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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd June 1857.

No. 1. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 5th May 1857, No. 110.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council seven bills for additions and repairs to some of the Non Commissioned Officer's Quarters in the Saugor Division, four of which exceed by more than 5 per cent. their respective estimates.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council was pleased in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 3220, dated 5th December 1854, to approve of certain alterations and improvements to the Non Commissioned Officer's quarters in the Saugor Division as recommended by the Military Board in their Report No. 239, dated 15th November 1854. In recommending those improvements the Military Board solicited sanction for Rupees (5,028-0-0) five thousand and twenty-eight, being the sum estimated by Lieutenant Winscome then Officiating Superintending Engineer Saugor Division on a rough calculation, and intimated that detailed estimates for the same would be called for.

3. On the receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation approving of the alterations and improvements to the buildings in question, Captain Ludlow Superintending Engineer Saugor Division was called upon by the Military Board for detailed estimates of the work and a General Report on the several buildings above alluded to, these estimates together with a copy of Captain Ludlow's Report was submitted to the Quarter Master General of the Army and his report suggesting certain alterations to the estimates, was communicated to the Superintending Engineer Saugor Division, both of which* reports are herewith submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

* Dated 13th April 1855, 29th May 1855.

4. It will be seen from the accompanying Statement that the aggregate amount of the seven bills submitted by Captain Ludlow for repairs to a few of the quarters in question exceeds the sum estimated by Lieutenant Winscome as well as that shewn in Captain Ludlows estimates.

5. The Bill first described in the List was received from the Superintending Engineer Saugor in his letter dated the 14th November† 1855, and was submitted to Government in the Military Department together with another bill for Rupees 1,055-0-0 in List dated 13th December 1855, No. 3573 office copy of which is herewith submitted. It was reported in a Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to Government Military Department, dated 24th September 1856, in reply to a Memorandum from the Central office that these bills nor the List were not received in the Government office, whereupon duplicates of these and of the correspondence which accompanied them, were called for from the Superintending Engineer which were accordingly furnished by him, the bill for Rupees 2,788-8-9, will therefore be found to be a duplicate one.

† Duplicate copy herewith sent No. 1571.

6. The other six bills were received five in letter dated 13th July 1855, No. 951 and one in a letter dated 17th April 1856, No. 345 both herewith submitted. In the former letter the Superintending Engineer promised to submit a further report from the Executive Officer on the subject of these works, which not having been received for some time, his attention was called to the same, and he was also required to submit the bills for the other works sanctioned at the same time. In his letter of the 17th April 1856, he submitted the bill for Rupees 2,576-13-2 the seventh in the List, and intimated that the 8th work in the List (Repairs to Ordnance Serjeant's quarters) was not carried out, and that he had not up to that time received from his Executive Officers the reports on these works.

7. These Reports have not yet been submitted and as it is desirable that old bills of the description referred to, being for works long since completed, should be early disposed of, par-

ticularly at the end of an Official year. I have thought it proper to at once submit the 7 bills appertaining to the improvements to the Serjeant's quarters for the sanction of Government.

8. An estimate for the double Cook Room of the Artillery Serjeant's quarters at Saugor referred to in the correspondence now sent, was sanctioned by Government on the 18th September 1855, for Rupees 204, and a bill for Rupees 198-14-6 for the same was passed in the Central office on the 13th February 1856.

9. I beg at the same time to submit the duplicate bill for Rupees 1,055 referred to in para. 5, which is also entered in the List. It is for a work commenced on emergency, viz. draining the site of the Cavalry lines at Saugor and making a Road in front of the same, for which an estimate was passed by the Military Board for Rupees 686-0-2. The reason of the great excess over the estimate is explained in the copies of the correspondence forwarded with the Bill, which I beg to submit for the information of Government.

List of Bills for Works in the Saugor Division.

	Estimated by Lieutenant Winscome.	Amount of detailed estimates submitted by Captain Ludlow.	Amount of Bills.
1 Improving the 4 Staff Serjeant's quarters of the Infantry lines at Saugor	2,160 0 0	2,293 12 0	2,788 8 9
2 Giving Glazed Window Shutters to Hospital Serjeant's quarters at Saugor	,, 0 0	43 0 9	24 6 6
3 Repairing No. 1 Cavalry Serjeant's Quarters at Saugor.	104 0 0	110 0 7	68 14 8
4 Do. No. 2 do. at do.	85 0 0	57 2 6	37 13 10
5 Do. Artillery Staff do. at do.	280 0 0	110 4 0	120 5 7
6 Do. Commissariat do. at do.	200 0 0	313 10 10	451 4 10
7 Constructing Bathing and Store rooms to each of the 9 Staff Serjeant's, Quarters at Mhow	2,019 0 0	2,178 12 5	2,576 13 2
8 Repairing the Ordnance Serjeant's Quarters of the Infantry lines at Saugor	180 0 0	243 15 7	not carried out
	5,028 0 0	5,350 10 8	6,068 3 4
Draining the site of the Cavalry lines at Saugor and making Road...	686 0 2		1,055 0 0
Total Company's Rupees...	6,036 10 10		7,123 3 4

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
5th May 1857.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1170 ; dated 17th June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the 8 bills submitted with the foregoing letter, amounting to Rupees (7,123-3-4) seven thousand, one hundred and twenty-three, annas three, and pice four, for additions and repairs executed to the Non-Commissioned Officer's quarters, draining the site of the Cavalry lines, and making a road in the Saugor Division.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1170

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Fort St. George
17th June 1857

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