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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th December 1860.

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1860, No. 5,366:—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 8th November 1860, No. 434.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October, No. 4,903, forwarding for my opinion, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th April 1860, No. 1,855, copy of a letter from Lieutenant Makgill, Assistan, to the Engineer of this District.

2. The restrictions I placed on the removal of stones from the old Fort wall, had been a good deal relaxed during my absence from the District, but I again strictly enforced them on resuming charge in November last year. The system at present in force is, that when stones are required for the public works, the District Engineer applies to me stating the quantity, wanted, and an order is given to the Tahsíldár to permit the working party sent by the Enginee, to remove the number of stones applied for. This system should not be disturbed, as it affords a check against the stones being stolen. None have been recently sold to private individuals except the third or inferior sort, taken down from the western wall this year.

3. Only a portion of the west wall has up to this time been demolished, and the work is at present stopped for want of funds. The stones taken down were sorted into three classes, of which the third or inferior sort were sold by public auction, along with the broken brick in chunam, and the proceeds added to the local fund. The best stones have been reserved, piled nto heaps, counted, and measures taken to prevent them being stolen. They exceed eight thousand in number.

4. As our funds are totally exhausted, and only a portion of the western wall has yet been demolished, while the walls on the north and south faces still stand, I am of opinion that these stones should now be sold, to obtain funds to carry on the work, at any rate for the demolition of the entire length of the western wall.

5. When this has been completely taken down, the proceeds to be obtained from the ground cleared might be devoted to the removal of the north and south walls, and the stones taken down from them, reserved for public works.

6. I see no other means of carrying on the work, unless the Government were pleased to give a special grant of money for the purpose.

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1. Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with reference to his letter dated 4th July 1860, No. 2,284.

In Cons., 5th July 1860, *No.* 3,261.

2. The Board will submit the Collector's letter to Government with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st May 1860, No. 814, Revenue Department, and with their recommendation that after affording the District Engineer an opportunity for selecting any particular stones for public purposes, the Collector be authorized to devote the sale proceeds of the remaining materials to the completion of the demolition of the Fort for which no other Funds are available.

In Cons., 22nd May 1860.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1860, No. 2,365.

1. The Governor in Council observes that the Order of 21st May, No. 814, referred to by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 2 of these proceedings, authorized the Collector to sell by public auction all the materials obtained from the Fort wall at Palamcottah in view to the formation of a fund for local improvements. Under that sanction, the stones as well as the other

materials, ought to have been disposed of in the manner indicated, the Department Public Works being left to purchase such as it needed. This course will now be pursued, or the Department may, if the plan be considered preferable, be allowed to have the stones at a fair valuation. In either case, the stones taken must be paid for and credited to the fund.

2. As the removal of the Fort wall is a work of local improvement, the expenses attending it are a legitimate charge on the fund in question, and special sanction to debit them thereto is therefore unnecessary.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 2365

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 11th December.
Read the following Pro
of the Bd. of Rev.

Recommending
that the Coll. of Tinnevelly
be authorized to devote
the sale proceeds of the remain-
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-tion of the demolition of the 53 &)
Fort for which no other
funds are available —

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-sires that the order of
21st May No. 814 referred
to by the Bd. of Rev.
in para 2 of these
proceedings authorises
the Coll. to sell by
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the materials ob-
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Fort Wall at Palam
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the stones at a fair valuation. In either case, the stones taken must be paid for and credited to the fund. —

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J. D. L.

Fort Saint George
11th December 1810
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From the Chief Engineer
22 Dec. /60 C. No. 3093 / in Pro. 18 Dec.
Inwy. No. 120.

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For Wall at Palamcottah
Coll.

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Relative to the
sale of the materials
obtained from the Fort
Wall at Palamcottah and
the Charge attending the
removal of the wall.

No. 158 & 159.