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No. 82. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 27th November 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 23rd November 1857, No. 527.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Commander in Chief to request, you will be so good as to bring to the notice of Government, that His Excellency this morning inspected the Royal Artillery, their Barracks, &c., at the Mount.

On the 6th August last, the erection of Gun sheds at the north end of the Foot Artillery range was sanctioned, and by Minutes of Consultation 10th Instant No. 3967, these new sheds were placed at the disposal of Colonel Faddy, Commanding the Royal Artillery, but Sir P. Grant was surprised to find this morning that hardly any thing has been as yet done towards the erection of the sheds in question, consequently, much injury to the Guns, and Battery Equipment may be anticipated from their exposure to the weather, or the Equipment of the Detachment delayed altogether.

His Excellency begs strongly to urge, that the District Engineer may be imperatively required to proceed with the work without further delay, or, if he has not time, His Excellency would recommend, that an Officer be specially appointed to the duty.

A Harness room is indispensable, and Sir P. Grant begs that it may be erected on the spot of ground between the end of the Gun shed and the Royal Artillery Barrack, the space is quite sufficient, and a road now there, may be closed without inconvenience. At the other extremity of the Royal Artillery Barrack, is the Gun shed of the Golundauze. This is in a most dilapidated condition, and unsafe in every way, His Excellency proposes that it be pulled down, and a new Gun shed and Harness room of the same dimensions, as those in the course of erection at the north end, be erected on the ground now occupied by this useless ruinous building.

Sir P. Grant desires me further to solicit sanction, for the renting of quarters for the Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant of the Royal Artillery, who have at present no quarters provided for them.

Referred to the Department Public Works with reference to para. 3 for report, and also as to the cause of delay in carrying out the work sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation No. 2646 of the 6th of August.

Plans and Estimates for a Harness room was called for by Minutes of Consultation No. 3967, 10th November 1857.

The Governor in Council sanctions the renting quarters for the Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant until they are provided.

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

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, No. 2278; dated 8th December 1857.

Ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer for report with reference to para. 1 of the above Minutes of Consultation.

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

No.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated the 27th November 1857

Read the following letter

2d Mr. General's office

No. 527

From

The Quarter Master Gen

of the Army.

To

The Secretary to Govern

Military Depart

Sir,

I am instructed by the

Commander in Chief to request,

you will be so good as to bring to the

notice of Government, that His

Excellency

His Excellency this morning inspected the Royal Artillery, their Barracks, &c.a at the Mount.

On the 6th August last, the erection of Gunshed at the North end of the Foot Artillery range was sanctioned, and by a Minute of Council dated 10th Instant No. 396 these new sheds were placed at the disposal of Colonel Daddy, Commanding the Royal Artillery. Lieut. Sir P. Grant, was surprised, to find this morning that hardly anything has been as yet done towards the erection of the Sheds in question, consequently, much injury to the Guns, and Battery Equipment, may be anticipated from their exposure to the weather, or the Equipments

of the Detachment delayed a Day or

His Excellency begs strongly to urge, that the District Engineer may be imperatively required to proceed with the work without further delay, or, if he has not time His Excellency would recommend, that an Officer be specially appointed to the duty.

A Marine Store Room is indispensable, and Sir P. Grant begs that it may be erected on the spot of Ground between the end of the Gunshed and the Royal Artillery Barrack, the space is quite sufficient, and a road now there, may be closed without inconvenience. At the other extremity of the Royal Artillery Barrack, is the Gunshed

of the Golundauze. This is in a most dilapidated condition, and unsafe in every way. His Excellency proposes that it be pulled down, and a new Gun shed and Harness Room of the same dimensions, as those in the course of erection at the North end, be erected on the ground now occupied by this useless ruinous building.

Sir P. Grant, desires me further to solicit sanction, for the renting of Quarters for the Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant of the Royal Artillery, who have at present no quarters provided for them.

Ord. Dept. 23rd Nov. 1859

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. A. Reid
Dy. Inspr. General

Referred

Referred to the Department Public Works with reference to para 3 for Report, and also as to the cause of delay in carrying out the work sanctioned in Minutes of Council 1-2146 of the 6th of August.

Plans and Estimates for a Harness room was called for by Minutes of Council 1-3967, 10th November 1859.

The Governor in Council sanctions the renting Quarters for the Serjeant Major and Qr. Mr. Serjt. until they are provided.

(Signed) R. Hamilton Majr.
A.G. Dy. Genl. to Govt.

To
The Dy. Inspr. Genl.
" Depart. P. Works.
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.

Genl. Smith

Dft to Cons 24th November 57 No 6283

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No 2398

Extract Mins: Cons:
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Dated 27th Novr 57

Received 7th Decr 1857

Extract from Chief Engr's Ltr dated 24th inst: Nos 2398 & 2399 Decr

Referring a Letter from the Quarter Master Genl of the Army, and directing the Chief Engineer to report as to the Cause of delay in the erection of the Gun Sheds at the North end of the Foot Artillery range, at St Thomas' Mount which was sanctioned on the 10th Ulto, and observing that Plans and Estimates for a Harness Room were called for on the 10th November, and

also sanctioning the renting Quarters for the Sergt Major and Quarter Master Sergt, until they are provided.

No 82 of 83.

No 2278.

Ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer for report with reference to para 1 of the above Mins of Cons.

Fort St George
8th Decr 1857

J Cpies to the Chief Engr