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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd December 1857.

No. 79. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st November 1857.

Read the following papers.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th November 1857, No. 1433.

SIR,

In forwarding for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copies of correspondence from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, I have the honor, by order of the Commander in Chief, to state that His Excellency considers the reply of Lieutenant Moberly to be most improper. In matters relating to Military buildings in a Military Cantonment, Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant conceives that the District Engineer must be subject to the control of the Military Authorities.

Letter from Major General P. E. CRAIGIE, Commanding Centre Division ; to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, dated 16th November 1857, No. 306.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief copies of correspondence between the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount and the District Engineer of Chingleput regarding the repairs of the Artillery Barracks now occupied by the Royal Artillery. His Excellency will remember that it was a personal request from him that I should look at the Barracks and see that they were ready for the Royal Artillery, on the morning I inspected the European Artillery, I did so and pointed out two or three things that I considered required to be done and requested the Officer Commanding the Mount who was with me at the time, to point them out to the person in charge of the works, from the reply made by the District Engineer, Lieutenant Moberly, it would appear that he altogether ignores any authority other than the Chief Engineer, and as I consider his reply to be couched in an unusual style when addressing a superior Officer, and as I was only acting on the request of His Excellency, I beg to forward it for his perusal.

Letter from Brigadier Æ. SHIRREFF, Commanding the Mount; to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Centre Division, Madras, dated Mount, 11th November 1857, No. 612.

SIR,

Immediately after the inspection of the North Artillery Barracks on the 4th Instant by the Major General Commanding the Division, I addressed the District Engineer of Chingleput pointing out to him the unfinished state of the Barracks, informing him at the same time that I would be happy to forward any explanation he might have to offer to the Major General. I now do myself the honor to forward a copy of my letter to the District Engineer together with his reply.

Letter from Brigadier Æ. SHIRREFF, Commanding the Mount; to Lieutenant A. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput, dated 4th November 1857, No. 590.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Major General Commanding the Division to inform you that he inspected the Barracks about to be occupied by the Royal Artillery this morning as he had been called upon to do so.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd December 1857.

The Major General desires me to point out to you, that the Barracks are still in an unfinished state, the roof being off, some of the out-houses and the cook-rooms still in a very dirty unfinished state.

I shall be happy to forward to the Major General any explanation that you have to offer.

Letter from Lieutenant A. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Brigadier Æ. SHIRREFF, Commanding the Mount, dated Coratore, 6th November 1857, No. 1296.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 590 of the 4th Instant and with reference to para. 3, to inform you that all explanations concerning the works at Saint Thomas' Mount are forwarded by me direct to the Chief Engineer Department Public Works.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

(By order.)

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

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, No. 2365; dated 22nd December 1857.

The Government must maintain the rule which keeps the Department of Public Works a separate establishment, subject only to Professional and Departmental orders, but at the same time must express their entire disapprobation of the want of courtesy and respect shewn by Lieutenant Moberly in his correspondence with the General of the Division.

2. The explanation submitted by Lieutenant Moberly in his letter of the 21st October last, meets the points noticed in the Extract Minutes Consultation of that date, but as the explanation of the cause of delay in the erection of Gun sheds, which he was required on the 8th Instant to submit, remains yet to be afforded, the Government will await the receipt of the same before they pass final orders on the charge of neglect of duty and delay in its performance brought against Lieutenant Moberly.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated the 21st November 1857.

Read the following Paper

No. 1133.

From

The Adjutant General of
the Army.

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

In forwarding for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copies of Correspondence from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, I have the honor, by order of the Commander in Chief

respect

Chief, to state that His Excellency considers the reply of Lieutenant Moberly to be most improper. As matters relating to Military Buildings in a Military Cantonment. Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant conceives that the District Engineer must be subject to the Control of the Military Authorities.

Adjutant Genl's office
Fort St Geo.
20th Novr 1857

I have the honor to be &c
Signed W. G. Woods Lieut Col
Adjutant General
of the Army.

No 306.

