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No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 2nd July 1857, No. 2179.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 30th June 1857, No. 234.

SIR,

In November last year the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts reported the unsuitableness of the Artillery Barracks in the Fort of Bellary, and in the Minute of the Right Honorable the Governor, No. 212, of date 19th February last, His Lordship remarks on these Barracks as being very bad.

It was the intention of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant to have inspected these Buildings himself, with the view of recommending new Barracks to be constructed, or such alteration to be made, as might suggest itself at the time.

As it is not now probable that General Grant will have an opportunity of carrying out his intention, I am directed by the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to request you will be so good as to bring the subject to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—and with regard to General Macleod's letter, copy of which is enclosed, submit General Beresford's recommendation that estimates and plans be at once prepared for the erection of new Barracks and out buildings on the site proposed by the former Officer.

From Major General D. MACLEOD, Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort St. George, dated 11th November 1856, No. 128.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for his consideration the following remarks touching the unsuitableness of the Barracks now in use with the C. Company of the European Foot Artillery stationed in the Fort of Bellary.

2. It is with much reluctance that I propose a change entailing the least expense to Government but the necessity of the case requires it, and the benefit arising to the health of the men will compensate, in a great measure, for the outlay in the erection of a better suited, and more commodious building than the one now occupied by the Company of Foot Artillery.

3. In a former letter* I made a cursory allusion to the subject; since then my attention has been particularly called to the locality and adaptation of these buildings as a suitable residence for European Soldiers.

4. With respect to locality. The site not only in my opinion but, in that of Medical men, and others, is unquestionably bad, being situated close under the rock of Bellary. The heat of a tropical sun irradiated from the rock on these buildings, is very intense, and has an injurious effect upon the health of the men observable from their worn out jaded and hectic appearance.

5. With regard to adaptation. The Barracks are very low, the beams, rafters, and bamboo matting, are filled with bugs and other vermin which fall upon the men during the night, and disturb their repose. They are also too confined, and the men are much crowded in consequence, and are obliged to eat their meals in the verandahs exposed to the glare of the sun to hot land winds and rain.

6. Under these circumstances, I would strongly recommend, as a measure of sanitary economy, that a range of new Barracks be built in the place formerly occupied by the Right Wing of the European Regiment when located in the Fort, a desirable position facing the Tank, open, and well adapted for the purpose, and as the old Barracks still there are not suited from having

* No. 53, dated 11th April 1856.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

the same faults as have been enumerated in connection with the Artillery Barracks it is respectfully suggested that they be pulled down and the materials employed in the erection of the proposed new Barracks.

7. The Barracks thus vacated by the Company of Artillery can be easily, and at trifling cost converted into good Quarters for the Staff Serjeants who would have to leave their present abode on the new Barracks* being sanctioned by Government, I may add that the expense of these new Barracks* would amount to about 40,000 Rupees.

I beg to remark, in conclusion, that the Right Honorable the Governor on his late visit to Bellary, inspected the Artillery Barracks, and did not consider them suited to Europeans.

Referred to the Department of Public Works—and for the special report of the Engineer Officer at Bellary, on para. 7 of Major General Macleod's letter.

(True Extract and Copies.)

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

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 1425; dated 21th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will obtain from the District Engineer of Bellary, and submit to Government, the special report called for in the foregoing Minutes of Consultation.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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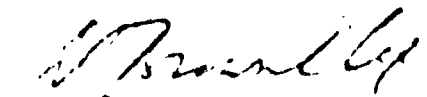
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Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. *1/11/1881*
„ Quarter Master General.

Exd. R. Spears.

Public Works 1857 etc
Rd to Am: 28th July

Willis
Extract from the letter
of Genl. in the Library
of Parliament

Oct 2nd 1857
Dec 15th 1857

From Willis: 26th July 1857
To: 1857-6-13 1857
Referring to the Q. Q. H.

at letter regarding the movement
= absence of the Western Gun
= worked in the front of the Library,
and calling for a special report
of the Engineer Officer at that
Station, for the purpose of Major
General Macleod's letter.

With our order
No. 11-35-24 July 1857

No 11-25

Order to the com-
municated to the Chief Engineer
with a request that he will re-
ceive from the District Engineer
of the Library, and submit to the
Government, the special report
called for in the foregoing
minutes of the Committee.

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21st July 1857 }
Order to the Chief Engineer
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