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No. 58. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 5th October 1857, No. 3464.

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 3rd October 1857, No. 413.

SIR,

Having submitted to the Commander in Chief, the Resolution of Government, dated 29th Ultimo, No. 3358, communicating letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, on the subject of expediting the completion of the Barracks at Jackatalla. His Excellency desires me to say, that it is certainly most desirable, that not only these Barracks, but likewise those at Bangalore, both under conversion and new should be proceeded with, as rapidly as possible, and Sir P. Grant, expresses a hope that Government may be pleased to instruct the Department Public Works accordingly.

Communicated to the Department Public Works for early consideration.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Major,
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 59. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 12th October 1857, No. 3555.

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 5th October 1857, No, 418.

SIR,

In forwarding for the information of Government, copy of a letter from Major General Beresford Commanding Mysore Division, reporting progress made in works sanctioned in the Cantonment of Bangalore &c., I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to say, that he quite approves of General Beresford's proposals, and he would very earnestly urge on Government the necessity of sanction being given to commence upon the New Barracks without delay. It is of the greatest importance that none should take place.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division Bangalore ; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, dated 25th September 1856, No. 202.

Old Cavalry Barracks.—It becomes my duty to report for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the progress which has been made in works sanctioned at this Cantonment.

Improvements thereof.—I find that one Block of the Barracks at present occupied by the 12th Lancers has been for some time completed that a 2nd, will be finished in about 3 weeks ; a third in 6 weeks, and a fourth about the middle of December.—I propose if it meets His Excellency's approval to abstain from dilapidating any other Block, until the arrival of the Cavalry Regiment—which shall be stationed here—I anticipate that I shall be able to accommodate the entire Regiment in seven Blocks, so as to permit my proceeding with a single Block—and when all the improvements are completed in it, to occupy it, and commence upon another,—I shall be better able to judge of my ability to adopt this course after the Regiment arrives ; meanwhile the other additions and improvements ordered for this Barrack, can be proceeded with.

I would then most earnestly request of His Excellency, to obtain permission for the Commanding Engineers to commence at once upon the New Barracks on the Race Course.—This is a very favorable season for the early work of opening foundations &c., and as much material is collected and all preparations made under the pressing exigency for Barracks for European troops

at this station, it seems a great waste of precious time to delay beginning a work which has been sanctioned—which is admitted to be as necessary.

I observe that reference was made to the Supreme Government in July last.

I have conferred fully with Lieutenant Colonel Green Commanding Engineer, here, and he fully concurs in these views.

The Governor in Council observes that the revised plan for the new Barracks at Bangalore embracing all improvements suggested was forwarded to the Government of India, early in August last.

His Lordship in Council can see no cause for anticipating further alterations in the plan and certainly none affecting the preliminary portions of the work, which he accordingly sanctions to be proceeded with at once.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) H. HAMILTON Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government,

No. 60. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Military Department, dated 20th October 1857, No. 3659.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 8th October 1857, No. 4826.

The revised designs for the new Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, received with the Acting Deputy Secretary Military Department's letter No. 2358 of the 30th July last, having been submitted to the Government of India, I am directed to communicate as follow:—

2. The construction of these Barracks at an estimated cost of Rupees five lacs, ninety-two thousand, two hundred and fifty with terraced roofs, is sanctioned.

Rupees 5,92,250.

Rupees 1,02,502.

It is observed that in the 11th Para. of the Chief Engineer of Mysore's letter No. 531 of the 2nd July, the sum of Rupees one lac, two thousand, five hundred and two, is entered as the additional expense of terracing the 8 Barrack Ranges, but from the context and a comparison with the other correspondence, this must have been either a misprint or a clerical error. Were it otherwise, the Governor General in Council would not be disposed to sanction the substitution of terraced for tile roofing. No detailed Estimates accompanied the designs, or this point might have been disposed of without the shadow of a doubt.

3. There would still appear to be some misapprehension in regard to the actual number of men to be lodged. Major DeButts states on the authority of the Officer Commanding Her, Majesty's 12th Lancers, that there are 81 men per troop, exclusive of one Regimental Serjeant Major, or in all 649, and the plans are drawn accordingly; but the strength of Dragoon Regiments serving in India has been fixed in the Horse Guard's letter dated 2nd June 1857, (published in G. O. C. in C. 28th July) at 792, of whom 744 require Barrack accommodation; and deducting Non-Commissioned and Married men who are separately provided for, there will remain 626 or 78 per troop. The Barracks are designed for only 72 per troop: but Colonel Green judiciously proposes to transfer to one of the side wards, the Store rooms now placed in the centre ward—an arrangement which, under any circumstances is approved, but especially as it makes up the deficient accommodation.

4. In regard to the relative disposition of the buildings, the square or block plan is also approved by the Government of Madras, the Commander-in-Chief and the Chief Engineer, and, I am to add, by the Supreme Government. The Hospital should also be placed within

the Race Course, so as to admit of the buildings being hereafter connected, if need be, by a defensive wall.

5. As it is considered that uniformity in Military buildings is generally desirable and more particularly in those especially set aside for the punishment of crime and maintenance of discipline, I am desired to request therefore, that the standard plan of Solitary Cells forwarded with my previous communication No. 5825 dated 15th December 1856, may be adhered to.

