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No. 30. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tindivanam, 22nd March 1876, No. 18:—

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 13th instant, No. 308, requesting that the South Indian Railway Company may be permitted to make use of some of the stones in the old fort at Geddangal, near the Tindivanam Travellers' Bungalow, in the construction of masonry works in connection with the railway, I have the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 1,178, dated 21st July 1869, Judicial Department, to request to be favored with the orders of Government on the proposal, and to be informed whether, if the stones are to be made over to the Company, they are to pay for them or have them free of charge.

2. I am of opinion that there is no objection to the Railway Company being allowed to take stone from the fort, provided no part of the stone revetment of the bund of the Geddangal Tank, which forms in one place the counterscarp of the fort ditch, is used for that purpose.

From Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Madras, 13th March 1876, No. 308.

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether in your opinion there is any objection to the South Indian Railway Company making use of some of the stones in the old fort near the Travellers' Bungalow at Tindivanam.

2. In the Proceedings of Government, the Revenue Department, dated the 21st September 1868, No. 1,436, it was ruled that all abandoned forts should be placed under the care of the Collector of the district, and that no fort should be demolished or its material appropriated without the sanction of Government.

3. The fort to which I allude is old, and must have been abandoned for long; its demolition has already been partially accomplished, so that probably no further sanction from Government is necessary.

4. I enclose a copy of the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated the 11th November 1873, No. 2,747, which will show the manner in which sanction was given for the demolition of the Chingleput Fort, and for the utilization of its material by the South Indian Railway Company. That Order of Government, however, deals with a fort which up to that time had not been demolished.

I have the honor to inform you that sanction was made by me to the Collector of Chingleput, for permission to use the material of the old abandoned fort at Karangooly for railway purposes, and I enclose a copy of Mr. Barlow's reply for your information.

No. 100 August 4.

6. The material of the old fort at Tindivanam, which the South Indian Railway Company in the construction of a bridge of two 30 feet arches, close to the fort, will doubtless be willing to pay for the stone at that, as the Company's undertaking is guaranteed, that, as the Company's undertaking is guaranteed, they will remove the stone free of charge, as has been done at Karangooly.

7. If you are able to sanction the proposal, I shall be obliged by receiving authority from you.

Now applied for, will be of great service to the Government in some important masonry works; among them the fort. The Railway Company will be of great service; but you will probably be of opinion that, if sanctioned by Government, they may fairly be allowed to use the material of the fort at Chingleput and Karangooly.

Company of some of the fort stone, I enclose a copy of the same, as soon as possible.

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No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1876, No. 370.

RAILWAY, No. 9-A.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
sees no objection to the Railway Com-
pany being allowed to take the stones
from the old fort at Tindivanam free of charge. The revetment of the Gollungal
Tank should, however, be preserved from injury.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offy. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
" Revenue Department,
" District Engineer, South Arcot.

Ed. E. C. Shanley

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