lease, increase will occur in
items 1 & 6 – supposing the others to remain
constant so that in any event the cost price
to the contractors of each cubic foot will
raise by a certain amount and their gains
down to the corresponding extent and
petitioners contract are to supp
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this Division entirely at
the mercy of the lessee
with the result that they
have to pay any thing
that is demanded by him.
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the progress of works in
this Division (more es-
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value of works. the
case of all future works
a higher rate on account
of stone works will have
to be provided for. The
extra expense to Government in this respect
will be very much more
than the revenue derived,
say even as much as
ten times.

3 In the interests therefore of the works of
Govt both under execution and under contemplation the undersigned is of opinion
that the quarries should
be reserved exclusively,
for the Architectural
Buildings in this Divn
as otherwise there will
be a very great difficulty in procuring
stone for the works in
progress expected to be
completed shortly and
for those in contemplation
This

This can very conveniently be done by paying up a lump sum to the present lessee and getting back the quarries leased out.

Henry Irwin
Consulting Architect to Govt
18/2/91

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We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your Most Obedient and Hum
Servant.

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Enclosures
No 3480 Letter from Collector of North Arc
No 711 d/ 7-2-91
do do No 749 d/ 12-2-9
do do No 758 d/ 16-2-91

Forwarded to E.W.
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orders of Governme

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From
The Cnsg: Arch:
to Govt.
Enclos.—

No. 3480
Dated 18th } February 1891
Received 20th }

SUBJECT.

Forwarding for orders petition from certain contractors against the leasing out of quarries in the North Arcot Dt.

DISPOSAL.

No. dated

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P.W. Department.

Memorandum

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Adverting to his Endorsement No. 3480 dated 18th February 1891 the Consulting Architect is requested to be so good as to report the amount that the lessees of the quarries near Sholinghur are willing to accept for the quarries, which it is desirable to retain for the exclusive use, of the Consulting Architect's division.

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The Consg. Archt. to Govt.

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P. W. D.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
8th June 1891

No. 939

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From

Henry Irwin, Esq., C.I.E.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your memorandum No. 1007C dated the 23rd February 1891, I have the honor to state that I am in communication with the Revenue authorities about reserving the use of the quarries leased out for the current official year or for working some abandoned quarries, in the mean time I request that orders may be passed that on the expiry of the present lease the quarries at Sholinghur may be reserved for the exclusive use of Public Works in the Presidency Town

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
Henry Irwin
Consulting Architect to
Government

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No: 1561

North Arcot Collector's Office,
Forest Branch,
Vellore, 14th July 1891

To

The Collector of
North Arcot

Office note

Sent herewith with all its enclosures to be returned when done with.

With reference to your footnote Board No: 1576 of 1891, dated 29th June 1891, to Board's reference on Government Register No: 1563 of 1891 dated 26th June 1891, received by me on the 9th Instant, I have the honor to submit the following reply.

2 I would first of all like to note that I am authoritatively informed that the lessee of the quarries does not, and never wished to charge more than the seigniorage rates to the public works department contractors of the High Court and other buildings. Where the hardship comes in, is, that now, as the quarries have been leased, the lessee naturally looks after his interests very carefully, and does not allow 5 to 10 bandy loads to be removed on permit for one which, I am afraid, was always done previously, when the permit system was in force in this district. This and jealousy are, I submit, the reasons of the

petition under reference

3. I note too that the petitioners do not complain of having received no notice and I understand that they purposely refrained from bidding as they said they would get the sale cancelled upon appeal.

4 The Collector wrote to the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras allowing his Contractors to quarry in unreserved lands, over which the Forest Department has no control, on payment of the usual Seigniorage. Orders have been issued and quarrying is, I believe, now being done.

5. I strongly protest against the Banavaram quarries being solely reserved for the use of Government work in the Presidency Town for the following reasons:—

i The quarries are reserved lands notified in District Gazette, September 5th 1886 and as such are subject to the rules published in Salem District Gazette, January 5th 1888, page 3 and notification 363, page 851, Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 1st November 1887 and Salem District Forest officer's standing Order No: 1935 dated 30th July 1885, amended by 1297 dated 15th July 1886.

× Forest [illegible]

ii Stone is largely required by the public Works department and Local Fund for works in this district and also by the general public and their wants could not be supplied if the quarries were closed to all except Madras public Works department Contractors.

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6 In Conclusion I beg to again to draw your attention to para 2 Supra. The lessee, I again say, is and always has been willing to give the stone at Seigniorage rates and I am prepared to get an agreement from him to that effect at once if ordered so to do.

7 I propose however that future sales shall have the condition as to the Local Fund and public Works department in this district being supplied at Seigniorage rates extended to the public Works department generally which, I think, should suit all parties.

(Sd) — Marshall
Ag. Dt. Forest officer
North Arcot.

(True copy)

Collector

No 1059
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North Arcot Collector's office,
Camp Kuppam 7 August 1891.

GEN. REG. No 2713 OF 91
LAND REVENUE

From

H. Le Fanu Esquire,
Collector of North Arcot

To

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The Secretary to the
Commissioners of
Land Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

In returning herewith the enclosures received with the Board's reference on Government Regestr No: 1563 of 91 dated 26th June 91, I have the honor to state that, if the Banavaram, Sholingur &c quarries referred to by the Board should be reserved for the exclusive use of the Government works in the Presidency Town, the public works and Local Fund departments as well as the general public at large will greatly suffer from want of stone, there being no other quarries in this district which can supply the local wants.

2 As regard the Complaint of the stone-suppliers of the High Court's Works, my District Forest Officer reports that their Complaint is

is nothing but the outcome of jealousy,* in that the illicit practices to which the High Courts' Contractors had recourse prior to the lease, viz, of carrying between 5 to 10 cartloads of stone under cover of a permit for one, could no longer be carried on as the lessee, as is naturally to be supposed, has been watchful of his interests. The lessee, my District Forest Officer assures me, has never demanded and will hereafter never demand of the Contractors, a higher rate of Seigniorage than that ~~actually~~ usually charged, and is quite ready to enter into an agreement to that effect with the District Forest Officer.

* Vide District Forest Officer's Office note No: 1561 dated 14-7- Copy herein enclosed.

3 The High Courts' Contractors had sufficient notice of the intention of the Forest Department to lease, but it is quite evident that they did not want to bid for the quarry in the sale, because such a course was not advantageous to them.

4 Under the foregoing circumstances, I do not consider it desirable to reserve the quarries in question for the exclusive use of the Government works in the Presidency Town. The Contractors can at all times obtain from the lessee, on payment of the usual Seigniorage, any quantity of stone which they may require for the Madras works. From the commencement of the next year, my District Forest Officer proposes to extend the concession of obtaining supplies of stone from the said quarries on payment of the usual seigniorage to the Public Works Department generally. He was also ordered not to renew the lease of the above said quarries on the expiry of the present one, pending further orders of the Board.

I have the honor to be
Your most obed Servant

Collector

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read again Endorsement dated 18th June 1891. No. 3592, referring to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for early remarks, Proceedings of the Public Works Department, dated 13th June 1891. No. 367.D referring letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, requesting that orders may be passed that in the Expiry of the present lease, the quarries at Sholinghur may be reserved for the Exclusive use of Public works Department in the Presidency town of Madras.

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+ not recd in the P.W.D.

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Order thereon 8th September 1891. No. 6837.

The Government agrees with the Board.

2. These proceedings will be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to its endorsement No. 3592. dated 18th June 1891.

(True Extract)

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To the Commissioner of L. R.
" P. W. D. with [illegible]
Collector [illegible]

Secretary

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No 2574 W/24 Septr 1891

Communicated to
the Consulting Architect.

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Procs: in the Revenue Department regarding the proposal to reserve the —— for public works in the Presidency Divn. Communicated to the Cons. Architect

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