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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
10th November 1863.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 27th October 1863, No. 1035.

Enclosures five.

- 1 Plan (not banghy.)
- 1 Abstract Estimate.
- 1 Specification.
- 1 Letter from the Executive Engineer, No. 74, dated 10th August 1863.
- 1 Copy of letter from the Collector, No. 230, dated 21st October 1863.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 200 of the 23rd of January 1863,

I have the honor to forward an estimate of Rupees 1,31,000, one lac and thirty-one thousand, for taking down the walls of the large Fort at Tanjore and filling up the ditch,

2. I cannot recommend the outlay of so large a sum for such a purpose, but think it will be better, as suggested by Captain Mullins, to commence by destroying the gates and making broad straight roads into the Fort at those places, and also making a new entrance to the Fort on the road leading from the Railway Station. These works will have much the same effect as the entire demolition of the Fort, and in carrying them out a great quantity of valuable stone will be obtained, which will be available for the Court houses about to be built at Tanjore, and also for revetments to the river banks, and for the regulating works so much required at the heads of the rivers.

3. After good entrances have been made into the Fort, other portions of the Rampart might be taken down from time to time as stone was required for building purposes. If the demolition of the Fort is carried out in this way it will cost but little, but, if the demolition be proceeded with uninterruptedly, and the glacis be taken up to fill the ditch, a very large outlay will be necessary and much valuable material will be lost.

4. I forward a copy of the Collector's letter, from which it will be seen that he approves of the gradual demolition of the Fort, and I recommend that the sum of ten thousand Rupees be entered for the purpose in next year's Budget, and that authority be granted for the stone removed from the Fort being used on Public Works at and near Tanjore.

Referred to the Political Department with reference to paragraph 2, Clause 3 of the Order in that Department, No. 16, dated 16th January 1863.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

CHEPAUK, 3rd November 1863.

Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1863, No. 330.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proposal made in Captain Foord's letter.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

No 330 — 10th November 1863.

H. C. the Governor in Council approved of the proposal made in Captain Fossard's letter.

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