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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 15.8.57

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Dated 18-8- 18 55

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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.

№ 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

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3. The accommodation for Married Soldiers, I am directed to point out, is not in accordance with the plan lately sanctioned by the Honble 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 there has been considerable difficulty in apprehending the general features of the Project or of judging of its completeness or value.—

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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.

Col. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt of India

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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.

(Home enter 10th July 1857 No. 3383)

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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From the Secty to the Govt of India.
Dated 10th July 1857
Recd 22nd

Ent. No. 1599. 18th August
Observing that the Plans and Estimates for the European Barracks at [illegible] [illegible] elevation as they do, in every detail the standard Plan of Barracks, should have been [illegible] and [illegible]

To the Chief Engr.
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5 Copies to the Chief Engr with Copy of this letter
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Dft to Comr Genl 5th Augt 1857

Public Works 1857 Dept
Comrs 18th August

No 1599.

Extract Minute of Comrs:
Dy 18th August 1857.
From Chief Engr 5th Nov 57
6 No: 2169 in 6 Ins Ord

From the Dy 19th June 1858
C No 1334 in Comn
From Do 31st March 61
Ord 8 No 749 in Ins

Calling the Chief Engrs
attention to the remarks
made in Para 3 of this Letter
from the Board of Indian, in
respect to the accommodation
for married Soldiers in the
construction of the European
Barracks at Jacobabad and
observing that a copy of Major
Sandfords Report on the Bar-
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was forwarded with this
Letter from this Dept dated 1st
Ultimo No 1277.

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