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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd March 1857.

No. 42. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Military Department, dated 31st January 1857, No. 326.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department.

Referring an Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer recommending that estimate of Rupees 17,080, for the construction of a Store Godown at Jackatalla be sanctioned immediately. } (Here enter 20th January 1857, No. 140.)

Approved—for entry in the Budget.

(A true Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut-Col.,
Dy. Secy. to Government.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 386; dated 28th February 1857.

It is observed that the estimate of Rupees 17,080, for the construction of Commissariat Store Godowns at Jackatalla forms an item of the revised estimate of Rupees 15,71,500 for the Barracks at that place forwarded by the Chief Engineer with his letter of 12th December 1856, No. 8793. This estimate will shortly be submitted for the sanction of the Government of India; but as the work has already received the general sanction of that Government, the whole estimate amounting to Rupees 15,71,500 has been included in Statement No. 2, of the Budget of 1857-58.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 326.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 31st January 1857.

Read the following,

No. 140.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department under date the 20th January 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 10th January 1857, No. 9398.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. McCally, Commissary General; to Colonel C. E. Faber, Chief Engineer, dated 18th December 1856, No. 3580.

Sir,

With reference to the former correspondence on the subject of building Store rooms, for the Commissariat Department at Jackatallah, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from Captain R. L. J. Ogilvie, Acting Assistant Commissary General, reporting that the chimney of the Guard room, caught fire and but for the prompt assistant rendered the whole range of the temporary Godowns with Commissariat stores under them, would have been destroyed.

2. With the above facts before you, I need not draw your attention to the urgent necessity that exists for the immediate construction of the Godowns and hope these permanent buildings will be considered by you as standing high in the scale of necessity amongst other buildings which may have been sanctioned.

Letter from Captain R. Ogilvie, Acting Assistant Commissary General; to Lieutenant Colonel A. McCally, Commissary General of the Army, Madras, dated Jakatallah, 8th December 1856, No. 854.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Chimney of the Guard room, attached to the stores of the Department caught fire two mornings ago, and had not prompt assistance been afforded the whole of the Commissariat Godowns would have been destroyed, the wind at the time having been unusually high.

2. Sixty-one bandies containing Porter and Arrack arrived from Bangalore and been stored the previous day, so that the loss of property to Government would have amounted to between 36 and 40 thousand Rupees.

3. The Commissariat stores are within a few yards of the Executive Engineer's wood yard and from the direction of the wind all the time, it is most probable that fire would have extended in that quarter.

4. I applied for a Fire Engine in May last, in a letter dated 5th May 1856, but none has been furnished to this Department, tubs of water and fire hooks are kept near my godowns, and every precaution taken to prevent accident, but thatched godowns I need not remark are always liable to catch fire from the slightest cause and as early frost and cold weather during the day render it necessary for the European Guard to have a fire constantly kept up, I beg respectfully to urge the erection of godowns with as little delay as possible. The Executive Engineer, I doubt not has sufficient occupation for his bricklayers and workmen, but there are contractors at Ootacamund and Coonoor, who would readily undertake the work which could be carried on, under his superintendence and direction.

Resolved in forwarding for the early consideration of Government, the foregoing letter from the Commissary General, No. 3580, under date 18th December 1856, in connection with the Chief Engineer's communication No. 8793, of 12th December 1856, to recommend, that, under the circumstances set forth and the urgent necessity for the work, No. 27, estimate of Rupees 17,080, seventeen thousand and eighty for the construction of a Store godown submitted to Government in abstract with the above communication, be sanctioned immediately, under clause 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 696, of 18th October 1855.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,

Chief Engineer.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Approved—for entry in the Budget.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
" Quarter Master General.

Exd. R. Spears.

Comr in Chief Bay 5th Feb 12 1857

Public Works 1857 Departt
Dated Comr's Office 3rd March.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation the Military Department

Dated Fort William 3rd March 1857
Received 7th Ditto

No 32b
From Chief Engr & Secy to Govt Bengal
No 586 dated 28th Feby

Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1857/58 the sum of Rs 17080 for the construction of Store Godowns for the Commissariat Department at Sackatallah.

No 42 to 43.

With an order
No 586 28th Feby

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No 386

Sir observed that the Estimate of Rupees 17,080, for the construction of Commissariat Store Godowns at Sackatallah forms an item of the Revised Estimate of Rs 157,500 for the Barracks at that place forwarded by the Chief Engineer with his Letter of 12 December 1856 No 8798. This Estimate will shortly be submitted for the sanction of the Govt of India but as the work has already received the general sanction of that Govt the whole Estimate amounting to Rs 157,500 has been included in Statement No 2 of the Budget of 1857/58.

Fort St. Geo — 4 Chief to the Chief Engr
28th February 1857 Ditto Engr