To
The Adjutant General
of the Army.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith

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of the works, from the reply made by the District Engineer, Lieutenant Moberly, it would appear that he altogether ignores any authority other than the Chief Engineer, and as I consider his reply to be couched in an unequable style, when addressing a Superior Officer and as I was only acting on the request of His Excellency I beg to forward it for his perusal.

I have &c.

(Signed) P. E. Craigie Major Genl.
Comdg. Centre Division.

Head Qrs. Centre Division Madras
16th November 1857

No. 1590.

To

The District Engineer of
Chingleput.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire

of the Major General Commanding the Division to inform you that he inspected the Barracks about to be occupied by the Royal Artillery this morning, as he had been called upon to do so.

The Major General desires me to point out to you that the Barracks are still in an unfinished state, the roof being off some of the out houses and the Cook rooms still in a very dirty unfinished state.

I shall be happy to forward to the Major General any explanation that you have to offer.

Madras
4th November
1857.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Sherriff Brigadier
Commanding the Mount.

To

No 612.

To

The Dy. Asst. Adjutant
General
Centre Division
Madras.

Sir,

I immediately after the Inspection of the North Artillery Barracks on the 1st Instant, by the Major General Commanding the Division, addressed the District Engineer of Chingleput pointing out to him the unfinished state of the Barracks, informing him at the same time that I would be happy to forward any explanation he might have to offer to the Major General.

I now do myself the honor to forward a

Copy

No 596.

To

The Brigadier Comg.
the Mount.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 590 of the 1st Instant, and in reference to Para 3, to inform you that all explanation concerning the works at Saint Thomas Mount are forwarded by me direct to the Chief Engineer Depart. Public Works.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. Moberly Lieut.
Dist. Engr. of Chingleput

District Engrs
Office Camp
Carnatore 6th May
1859

(True Copies)

(Signed) M. I. Molesworth Captain
A.G. Madras Staff Officer

To

Copy of my letter to the District
Engineer together with his reply.

Mount
Shaw &c.
11th Nov.
1857.

(Signed) Ens. Sherriff Brig.
Commanding the Mount,

(True Copies)

(Signed) W. G. Woods Lt. Col.
Adjutant General
of the Army.

Referred to the Depart.
ment of Public Works.

(By order)

(Signed) Lt. A. Braune Lt. Col.
Secretary to Govt.

To
The Depart. Public Works.

Lt
Genl Griffiths

Recd

No 2265

Extract from the Minutes of Council

Minutes of the 22nd December 1857

Read the following

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department

Approved

The Under Secretary

The Governor

Directs that the under-mentioned Officers be relieved from the Departments of Public Works & Ordnance respectively to Professional duty with Corps

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department

Approved

The Under Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Dept

Dated 21st
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Communicating copy of a communication from the Adjt Genl of the Army giving cover to the copies of correspondence between the Brigadier Commdg &c Jhansi Mount & the Dist Engr of Gwalior at Lieut respecting the repairs of the Artillery Barracks at that place & observing that His Excellency considers the repay of Lt Moberly to be most improper

No 79

C/ Doc: No 110 C/ 11th Dec

respect shewn by Lieut. Moberly in his correspondence with the General of the Divisions

2. Lieutenant Moberly's conduct has of late given us satisfaction to Government and he will be fourthly warned that any further instance of neglect of duty, or delay in its performance will subject him to immediate degradation in the Department Pub. Works

2. The explanation submitted by Lt. Moberly in his letter of the 21st October last meets the points noticed in the Gr. Mun. Cons. of that date, but as the explanation

of the cause of delay in the erection of Gun sheds which he was required on the 8th instant to submit, remains yet to be afforded, the Govt. will await the receipt of the same before they pass final orders on the charge of neglect of duty and delay in its performance brought against Lt. Moberly.

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No. 2365.

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Dy 22 Decr. /57.

Re Chief Engr.s Secy 58 6
No. 45 encl. 9 Feb.

From Dr. Dr. Hillyard /58
C No. 528 ult.

Observing that the explanation required from the District Engineer of Shinglespit on the cause of the delay in the erection of Gun sheds at St. Thomas's Mount is not yet submitted and they will want the receipt of the same before passing finl. orders on the charge of neglect of duty and delay in the performance brought against him.

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Ans. 11 Feb.