Revenue Department

G. O. No 708

Dt 27th May 1859

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

No. 57

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st May 1859.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated 17th May 1859, No. 27.

With reference to Extracts Minutes of Consultation Nos. 2470, and 3822 dated 9th July and 23d October 1858, I have the honor to state that I have been in communication with the Chief Engineer Department Public Works on the subject of the Magazine accommodation required at Cannanore, and in reply to my enquiries, I have been informed that there is no building in a defensible position outside the Fort of Cannanore fit for the storage of powder and ammunition.

2. The only feasible measures which suggested themselves for adoption were the occupation of the present Magazine after it has been secured by a field work, as proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the erection of a new Magazine. To accomplish the latter much time will be required; and, as shewn in my letter to Government of 10th August 1858, No. 216, a Bomb Proof Magazine could not be ready on the Western Coast within 4 years, so as to be completely dry and safe for the reception of powder and ammunition. As regards the former measure, Government are aware that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it indispensable that a circular space of 200 yards should be taken in for the purpose of rendering the present Magazine a defensible position. The difficulty however of obtaining this extent of ground from the Beebee of Cannanore, unless at a large outlay, and involving the enforcement of Act VI. of 1857, induced me to ascertain from the Chief Engineer, whether, in consequence of the obstacles referred to above, any building outside the Fort located in a defensible position may not be obtained for storing ammunition. The Chief Engineer reports there is no such building.

3. I beg to submit therefore that there is no alternative left, other than the occupation of the present Magazine, the necessary redoubt being constructed for the present security of the building, and other precautions taken to that end, and with reference to the space required around the Magazine, it rests with Government to adopt the necessary measures towards obtaining it from the proprietor.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with a view to its being ascertained, whether the required space round the Magazine can be purchased, and if so, at what cost.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1859, No. 708.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

Military Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following Letter.

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No 27

From

The Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department

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and the erection of a new Magazine.

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3. I beg to submit therefore that there is no alternative left, other than the occupation of the present Magazine, the necessary redoubt being constructed for the present security of the Building, and other precautions taken to that end, and with reference to the space required around the Magazine, it rests with Government to adopt the necessary measures towards obtaining it from the Proprietor.—

Inspector Genl's Office
Fort Saint Georg
17th May 1859

Signed G. Balfour Colo
Inspector Genl of Ordnance
and Magazines.

Order thereon 21st May 1859.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with a view to its being ascertained, whether the required space round the Magazine can be purchased, and if so, at what cost.

Signed R. Hamilton Lt Colo
Actg Depy Secy to Govt.

To The Revenue Department.

L. E. Bracca

W.H.D.
Canc. 16th Nov. 58 Nos 101 & 102.
" 3rd Augt " " 29 & 30.

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Proceedings of the
Madras Govt. in the
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Dated 21st } May 59
Rec. 21st }

From Board of Rev.
18th Nov. 59. Cons. No
2156.

Requesting to know
whether the Space required
round the Magazine at
Cannanore for the purpose
of rendering it defensible,
can be purchased, & if so,
at what Cost.

No. 708. 26th May 1859
Write as Proposed

No. 708

Referred to the Board
of Revenue for report.

Fort St. Geo.
26th May 1859.

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Desp. 26th

No. 51 & 52.