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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th February 1857.

No. 5. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 27th January 1857, No. 286.

Read the following letter from Major F. H. SCOTT, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 22nd January 1857, No. 16.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that the Major General Commanding Mysore Division has reported on the unwholesome condition of an out building used as necessary, by the patients of Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment in the Dragoon Hospital at Bangalore and urging its removal, and that a temporary one be erected in lieu "on emergency."

The Major General has ordered the old building to be at once levelled, and the debris thrown into the Cess-pool, which, it is advisable should be filled up; as much quick-lime as possible being used for sanitary reasons.

He has also directed the erection of a temporary Privy for present use, on the understanding that the outlay will only be about Rupees twenty.

Under the above circumstances, the sanction of Government is solicited to measures proposed, or carried out.

Copy of General Beresford's letter and of the Superintending Surgeon's is annexed.

Letter from Major General M. BERESFORD, Commanding Mysore Division; to Major F. H. SCOTT, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Shemoga, 10th January 1857.

SIR,

In reference to the letter from Superintending Surgeon Dr. Cole* urging the removal of the old Privy in the Dragoon Hospital at Bangalore and the construction of a new one, for reasons which appear to me cogent; I would further suggest that permission may be given for this work being completed at once "on emergency" in anticipation of the sanction of the Supreme Government. Lieutenant Colonel Green the Chief Engineer Mysore, has entered this amongst the other improvements to this Hospital in his Budget for 1857-58.

This work is so necessary, that I have instructed Major DeButts to build a temporary Privy on the understanding that the expense will be only about Rupees twenty, which will I hope be approved of.

Letter from Superintending Surgeon R. COLE, M. D., Mysore Division, Bangalore; to the Acting Dy. Asst. Quarter Master General, Mysore Division, dated Bangalore, 2nd January 1857. No. 1.

SIR,

I have the honor to state, for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that, at my late annual Inspection of the European Cavalry Hospital, at present occupied by the sick of Her Majesty's 3rd Light Infantry my attention was drawn to the dilapidated and unwholesome condition of an out building used as a necessary by the patients, which is sodden with urine and by the exhalations from the surrounding ground which is saturated from the Cess-pool beneath, and the building is actually crumbling to pieces therefrom, and is altogether most insalubrious, and unsightly. This building, with its Cess-pool closely contiguous, into which all the excrementitious matters run, is not more than a few yards from an angle of the main building of the Hospital, and in the ward, to which it is adjacent, occupied by cases of a local disease, frequent cases of fever and diarrhoea have been reported by Surgeon Barclay to have broken out. This can be only attributed with any reason to the offensive effluvia in the vicinity. Ever since

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my first visit in July last, to the Hospital in question, I have observed the unwholesome condition of this building, and in answer to my frequent observations on the subject, I have been informed that certain alterations and additions were contemplated, which would cause the removal of the nuisance; but from particular enquiries now made of the Engineer's Department, I learn that these improvements, though recommended, have not been finally sanctioned, but that they are to be introduced into the next Budget, and I therefore beg most strongly to recommend that, in anticipation of the execution of the entire projected work, as a most needful sanitary measure, this building be levelled and the debris thrown into the Cess-pool, which I advise should be entirely filled up, as much quick-lime as possible being used for the purpose. Temporary thatched sheds should be erected for present use as necessaries. During the Major General's absence from the station, I shall take the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Brigadier Commanding, with my urgent recommendation that the building be thrown down and the Cess-pool filled up in the interval between the evacuation of the Hospital by the sick of Her Majesty's 43rd Light Infantry at present going on and its occupancy by the 12th Lancers now en route to this station.

Sanctioned

(True Extract and Copies.)

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

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 285; dated 7th February 1857.
Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer Mysore.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 286.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 27th January 1857.

Read the following letter.

No. 16.

From

The Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army,

To

The Secretary to Government, Military Department.

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The Major General has ordered the old Building to be at once levelled, and the debris thrown into the Cess-pool, which, it is advisable should be filled up; as much quick-lime as possible being used for sanitary reasons.

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Copy of General Beresford's letter and of the Superintending Surgeon's is annexed.

I have &c.,

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Major,

Dy. Qr. Mr. General of the Army.

QR. MR. GENL.'s OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
22d January 1857.

From

The Officer Commanding Mysore Division,

To

The Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army.

Sir,

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This work is so necessary, that I have instructed Major DeButts to build a temporary Privy on the understanding that the expense will be only about Rupees twenty—which will I hope be approved of.

SHEMOGA,
10th January 1857.

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(Signed) M. BERESFORD, Major General,

Commanding Mysore Division.

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To

The Acting Dy. Asst. Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

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BANGALORE, }
2d January 1857. }

I have &c.,

(Signed) R. COLE,

S. S. M. D.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) R. COLE,

Supg. Surgeon M. D.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. O'CONNELL, Captain,

Ag. Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army.

(Sanctioned.)

(True Extract and Copies.)

W. B. Barclay
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Department of Public Works.

With a spare copy.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Called Nov 1857 Rele
Nov 1857 Albany.

No 237

Contract from the
State of New York in the
Military Department
dated 27 January 1857
Dec 14 Albany --

Learned the President
of our Govt. had
received a message by
the President of N.Y. Mr. Briggs
that the President had
just at Albany
of the creation of a new
company in the "New
embassy"

15.6
No 546.

With an order
No 285 - 7th Regt.

No 285

Contract to be carried
- executed to the Chief Engineer
Albany - Mr

For Mr. George
of Albany 1857

Refers to the City of
Albany - Albany
with the Albany