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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1857.

No. 14. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st October 1857.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th October 1857, No. 455.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request you will be so good as to lay the following before Government.

2. On the 24th of last month (September) Sir P. Grant, proceeded to the Mount and inspected the Barracks at that station, with the view of arranging for the quartering of the party of Royal Artillery, expected from England, His Excellency decided that a Barrack known, as North Foot Artillery Barrack, should be exclusively given up for the purpose. On Inspecting the Building and out-houses however, chunam washing to the Barrack, and repairs to the out-houses were found to be much needed, and were consequently ordered to be executed immediately, by the Commander in Chief, subsequently, on the same day, the Brigadier Commanding the Mount was Officially addressed from this Department to the same effect, and the following day, a Telegraphic Message was dispatched, to have the Well in the Barrack square cleared out.

3. Notwithstanding these orders, on the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army proceeding to the Mount on the 9th Instant, nothing whatever had been done.

4. The Brigadier Commanding the Mount, in an explanation which he was called on to furnish, states that, so far back as the 12th Ultimo, he requested the District Engineer, Lieutenant Moberly of the Engineers, to put the North Foot Artillery Barracks in a state of thorough repair, and addressed him on the subject of the Well on the 26th Ultimo, and twice subsequently. Notwithstanding all this, His Excellency regrets to say that up to Saturday the 17th Instant nothing whatever had been done.

5. The "Victoria" conveying 300 of the Royal Artillery may be expected any day, and the Commander in Chief feels great disappointment that his orders have been so neglected, he desires me to say that he hopes the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will agree with him, that the conduct of Lieutenant Moberly calls for, at least, an expression of the serious displeasure of Government.

Referred to the Department Public Works for early notice.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 1982; dated 21st October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who will call upon the District Engineer of Chingleput to explain why immediate measures were not adopted for repairing the North Foot Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount, agreeably to the wishes of His Excellency the Commander in Chief which were conveyed to him by the Brigadier Commanding the Mount so far back as 12th September 1857. Lieutenant Moberly will at the same time report what has been done up to the present time in regard to the work above alluded to, and when it will be completed. The District Engineer will incur the severe displeasure of Government, if the Barracks are not put in proper order before the arrival of the Royal Artillery now daily expected from England. The explanation called for regarding the delay that has occurred should be submitted forthwith.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated the 21st October 1837.

Read the following letter

No. 455 from Murgent's Office.

The Quarter Master General

of the Army.

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

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Maberly calls for, at least, an expression
of the serious displeasure of Government.
Part of his Grant shall be withheld
20th Octr. 1857 (Signed) W. A. Reid.
Quarter Mr. General

Referred to the Depart-
ment Public Works for early notice.

(Signed) C. A. Brown Lieut.
Secretary to Govt.

To
The Department Public
Works.

Lt
Lieut Smith

D. H. Q.

No 1982

Extract from the Minutes of Council at Quebec
Under date the 21st October 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Minute of
Council in the Military Dept.
Thereunder 21st Oct. 57 No 1955.

Ordered that the com-
munication of the Chief
Engineer, who will call
upon the District Engineer
of Chambly Dept to explain
why immediate
measures were not
have been
adopted for repairing
the North Foot Artillery
Barracks at St. Thomas
Mount, agreeably to the
wishes of His Excellency the
Commander in Chief

Dated 21st October 1857.

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Extract Minute of Council
Military Dept

Read 21st October 1857

Recommending that the Chief
Engineer be called upon to
report why the Barrack at St.
Thomas Mount has not been
repaired, agreeably to the
wishes of His Excellency the
Commander in Chief.

Certified 21st October 1857.

which were conveyed to him by the Brigadier Commanding the Troops for Canada on the 12th September 1859. Lieutenant Wheatley will at the same time report what has been done in respect to the work alone the said Canal which will be completed.

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The explanation called for regarding the delay

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From the Chief Engr. 22d October/57
Cor. 2202. Fr Cons: 29th
Extract from Mil. Dep.tt
Dy 27 Oct.r/57 C. No 2136 & Sn C.
Requesting the Chief
Engineer to call upon the
District Engineer of Chinglepu.t
to explain why immediate
measures were not adopted
for repairing the Roof
of the Artillery Barracks
at Saint Thomas's Mount,
agreeably to the wishes
of His Excellency the
Commander-in-chief which
were conveyed to him
on the 12th September 1857.

No 14 to 15.