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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1861.

No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1861, No. 6,758:—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Cocanada, 14th November 1861, No. 165.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 10th March 1837, No. 314, Revenue Department, published at page 75, Grant's Circular Orders, on the subject of the removal of stones from old forts, I have the honor to report that Captain G. A. Searle, Acting Second Assistant District Engineer Godavery District, has applied to me to be permitted to remove the stones in the walls of the dilapidated Fort at Ellore, and of portions of the mud walls. He proposes to use the stones in the construction of the aqueduct just about to be commenced in the vicinity of Ellore to carry the high level canal, between that Town and Bezwada, across the Tamelair river.

2. Captain Searle would, he says, "only require to take down the useless portions of the "Fort walls. The Fort as it now stands, is quite useless in a Military point of view, and it "would add much to the appearance of the Town to remove the walls, and to the health of its "inhabitants by giving them the benefit of the sea breeze, which is at present obstructed in "coming to the Town by the high unsightly mud walls of the Fort."

3. I fully concur in these remarks, and I am aware of no objection to the stones in question being removed and made use of as proposed, a saving to the State being thus effected.

4. The only Bastion standing now forms a part of the wall enclosing the Táluq Kacheri. On its removal it will only be necessary to raise a wall across the space now occupied by it.

5. Under these circumstances, I request that the permission of Government may be obtained to the removal of the stones and as much of the mud walls still standing as may be necessary.

6. I should mention that the Fort has long been given up as a Military work. The interior is held by the Missionaries of the Church Mission Society under a grant, but it was distinctly specified that the walls were not included in the grant, Government reserving to themselves the right of acting in regard to them as they thought fit.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1861, No. 2,358.

Referred to the Military Department in view to its being there considered whether the suggestion made in the letter of the Collector of the Godavery District is unobjectionable on Military grounds.

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

No. 6,758.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to A. Purvis, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

10th March/37 No. 37-38.

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No. 6758.

Submitting for orders a letter from the Collector of Godavery requesting permission to remove the stones in the walls of the dilapidated Fort at Ellore.

No. 7358. 7th December
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Referred to the Military Department in order to its being there considered whether the suggestion made in the letter of the Collector of the Godavery District is an objectionable one on Military grounds

J D L

Fort St George
24th Dec 1861

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