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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th May 1857.

No. 94. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st April 1857, No. 1322.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 15th April 1857, No. 135.

SIR,

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Superintending Surgeon, Ceded Districts to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of that Division, I am directed by His Excellency to request, you will be so good as to solicit the favorable consideration of Government to Superintending Surgeon Eyre's suggestion of Boarding the floors of Prison Rooms, in which Drunkards are confined, stone floors being considered prejudicial to the health of the men.

From Superintending Surgeon E. W. EYRE, Ceded Districts; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, 26th March 1857, No. 97.

SIR,

In reply to your letter* No. 260, dated 23rd instant, I have the honor to inform the Major General Commanding the Division, that the practice in the European Charges I have held has been, to allow Prisoners during the *cold season* additional carpets or rugs to sleep on if the floor is flagged ; this, or a mattress would be sufficient to protect from cold ; in warm weather no more is needed I think, than what the Regulations allow ; I mean in reference to health ; presuming that the Prisoner's comfort is not a point to be considered.

Forwarding letter from Garrison Surgeon J. Lovell.

2. Drunken Prisoners should not be confined in a room with stone floor ; I have known serious consequences arise from it. The floor should be boarded. Neither cots nor planks would answer, because they may be used to injure themselves or others.

The Governor in Council approves of the suggestion submitted in the foregoing letter, which will be communicated to the Department Public Works, with a view to the necessary estimates for the work being called for, for the approval of Government.

2. The Government wish to be informed whether similar measures will be necessary at other stations.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, No. 857 ; dated 4th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

Military Department.

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Qr. Mr. Genl.'s Office,
Fort Saint George,
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Bellary,
26th March 1857.

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(Signed) E. W. EYRE,
Superintending Surgeon.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. O'CONNELL, Captain,
Ag. Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. General of the Army.

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(True Extract and Copy.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With a Plan Copy
„ Quarter Master General.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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Approving of the Engineer's Plan of the Sept. Lunettes ceded Dists of Boarding the floors of Spider Rooms in which Drunkards are confined, Stone floors being considered prejudicial to the health of the men, omitting to be reinforced whether Similar measures will be necessary at other Stations, and directing that Estimates for the above works be called for, through the Do. W. for the approval of Govt.
No 857 Make an order 4th May

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
4th May 1857

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