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No. 303. Read the following letter from N. St. B. BEARDMORE, Esq., Acting Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th April 1876, No. 6 W. :—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, that it is proposed to take up some

1 Plan.

land at Chinnamapett, a place 36 miles from Madras, on the Madras and Arcconum line of railway, in order to obtain stone for these works. The boundaries of the land proposed to be taken up are shown by a neutral tint on the accompanying plan, and the area so marked measures 103 Imperial acres in extent. On the 11th February Mr. May, accompanied by myself and other Assistants, made an inspection and survey of the land. It appears to be an old river bed, the drift being clayey sand with water-worn stones about 3 or four feet in depth. The stones are of a very hard and coarse character, mixed up with some of a granitic and metamorphic kind. They vary from pebbles to boulders of the size of an elephant's head, weighing about 1 cwt or less, and appear to be admirably adapted for the purpose for which they are required.

2. I am informed that the land belongs to the Rajah of Carvetnuggur. It is of no agricultural value, and is situated very close to the north-west of Chinnamapett station, and therefore in the most favorable position for projecting out railway sidings from the main line.

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HIS GRACE the Governor in Council has given this proposal his careful consideration.

2. It is stated that the late Mr. May visited the proposed site in February; but he is not known to have mentioned any objection to quarrying there to any Government officer. And several objections to its selection occur to His Grace in Council.

3. It is inconvenient to have to do with ground forming part of a Zemindary, as there is a probability of great delay occurring in coming to terms with the proprietor. Water-worn stones are not understood to be so suitable for concrete as quarried stones; and to get at them involves probably the removal of a large quantity of spoil. Altogether no cause has been shown for preferring Chinnamapett to Tritany, the originally selected place, and no information has been given as to any alternative sites, of which there must be several.

4. The subject will be taken up by the Deputy Chief Engineer at Madras, and personally investigated by him in company with the Assistant Engineer in temporary charge of the Harbour Works. And he will obtain all information as to possible quarry sites for hard stone or granite from the Engineers both of the Madras and South

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Indian Railways, through the Consulting Engineer for Railways. It is a matter which should have been brought forward and settled long ere this; and must now be attended to and reported on fully without delay.

(True Extract.)

*W. Hancock*

Colonel,

*fig. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

To the Superintendent, Harbour Works.

„ Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works.

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