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No. 53. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 1st December 1857, No. 4320.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 25th November 1857, No. 529.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 3909, dated 6th Instant, I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to annex copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, on the subject of using ladders, instead of Stair cases to the European Cavalry and Horse Artillery Barracks at Bangalore,—His Excellency recommends, that General Beresford's proposed arrangements, be sanctioned.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Madras, dated Bangalore 18th November 1857, No. 249.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. date and subject as per margin, after I had sent in my letter submitting the deficiency under discussion and proposing the remedy of Stairs and a trap door—the same view which His Lordship in Council at once adopted occurred to me, namely to obtain this access by the far less expensive plan of a ladder and trap door, in which Major DeButts at a joint inspection concurred. It was therefore my intention to have suggested this improvement, if the Government conceded, that the alteration was desirable, I presume therefore, it will be only necessary for me to say, that the suggestions in the Minutes of Consultation, of which you sent me an Extract appear to me preferable to my past proposed arrangement, and I request permission to alter the four Ranges finished accordingly and to make this proposed access to these Roofs, part of the construction in the four remaining blocks. It will become so very inexpensive a work, that I propose to make two in each Block, that is, one in each Verandah, having them at different ends, I think the ladders should be of iron. If His Excellency should so recommend and the Government approve, I believe these ladders will have to be made in Madras; I would procure and send down the dimensions, &c.

No. 2868—12th November 1857, relative to opening a trap door to give access to the Terraced Roofs of Verandahs in Cavalry and Horse Artillery Barracks.

The Governor in Council sanctions the proposed addition of ladders and trap doors to afford access to the Roof of the Barracks of the European Cavalry and Horse Artillery at Bangalore.

Iron ladders will be most suitable.

(True Extract and Copies.)

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

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 2353; dated 21st December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

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Sanctioning the proposed additions of Ladders and Trap-doors to afford access to the Roofs of the Barracks of the Europe an Cavalry and Horse Artillery at Bangalore, and observing that Iron Ladders will be most Suitable.

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