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15th October 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 126. From P. MACFADYEN, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madras Ice House Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 7th August 1867.

I have the honor, by desire of the Madras Ice House Committee, to inform you that they have been in communication with the Tudor Company on the subject of the best means of avoiding any cessation of the supply of Ice, such as has occurred too frequently during the past few years. In reply, the Tudor Company lay the entire blame of the failure of the supply on the deficient accommodation afforded by the present Ice House, and they state that, to enable them to conduct satisfactorily the ice business of Madras, an additional Ice House, capable of containing not less than 500 tons should be at once built. The site of this Ice House ought to be in Black Town, as three-fifths of the total sales of ice are now effected there. Under these circumstances, my Committee have been inquiring as to a suitable site, and they have decided, with the concurrence of Mr. Thomson, the Tudor Company's representative here, that a piece of ground situated between the Church of Scotland's Mission House and Messrs. Parry and Co's. Office is best adapted for the purpose they have in view. This land belongs to Government, and, up till within about a year, water for the vessels in harbour has been drawn from a well thereon; but this well is now nearly, if not quite, disused, and the ground is, therefore, available for other purposes. Considering the importance of ice to Madras, my Committee are in hopes that Government may be induced to make them a free grant of the entire piece of land referred to for the erection of the new Ice House, and I have been accordingly instructed to apply for the land. I trust that our application will meet with the favorable consideration of Government, and that I may be favored with an early reply.

No. 126A.

No. 238.

MEMORANDUM

The Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c. Departments, is directed to inquire of the Superintendent of Marine, with reference to the accompanying letter from the Honorary Secretary, Ice House Committee, dated the 7th instant, whether the well adverted to in the letter is required for the use of the shipping.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th August 1867,

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

No. 126B. From the Acting Superintendent of Marine, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th August 1867, No. 2810.

With reference to letter from the Honorary Secretary Madras Ice Committee, to Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th instant, and endorsement thereon,* I have the honor to afford you the following information.

* From Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 7th August 1867.

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2. The water cistern situated between Messrs Parry and Company's Office and the Church of Scotland's Mission House is the source of supply of water for the shipping during the north-east monsoon, and as the plan for supplying water by the Pier has proved a failure, it will be impossible to make over the piece of ground in question for the site of an Ice House.

3. I beg, also, to explain that, if the cistern in question should be given up, and anything went wrong with the pipes at Clives' Battery, the shipping would at any season of the year be cut off from water supplies altogether.

4. If it should be the desire of Government to grant a site for an Ice House on the North Beach, I shall be happy to point out a piece of ground near Clives' Battery, which I think is in every respect more suitable for the purpose required.

No. 127. From P. MACFADYEN, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madras Ice House Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras 20th August 1867.

With reference to my letter, dated 7th instant, I have now the honor to inform you that I have been in communication with the Master Attendant on the subject of the well or cistern situated on the land I then applied for. The Master Attendant states that the shipping derive so much benefit from the well or cistern referred to, during the north-east monsoon, that he could not sanction the appropriation of the land to any other purpose. Under these circumstances, and it being the anxious wish of my Committee to avoid even the appearance of their interests conflicting with those of any Department of Government, I have been instructed to apply for the piece of ground known as the southern portion of Abercrombie's Battery. This land is bounded on one side by the Town Police Office, and on the other by Moocur Nulla Moothoo Chetty Street, and is equally well adapted for the erection of an Ice House, with the site first applied for. It has the advantage further of being used at present for no purpose whatever, and my Committee, therefore, hope that Government will see no objection to granting this application.

Referred to the Military Department, in order that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be requested to state whether there is any objection to the site in question being given to the Ice Committee.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st August 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th August 1867.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To the Quarter Master General.

No. 127A. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 20th September 1867,

No. 1319
No. 6006.

In returning the referred communication from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Ice House Committee, received with your endorsement, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to submit to His Lordship in Council, that, without pre-

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vious reference to the Commander-in-Chief, it was decided that blocks of buildings should be erected on the esplanade of the Fortress as quarters for the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Department. I am further to state that when His Excellency expressed his opinion that the contemplated occupation of that portion of the esplanade, near the Camp Equipage Depot, as a site for a Military Hospital, was very undesirable, the Government over-ruled his objection.

2. Under these circumstances, Sir Gaspard LeMarchant desires me to say that he begs to be permitted to decline offering any remarks as Commander-in-Chief on the application of the Ice Committee to take up the southern portion of Abercrombie's Battery, on the North Beach, for the erection of an Ice House.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th September 1867.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1867, No. 1272.

The Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction the appropriation of the piece of ground referred to in Mr. Macfadyen's letter of the 20th August last, for the erection of an Ice House, on being satisfied that the elevation of the building is appropriate to the prominent position in which it is proposed to erect it. The elevation of the projected building should be submitted to Government as soon as it is ready.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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M^{rs} General's Office
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20th September 1867

From
Colonel C. Cooke
M^{rs} General

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c/o
Major General H. C. Marshall.
Secretary to Government.
Military Department.

Sir,
In returning the referred
communication from the Honorary
Secretary of Madras Secretariat (Comm-
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dated 24th Ultimo, I have the honor,
by order, to submit to His Lordship
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Under these circumstances
Sir Gaspard de la Harpe desires
to say that he begs to be per-
mitted to decline offering any re-
marks as Commander in Chief on
the application of the Local Committee
to take up the southern portion of
Shercombe's Battery on the North
Beach for the erection of an Esplanade.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant.

W. St. John Colonel

2nd Regt.

Madras August 1857.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir, With reference to my letter dated
the 1st instant I have now the honor to
inform you that I have been in com-
munication with the Master Attendant
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Southern portion of Shercombe's
Battery

Battery. This land is bounded on one side by the Town Police Office and on the other by Moore's Nulla Moorthoo Chetty Street, and is equally well adapted for the erection of an Ice House, with the site first applied for. It has the advantage further of being used at present for no purpose whatever, and my Committee therefore hope that Government will see no objection to granting this application.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. J. P. P.

Honorary Secretary

Madras Ice House Committee.

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Mr H E. Catterjee.

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