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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10*th August* 1858.

No. 27. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 20th July 1858, No. 2605.

Read the following Papers.

Letter from Captain E. F. FASKEN, for the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 26th June 1858, No. 130.

SIR,

The difficulties connected with the Road, and Carriage, direct from Masulipatam to Nagpore, and the facilities afforded by the Bullock Transit from Masulipatam to Secunderabad, with the certainty of procuring escorts from thence to Nagpore, have all induced me to concentrate supplies of stores in the Secondrabad Arsenal for moving on as opportunities offered, to Nagpore and in advance.

2. The increase to the allotment of siege pieces and to the strength of the Troops at Secunderabad, have also necessitated the collection of larger quantities of Stores in the Secundrabad Arsenal.

3. The proposal made to amalgamate the Bolarum Arsenal with that at Secundrabad will now require further Store Rooms.

4. But Government are aware, from former applications that the Store accommodation at Secundrabad was insufficient before these additions ; and I have already been obliged to obtain from General Coffin, Commanding the Force, additional Store Rooms which are at a distance, I regret to say, from the Arsenal.

5. I have written to the Quarter Master General on the necessity of further provision for Store accmmodation, and the question is now under consideration.

6. I had also requested the Commissary of Ordnance to furnish me with a rough sketch shewing the occupation of the space bounded by 4 Roads within which the Arsenal is situated, in order that I might aid in the arrangements for obtaining more space for the Arsenal, and to see the nature of the building, in the vicinity of the Arsenal.

7. The proposal about the Bolarum Arsenal induces me to lay this rough sketch before Government, in hopes that authority may at once be conveyed to his Excellency the Commander in Chief to act without waiting for further references, in order to provide more Store Rooms for the Arsenal.

8. The plan shows very clearly that several Buildings are far too close to the Arsenal for security from common pilfering and ought, for that security alone, to be removed, but with far more reason for the sake of security against attack.

9. I am aware that Major General Coffin has long wished to establish the Arsenal in a new position, and although the site of the present one is very centrical, yet I have no boubt the new site and the improved arrangements for defence, will place our Ordnance Department in a far more secure state.

10. But the execution of a new Building will occupy some time, whilst there are even more urgent wants to be provided for and the Bolarum Depôt will add thereto, the present Arsenal, when vacated, with any additional space which may now be obtained, will be found most useful for many public purposes at Secundrabad ; and I would therefore strongly urge on Government to authorize his Excellency the Commander in Chief to give authority to Major General Coffin to take over any of the houses in the vicinity of the Arsenal within the 4 Roads which may be advisable, or necessary.

11. The Commissariat Officer (Police Officer) can, I have no doubt, be located in any other hired building, and if all the houses (some of no great value) cannot be taken over by Government, yet a considerable number may perhaps be easily obtained ; but I should hope all.

12. I much wish that the Arsenal could be surrounded by a wall and separated ftom the houses and roads ; this wall might have towers at the angels, on each of which a piece of

Ordnance might be mounted if necessary and with a large force at Secundrabad able to take the initiative, I should hope that the means of resisting a sudden rush against the Arsenal would suffice, pending the final arrangements for forming a fortified Arsenal in another position but, as extensive defensive works to be done well will occupy some years in the completion, I advise improvements in the present building, pending better arrangements. The only earnest request I submit is, not to separate the Ordnance Stores into Buildings away from the Arsenal enclosure there are many departmental reasons for this recommendation.

Referred to the Commander in Chief for his Excellency's observations and report.

Fort St. George,
28*th June*, 1858.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

Letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army.

Here enter 7th July 1858, No. $\frac{149}{336}$.

The Governor in Council requests that the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force may be furnished by the Commander in Chief with a copy of the Inspector General's letter and asked to fix upon the buildiugs in the vicinity of the Arsenal at Secundrabad which he considers it advisable should be taken over for the additional store accommodation required, and to state whether they are easily procurable.

2. The Resident at Hyderabad will be requested to allow the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad to communicate with Major General Coffin and to give him his opinion as to the value of such of the buildings selected as may be private property, with a view to the same being embodied in his report.

3. Orders in respect to the proposed wall with Towers to enclose the Arsenal, will be passed hereafter.

4. Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department.

Here enter letter dated 20th June 1858, No. 2606.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 1540; dated 5th August 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the above Extract be furnished to the Officiating Chief Engineer for communication to the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Military Department.

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To

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Military Department.

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Genl Ordnance Office. George. 26th June 1858

(Signed) E. J. Eastern Capt
for Lieut Genl of Ordnance & Magr

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Referred to the Commander in Chief for His Excellency's observations and report.

Fort St. George
28th June 1858 (Signed) W. H. Wapshare Major
of Ld. Dy. Secy. to Govt.

From the Quarter Master Genl.
of the Army -

Recd. 1st July 1858 - No. 1229/326.

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4 Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department

Department.

Here enter letter dated 20th July

1858 No 2606.

(Signed) W. H. Walthall Major

A.A.G. Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To The Inspector General of
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Ordered that a copy of
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Chief Engineer for communication to
the Chief Engineer at Hyderabad.

Fort St. George
5th August 1858

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