6. It is observed that no design is sent for the Married men's Quarter's, but it is presumed that the orders of the Honorable Court communicated in my No. 6005 of the 26th December 1856, have not been lost sight of in regard to the amount of accommodation provided for each family.

7. The plans received with your letter are herewith returned.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) Chief Engineer Department of Public Works and Public Works Department.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 61 ORDER THEREON, No. 2136; dated 20th November 1857.

1. The works referred to in the above papers are improvements to the old Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, and the construction of new Barracks on the Race Course at the same station.

2. The first of these works was sanctioned by the Government of India on the 4th July* 1856, at an estimated cost of Rupees 1,55,600; and it appears from the letter from the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division, communicated with the order from the Military Department, of the 12th Ultimo above recorded, that the work is in progress.

* Extract Minutes Consultation 29th July 1856, No. 1299, P. W. D.

3. The construction of the new Barracks with terraced roofs, at an estimated cost of Rupees 5,92,250, has now been sanctioned by the Government of India, in their letter communicated with the Extract from the Military Department of the 20th Ultimo, also recorded above; and in communicating this sanction to the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council requests that no time may be lost in commencing the building. It is observed that authority was granted in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 12th* March last, No. 461, for the expenditure of a sum of Rupees 1,00,000 on new works in the Mysore Division, but should this outlay be found insufficient to carry on operations on the two sets of Barracks, the Government will be prepared to sanction such further amount of funds as may be shewn to be necessary.

* Paras. 51 and 52.

4. Adverting to the remarks in para. 2 of the letter from the Government of India, above referred to, the Government request the Chief Engineer will ascertain and report, the actual computed expense of terracing the eight ranges of the new Barracks, in order that the misapprehension existing on that point may be removed. The additional expense of this improvement, it is observed, is entered at the foot of Colonel Green's letter of the 2nd* July 1857, as Rupees 10,250, while in para. 11 of the same letter it is given as Rupees 1,02,502. The observations made by the Government of India in paras. 3 and 4 of their letter, in respect to the extent of accommodation to be provided in the Barracks, and the position which the Hospital should occupy, demand attention. With reference to paras. 5 and 6, the Government request that the Chief Engineer will issue instructions to the Superintending Engineer of My-

* Communicated to the Chief Engineer in the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th August 1857, No. 1626, P. W. D.

sore, to cause that the Solitary Cells in connection with the new Barracks, shall be built in conformity with the standard plan for such buildings received from the Government of India,* and which appears to have been forwarded to the Chief Engineer of Mysore from the Military Department. Major DeButts should also be requested to pay due regard to the orders of the Honorable Court, which were communicated to Colonel Green from the same Department* in respect to the accommodation to be provided for each family in the married men's quarters.

* Referred to in para. 7 of letter dated 15th December 1856, communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th August 1857, No. 1626, P. W. D.

* Extract Minutes Consultation 10th January 1857 No. 133 M. D.
Ex. Min. Cons. 22nd Jan. 1857, No. 162 P.W.D.

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

Military Department

No 3464

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th October 1857.

Read the following letter
Dr Mr General's Office
No 413

From
The Quarter Master General
of the Army

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department

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Fort St George
5th Oct. 1857.

(Signed) F. A. Reid
Dy Mr General
of the Army

Communicated to the Depart. ment Public Works for early consideration.

(Signed) R. C. Hamilton Major
Actg Dy Adjt Genl

To

The Department Public Works.

by
Lt. Smith

the Mysore

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3555.

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(True Extract and Copies.)

D. Hamilton Major

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Department Public Works.
" Chief Engineer, Mysore.

With 2 spare Copies.

Exd. R. Spears.

the Mysore

Mil. Dept

No 2136

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th November 1857.

Read the following
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1857 at pp 3404, 3553 & 3659)

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Contract Plans: Estimate
Military Dept No
Dated 12th
Dated 20th Oct 1857
No 3535

Sir No 2136 of 20th Inst.

I am directed to forward
herewith Plan of the
Dragoon Barracks at
Bangalore, and Plan
Elevation & Section of
Barrack to be erected
on the Race Course.

No 59

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3. The construction of the new Barracks with terraced roofs, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,92,257, has now been sanctioned by the Govt. of India, in their letter communicated with the Extract from the Mily Dept of the 20th Ultimo, also recorded above; and in communicating this sanction to the Chief Engr, he Obt. the G. in C. requests that no time may be lost in commencing the building. It is observed that authority was granted in C. to. C. of the 12th March last No 461, for the Expenditure of a sum of Rs 1,00,000 on New works in the Mysore Division, but shall this

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* Communicated to the Chief Engr with Govt Order 24th Augt 1859 No 1626 Mild

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Public Works 1857 Dispatch
Do to Govt 24th March

No 2136

Extract Minutes of Counc.
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From Chief Engr
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Ehre of 19 Jany 58 to 56

Ehre of 4th March 1858 with No 47 Enclosure
30th March.

Relating to the improvements to the Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore and the construction of new Barracks on the Race Course at the same Station.

No 58 at 61.

Extract from the Minutes of Counc: Military Dispatch 5 Novr 58 Cr 1327/3 in 30.
From the Chief Engr of 3d Augt 59 with No 1491 Counc: