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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

Read the following papers :—

No. 9. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, in the Department of Public, Works, Fort Saint George, under date the 12th November 1857, No. 5179.

From Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect P. D. ; to the Chief Engineer in the D. P. W. Fort Saint George, dated 6th November 1857, No. 603.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 908, Political Department, dated 22nd Ultimo, and your resolution thereon, No. 4994, of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report for the second time I may say, that I should consider the Roshun Baugh on the left bank or north side of the Adyar river admirably adapted for barracks for European Troops, as the ground is high and dry, and close to the said river, from which abundance of good water for all purposes could thus be obtained.

2. It may not be within my province to descant upon the propriety of having thus a good reserve barrack on the main road between Madras and the Mount, either to accomodate additional troops for the nonce when arriving at, or departing from Madras; or as a relief particularly in the hot months to the sometimes over crowded barracks of Fort Saint George, in case of sickness breaking out amongst them, the only other European Infantry barracks being the more distant and incommodious one at Pooonamallee, holding, I believe, with difficulty only 500 men and being very low and narrow, quite in the old exploded style of barrack building. In fact so little account seemed to have been taken formerly of it, that 7 years ago these barracks had not even doors to them, which were only then supplied for the first time.

3. But now that there is to be such a large permanent increase to the European Force in this country, it strikes me the ground would accomodate admirably the Royal Artillery say, for whom there can scarcely be sufficient room at the Mount, and thereby avoid more crowding and confusion, which the additional building necessary to accommodate them would occasion there.

4. So much was I struck with the clean airy healthy look of the place on the banks of the limpid Adyar, when visiting it 2 months ago, that I should think it a very great pity indeed, now that it has become Government property, to sell any portion of the ground whatever. As even if not required now for Military or other purposes, there is no knowing when it may not be ; and it might be difficult to get such a spacious area of 151 *c.* 16 *g.* 2100 *sq.ft.*, (*vide* Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 1st September 1857, page 363,) which would be equally well situated, at all times, and which from what the Honorable Company's Solicitor told me at the time the Government purchased at a very moderate rate.

(Signed) W. H. ATKINSON, Colonel,
Civil Architect, P. D.

Resolved with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 908, Political Department, dated 22nd October 1857, that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 603, dated 6th November 1857, from the Civil Architect at the Presidency, reporting on the purposes to which the Roshun Baugh may be applied, and stating as his opinion, in which the Chief Engineer fully concurs, that it would not be advisable to sell any portion of the premises, be forwarded for the information of Government.

2. The Chief Engineer can give no opinion as to the expediency of converting the building in question into European barracks, without communication with the Military Authorities; but he considers Colonel Atkinson's opinion that the premises should not be sold to be well worthy of adoption.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 10. From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th November 1857.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the report called for in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 904 of the 21st Ultimo, relative to the necessity or otherwise of retaining by Government the establishments maintained by His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic at the Roshun Baugh,

2. The Servants entertained by the Carnatic Circar with their respective salaries are noted in the margin.* They are 7 in number receiving Rupees 41, per mensem, or Rupees 492 per annum, or nearly 50 per cent of the Revenue † derived from the Garden. Three of the above servants, *viz.*, the Darogah, Conicopilay and Maistry are permanent residents of Triplicane, and only visit the Garden once or twice a week. The other 4 Peons are residents on the spot and are employed in watching the property.

	Pay.
* 1 *Darogah* ..... *Rupees*	15
1 *Maistry*	5
4 *Peons at* 3½ *Rupees*	14
1 *Conicopillay*	7
	41

† *Rupees* 1,034-12 *from Fruit trees, Quit Rent for Building sites, and Assessment on cultivated lands, &c., &c.,*

3. Besides the above servants, temporary coolies appear to have been occasionally employed in the hot weather at a charge of Rupees 35 per annum for the purpose of felling unproductive and dried up trees to be sold by auction.

4. It appears to me that the first three servants are superfluous, and might be dispensed with. Of the 4 others, two might be gardeners and 2 Peons instead of all 4 Peons which would do away with the necessity of employing temporary coolies, and equally allow of the garden being watched. Their wages would amount to Rupees 14 a month.

5. The collections of the rents and keeping the Accounts could be done by the Sydapet Zilladar who would be contented with an additional 2 Rupees to his present monthly salary making the total charges Rupees 16, or for the year Rupees 192, being 19 per cent of the Collections and 31 per cent below the present charges.

6. The collections would probably much increase under Government management as the present leases expire.

7. I request instructions as to disbursing the salaries of the late Nabob's servants from the time Government purchased the property.

(Signed) C. J. SHUBRICK,
Collector.

No. 11. From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th November 1857.

SIR,

With reference to para : 2 of Minutes of Consultation, No. 908, Political Department, dated 22nd Ultimo, requiring me to report what arrangements I would propose for the future management of the Roshun Baugh, and to what purposes the premises could be applied, or if it was advisable to sell any portion of them that was not required for public use, I have the honor to refer the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to my letter of yesterday, No. 44 for the existing and future management of the property in its present condition and till it may be changed.

2. Beyond receiving the yearly Revenues* from the various tenants of the property, and improving them as their leases fall in, I am not aware of any immediate purposes to which the premises might be applied by Government, not knowing what their intentions regarding it may be, but should a Cutcherry for the District be eventually sanctioned about 20 cawnies could be usefully appropriated for its site and the remainder continued under Amany management, or sold in lots as might be thought advisable. On this head, I beg to report that I have become aware of a strong desire on the part of several influential Mahomedans to become possessed of the property either altogether for the sum paid for it by Government, or in portions if the whole cannot be had. The purchase is considered by them to have been very cheap, and they are anxious of converting it into a sort of Mahomedan Colony ostensibly for the purpose of affording a livelihood to the poorer classes of their brethern, but really I believe for the purpose of removing from Madras, and avoiding the grievances which, they maintain, they suffer under the Municipal Acts for the Presidency. They may also have other reasons which they do not give utterance to, I mean the greater freedom from observation which they would enjoy by living out of Madras, and these may perhaps be the greatest of all.

Rupees 1,030.

3. Should the Government have no objection to part with the property it could, I think, be sold immediately, as it stands ; but should they not like to part with it altogether, a portion of about 10 cawnies has been offered to be rented by Mahomed Ibadoollah Khan Bahadoor, son of Prince Rashud ood Dowlah Bahadoor, in the neighbourhood of the terraced Bungalow, which he has also offered to purchase at the Government valuation. This building, with its outhouses, was valued by me, in my letter, No. 35 of the 5th September last, at Rupees 1400, it was then in a very dilapidated state, and the heavy rains of last month have so much further injured it that it can no longer be said to be safe, it is in fact falling to peices, and the materials should, I think, be put up to auction to be removed within a certain limited time or sold for the purpose of being rebuilt as proposed by Mahomed Ibadoollah Khan.

(Signed) C. J. SHUBRICK,
Collector.

To C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, dated 7th November 1857.

SIR,

Having heard that you propose to level the Bungalow and other buildings as well as to cut down the trees in *Roshun Baugh* and distribute the land in pieces among private individuals, I beg to bring to your notice that I intend purchasing the Bungalow, with the buildings immediately adjoining it, *viz.*, the guard room and the gates, &c., close to it, for the amount it may be estimated by the Circar. I also wish to have a land measuring about 10 cawnies around the Bungalow for the rent you fix. I am besides prepared to buy the trees thereon standing.

(Signed) محمد عبد الله خان بهادر
MAHOMED IBADOOLLAH KHAN Bahadoor,
Son of Prince RASHUD OOD DOWLAH Bahadoor.

No. 12. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th November 1857, No. 343 of G. A.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter, No. 297, dated 20th Ultimo, I have the honor to enclose two letters from the Dewan of the Durbar.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

To E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent, Chepauk, dated 21st October 1857.

SIR,

The Daroogah of Rowshun Bagh has informed me that the Collector of Chingleput has caused a declaration to be made in the garden that the Ryots should not pay the Revenue to the Daroogah but should refer to the Tahsildar of Sydapet and pay it to him. The garden having been in my possession by order of Government I would have transferred every thing connected with it, had Government desired me to have done so, and will act agreeably to the instructions which they may now issue regarding the removal of the Sircar people from that garden.

It is reported that the houses mortgaged to Messrs. Richardson are to be sold and as there are several articles belonging to the Sircar besides those of the Begums and in the event they are sold, the purchasers will not deliver up these articles, consequently I beg to bring this to your notice.

(Signed) مدار الامرا

MADAR-OOL-OOMRAH.

Dewan of the Durbar.

To E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent, Chepauk, dated 28th November 1857.

SIR.

On the 21st Ultimo I had the honor to write to you regarding Rowshun Bhag, soliciting instructions to deliver it up and to remove the Sircar peons placed there to watch it, and received a reply on the 22nd Idem that the subject had been referred to Government. But I now beg to state, that the Tahsildar of Sydapet had on the 26th Instant, desired the three Watchmen to quit the garden, who in reply stated that being engaged by the Sircar, they would not leave the Bhagh, until the Sircar had ordered them to that effect, whereupon he (the Tahsildar) confined them, upon which they solicited two day's time to inform the circumstance to the Sircar and go away, whereupon the Tahsildar released them the following day. As peons will be again confined by the Tahsildar, were they not to quit the garden, I think it prudent to withdraw them to-day.

(Signed) مدار الامرا

MADAR-OOL-OOMRAH.

Dewan of the Durbar.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 1056; dated 17th December 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires that, as suggested by the Collector of Chingleput, the services of the Darogah, Maistry, and Conicopoly hitherto employed at the Roshun Baug be dispensed with,—their wages paid up to the time of their discharge, and themselves, with the four Peons, recommended by the Agent for any Pensions or Gratuities, to which they may be entitled according to the established Rules.

2. For the management of the Garden, at least for the present, the Government authorize two Peons and two Gardeners being entertained, as proposed by the Collector. If any of the late Peons are retained either for Peons or Gardeners, they will draw any Pension or Gratuity to which they may be entitled in addition to their future Pay under Government.

3. As respects the disposal of the property, the Government are not willing to sell any part of it. The Collector will report to them what leases there are, and when they will fall in. Meanwhile he will grant no more leases, but will manage the land, as far as it has come into his charge, under Aumanie.

4. An increase of Rupees (2) two per mensem is authorized, for the present, to the pay of the Sydapet Zilladar for the care of the Garden; but he should be informed that he must not reckon on its continuance.

5. The Government desire that the Dewan be instructed, in reference to his letters to the Agent, to make over to the Sydapet Tahsildar any accounts or property that he may have connected with the Garden.

Exd. J. A Wilson.

Political Department.

No. 1056

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 17th December 1857.

Read the following papers—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer D. P. W. (Here enter 12th Govt. 185.)
Letter from the Collr. of Chingleput (Here enter 9th " 44)
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to which they may be entitled. If they are not re-entertained, they will be admitted to pension or gratuity, as they may be entitled under the Rules for Circar Servants.

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To the Public Works Department for communication to the Chief Engineer
" The Revenue Department
" Collector of Chingleput
" Govt Agent at Chingleput
" Accountant General
" Civil Auditor
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