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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 18*th August* 1857.

No. 54. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 10th July 1857, No. 3383.

Sir,

In conveying the sanction of the Government of India to the expenditure of Rupees fifteen lacs, seventy-one thousand and five hundred (of which Rupees four lacs, eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one had been sanctioned on a previous occasion) for the construction of the European Barracks at Jackatalla, the plans and estimates for which were submitted with your letter No. 759 of the 22nd April 1857, I am directed to make the following observations:—

2. The plans and estimates for these buildings appear to have been carefully prepared, but deviating as they do in almost every detail from the standard plan of Barracks in the plains, and being quite novel in their design, it would have been desirable to have had the reasons for such deviations and new adaptations explained at some length instead of their being passed over without remark. As the Barracks however are understood to be already far advanced, and some of them altogether finished, it is unnecessary now to advert further to this subject.

3. The accommodation for married Soldiers, I am directed to point out, is not in accordance with the plan lately sanctioned by the Honorable Court of Directors, and this should be rectified as much as the present advanced state of the buildings will permit. The solitary Cells forming part of the Staff Serjeant's Quarters appear to be only five in number; this is much below the usual complement. There is no general plan shewing the arrangement of the various buildings, Barracks, Hospitals, married men's Barracks, &c., for the want of this there has been considerable difficulty in apprehending the general features of the project or of judging of its completeness or value.

4. The Government will be glad to receive Major Lawford's report on the progress of these buildings promised in the 5th paragraph of your letter.

5. The plans and estimates will be returned if required.

No. 55. Order thereon, No. 1599; dated 18th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

2. Colonel Faber's attention is called to the remarks made in para. 3 of the above letter in respect to the accommodation for married Soldiers, and he will state whether the defects in the plan of the work pointed out by the Government of India are susceptible of remedy, and whether if additional work be required it can be performed without necessitating an addition to the total sum sanctioned for the Barracks. Explanation should also be furnished with reference to the observations made in the same para. respecting the small number of solitary Cells provided for.

3. It is observed that a copy of Major Lawford's Report on the Barracks, referred to in para. 4, was forwarded to the Government of India with the letter from this Department dated 1st Ultimo, No. 1277.

4. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to state, with reference to para. 5, whether the plans and estimates for the Barracks will be required by the Officer in charge of the work.

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

No. 3383.

From

Colonel W. E. Baker,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

H. Forbes, Esqre
Acting Secretary to Govt. of Fort St. George,
Dated the 10th July, 1857.

Pub: Works Dept. Military

Sir,

In conveying the sanction of the Government of India to the expenditure of Rs. 15,71,500 — Rupees Fifteen Lakhs, Seventy one thousand and five hundred (of which Rupees Four Rs. 408,861 — Lakhs, eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty one had been sanctioned on a previous occasion) for the construction of the European Barracks at Jackatolla, the plans and Estimates for which were submitted with your letter No. 759 of the 22nd April 1857, I am directed to make the following observations:—

2. The Plans and Estimates for these Buildings appear to have been carefully prepared, but deviating as they do in almost every detail from the standard plan of Barracks

Barracks in the plains, and being quite novel in their design, it would have been desirable to have had the reasons for such deviations and new adaptations explained at some length instead of their being passed over without remark. As the Barracks however are understood to be already far advanced, and some of them altogether finished, it is unnecessary now to advert farther to this subject.–

3. The accommodation for Married Soldiers, I am directed to point out, is not in accordance with the plan lately sanctioned by the Hon'ble Court of Directors, and this should be rectified as much as the present advanced state of the buildings will permit. The solitary cells forming part of the Staff Serjeants' Quarters appear to be only five in number; this is much below the usual complement. There is no general plan shewing the arrangement of the various Buildings, Barracks, Hospitals, married men's Barracks, &c.; for the want of this

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there has been considerable difficulty in apprehending the general features of the Project or of judging of its completeness or value.–

4. The Government will be glad to receive Major Lawfords' report on the progress of these Buildings promised in the 5th paragraph of your letter.–

5. The Plans and Estimates will be returned if required.–

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Fort William
The 10th July 1857.

W. E. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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From the Secty. to the
Govt. of India.

Dated 10th } July 1857
Recd. 22nd }

Copy to the Chief Engr.
– Mily Depr.
18 Augt /57.

S.E. No. 1599. 18th August

Observing that the Plans and Estimates for the European Barracks at Jackatallah, deviating as they do, in almost every detail from the standard Plan of Barracks, it would have been desirable to have had such deviations explained at some length and

and while the Govt. of India think it now unseasonable to interfere with their construction, desiring Major Lawford to have ~~a~~ Report on the Progress of these Buildings. –

No. 54.

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No. 1599

Extract from the Minutes Consultation
Under date the 18th Augt. 1857

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India.

([illegible] 10th July 1857 No. 3383)

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

2. Colonel Fraser's attention is called to the remarks made in para 3 of the above letter in respect to the accommodation for married Soldiers, and he will state whether the defects in the plan of the works pointed out by the Government of India are susceptible of remedy, and whether if additional ~~the works~~ be required it can be performed without incapacitating

necessitating an addition to the total sum sanctioned for the Barracks. Explanation should also be furnished with reference to the observations made in the same para respecting the small number of Solitary Cells provided for.

3 It is observed that a copy of Major Rawford's Report on the Barracks, referred to in para 4, was forwarded to the Government of India with the letter from this Department dated 1st Ultimo No 1277.

The Chief Engineer will ~~[illegible]~~ be good enough to state, with reference to para 5, whether the Plans and Estimates for the Barracks will be required by the Officer in charge of the works.

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Calling the Chief Engineer's attention to the remarks made in Para 3 of the letter from the Govt of India, in respect to the accommodation for married Soldiers in the construction of the European Barracks at Jackatalla, and observing that a copy of Major Lawford's Report on the Barracks, referred to in Para 4, was forwarded with the letter from this Deptt dated 1st Ultimo No 1277.

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