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27th February 1874.*

No. 255. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th January 1874:—

Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., C.E., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Singanapalle, 26th December 1873, No. 961.

I HAVE the honour to request that you will be good enough to take the following matter into consideration.

2. The right of property in old fort-walls and other old public buildings is vested in the Revenue Department, and we cannot make use of the materials for public purposes without the sanction of that department.

To this arrangement I see no objection; but what I wish to draw your attention to is the fact that the old walls are frequently sold to private parties for a very small fraction of the value of the stones, and that when we would wish to make use of them for public works we are barred by the previous sale, and obliged to resort to the quarries at greatly enhanced cost to the works.

3. This has occurred to me on several occasions when I had calculated on being able to use the materials of old fort-walls.

A few weeks ago I wanted stones emergently for the famine relief road at Owk, and as the old fort-walls are still standing, though in ruins, I intended to get the supply there; but I was told that a portion of the walls had been sold some years ago, though I could not learn then what part had been sold. As I wanted only small stones, I took them from the debris lying about, and reported to the Collector.

A bridge will have to be built across the Gollateru, near Owk, and if the stones of the old fort could be made use of, it would cost much less than if we must go to the quarries, which are five or six miles off.

We shall have to build, also, close to the fort, a new Deputy-Tahsildar's cutcherry, and the stones of the old walls could, with great economy, be used in the foundations.

4. I would recommend that, when an application is made for such old walls, inquiry should be instituted in the Department of Public Works as to whether the materials are likely to be wanted for public buildings or for Municipal improvements; and that, if they are, they should not be sold. I am not certain but that in cases such as the one at Owk, where the stones could be used for public works and for the improvement of the town, and where the purchaser, although he bought them about three years ago, has not yet removed any of the materials, the sale should not be annulled, giving due compensation to the purchaser.

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REFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1874, No. 271.

Miscellaneous.

THE suggestion made by the District Engineer (paragraph 4) is a very proper one, and should be acted on generally by all Collectors. But, as far as the stones of the old fort at Owk have been already sold, the transaction cannot be annulled, as proposed by the District Engineer, without the consent of the vendee.

2. It is observed that the ordinary spelling "Kurnool" has been altered by the District Engineer, without authority, for "Karnāl."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 961 District Engineers Office
Singapore 26 December 1873

From,
The District Engineer,
Kurnool.

To,
The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Sir,

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Cost. of 1874 Rs. 30000.

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Secy., &c., &c.

Dated February 27th.

Recd.

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G. C., 27th February 1874, No. 271.

FEBRUARY.

No. 255-256

Materials of old Forts. — Approves and orders General conformance with the suggestion made by the District Engineer of Kurnool regarding — states the sale under reference cannot be sanctioned; and observes that "Kurnool" has been made "Karnul" without authority.



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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant
William Maber C.E.
District Engineer

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Recd Endorsement from S.P.W.
referring letter from Dist. Engr.
Kurnool to Chief Engineer,
No 961 d/26th Decr/73.

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Reiterate the order
of Govt. as to the
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L.S.

27: Feb/74.

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Dist Engr 1874-75
from No 86
The District Engineer
Kurnool

to
The Chief Engineer
S.P.W. D.

Date 26th Decr/73
Recd 10th January 1874
Recd 13th —

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Old Fort Wall
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The right of property is
vested in the Revenue
Department and the Govt.
Department could not make
use of the materials.

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Revenue Secretary
12th Jan/74-3
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Particulars of
Old Fort and the
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