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DEPARTMENT

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

No. 84. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES JAMES GREEN, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 21st February 1857, No. 1371.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation No. 133, dated 10th January 1857, I have the honor to forward herewith for the approval of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a revised plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 83,400 for 89 married Privates quarters in the old Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, which it will be remembered are to be converted into Infantry Barracks on the erection of the proposed new Cavalry Barracks on the Race Course.

2. The accommodation allotted for each Soldier is that allowed in the 5th para. of the Honorable Court's Dispatch No. 187 of 1856, viz. 16 x 14 with verandah on both sides, the rear one of which is enclosed, and a room partitioned off to serve as a child's room, or for a bath room.

3. A cook room and necessary has been proposed to every 6 quarters. This is giving 2 of these buildings to each Troop or Company.

4. I would also suggest that 12 quarters should be built together which is the number of married men for a Troop, or Company, and then an opening, say of 20 feet, when another range of buildings would be erected. The site proposed for these quarters is on the North side of the old Dragoon Barracks, and it will allow of the whole of these buildings being placed in one line.

5. The estimate provides for the foundation and basement being constructed with rubble stone, and the walls, which are to be 18 feet high, of brick in chunam. The roof is to have trusses of Teakwood, with a tiled roof and ridge ventilator.

6. The roof of the verandah is to be a sloping terrace, which will admit of the Pillars, and rear wall, being 9 feet high. The materials and Workmanship to be of the best description procurable.

7. The estimated cost of each quarter is Rupees 820, and its proportional share for the out-houses is Rupees 113 making a total of Rupees 933 which is very little more than half the cost originally proposed, and which I trust therefore will be favorably considered.

8. I beg to add these arrangements have been proposed by Major DeButts, and seem to me judicious. The style of building has been found to answer remarkably well at Bangalore. The swing windows above will light up the rooms well, and the ridge ventilator will make the quarters cool and comfortable.

9. Should this plan and estimate be approved of, I beg the favor of your informing me whether, I should include them in the Mysore Public Works, Budget which has not yet been submitted, and if so that you will have the goodness to return them to me for that purpose.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, No. 443; dated 9th March 1857.

An estimate of Rupees 90,820, was entered in the Budget of 1856-57, for building two blocks of married men's quarters in the Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore for the accommodation of fifty families; and the Government of India, in passing orders on the project, observed that it would be immediately and strongly recommended to the Honorable Court.

2. With a letter dated 26th December 1856, No. 6005, Colonel Baker forwarded copy of a Despatch* from the Honorable Court, in reply to a letter addressed to them by the Government of India, on the subject of providing quarters for married Soldiers. In that Despatch the Court adverted to the large expenditure on married Soldier's Barracks, and issued instructions regarding the plan on which quarters should be constructed. The Despatch was communicated in the Military Department to the Chief Engineer in Mysore; and with his letter above recorded, that Officer forwards for

With a letter dated

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approval a revised plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 83,400, for eighty-nine married Privates quarters, and requests to be informed whether he should include the project in the Mysore Public Works Budget.

3. The accommodation allotted for each Soldier consists, as suggested by the Honorable Court, of a room sixteen feet by fourteen with verandah on both sides, the rear one of which is to be enclosed and a room partitioned off to serve as a child's room or a bath room. To every six quarters is allowed a cookroom and a privy; and twelve quarters, equivalent to the number of married men in a Troop or Company, are to be built together; and similar ranges of buildings are to be constructed at spaces apart of twenty feet. The foundation and basement are to be of rubble stone, with walls of brick and chunam eighteen feet high. The roof is to have trusses of Teakwood, with a tiled roof and ridge ventilator; and the roof of the verandah is to be a sloping terrace, with pillars and rear wall nine feet high. The materials and workmanship to be of the best description procurable. The estimated cost of each quarter is Rupees 820, and its proportional share for the out-houses Rupees 113, making in all Rupees 993, which is stated to be little more than half the cost originally estimated. The arrangements of these buildings have been proposed by Major DeButts, and are considered by Colonel Green, to be judicious. The style of building is stated to have been found to answer remarkably well in Bangalore; and the swing windows and ridge ventilator will, it is considered, afford sufficient light and make the quarters cool and comfortable.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers the arrangements proposed for the accommodation of married men to be very suitable, and he fully approves of the revised plan and estimate submitted by Colonel Green. The quarters should be raised well above the ground, and the privies for the women should, if possible, be separated from those for the men. But before the quarters are actually built, His Lordship in Council would wish Colonel Green and Major DeButts to communicate with General Beresford regarding their site. It is believed that the site is that fixed upon by His Excellency the Commander in Chief; but it would be satisfactory to His Excellency if the point were ensured in communication with General Beresford, who takes the greatest interest in the whole undertaking, and who, as well as the Engineers, was with His Excellency when he went over the ground and communicated his wishes with regard to the whole of the buildings and arrangements.

5. With reference to the enquiry of Colonel Green, whether he should include this project in the Mysore Public Works Budget, the Governor in Council observes that the question as to the authorities who should have charge of the Military Buildings in Mysore, was submitted to the Government of India on the 3rd October last; and as no instructions have been received on the subject, and as the Madras Budget has been closed, the Governor in Council is precluded from replying to Colonel Green's enquiry. The present project will however be noticed in the Budget Report about to be transmitted to the Government of India, and their attention will be solicited to the subject of Colonel Green's reference.

6. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be communicated to Colonel Green, with reference to his letter of the 21st February No. 2371, and also to the Military Department and to the Chief Engineer.

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

For Orders

Public Works Department No 381-

From Lt Col. G. J. Green Chief Eng: of 21 Feb'y 1857

The arrangements appear
good. Hope these quarters
will be raised well above the
ground. as the fall of the land
is to the north.

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be satisfactory to me that this
point should be verified by
communicating with the Engineer

Engineer who takes the
greatest interest in the whole
undertaking & who, as well
as the Engineer, was with
me when I went over the
ground & communicated
my wishes with regard
to the whole of the building
& arrangements.
J. G.

N^o 443.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 9th March 1857.

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/ Here enter 21st February 1857 N^o 2371 /

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Letter dated 11th July 1856 N^o 3173
Para 36.

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+ 5th Nov^r 1856 N^o 187.

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Public Works 1857 Sept.
D^o to Govt 18 March.

No 443.

Extract of the Govt.

D^o 9 March 1857.

From the Secy to the Govt of India
8/17th July 1857 etc. 1567 in fms.
24 Augth

Refusing orders on the Com-
struction of married men's quarters
in the Barrack Bazaar
at Bangalore.

No 84+85.