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

No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 30th June 1858, No. 2327.

Authorizing the erection of 15 Huts and a small Hospital for the use of the Guard at Mudigherry, Plans and Estimates to be called for in the Department of Public Works. } (Vide Military Consultation, 2nd July 1858, Nos. 151-152.)

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 1513; dated 5th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer, with a request to submit the Plans and Estimates required at an early date.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 2327.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 30th June 1858.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 15th June 1858, No. $\frac{122}{303}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to request you will be so good as to lay before Government, the annexed copy of a letter from Lieutenant General Beresford Commanding Mysore Division.

His Excellency is quite of opinion with the Lieutenant General as to the necessity that exists, both in the case of the Huts for the Guard from Bangalore, and for a Hospital such as Government as already sanctioned for the treatment of Native followers of all mounted Corps, Sir Patrick Grant would therefore recommend both the erection of the Huts, and Hospital to the favorable consideration of Government

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From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 7th June 1858, No. 128; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Ootacamund.

Having recently visited the Stud Establishment at Mudigherry, I trust altho' it is no way under my controul, I may not appear to the Commander-in-Chief, as presuming too much on his usual kind reception of my suggestions, if I submit to him what seems to me very desirable constructions there.

I supply a Guard to this Establishment to protect Treasure and the Stores, and having reduced it to the lowest number, it consists now of a Havildar, two Naigues, and 12 Sepoys—In the constant changes of Regiments at Bangalore I have in the the last year and an half, seldom been able to leave any Detachment there for 3 months, and I cannot anticipate any material change in this necessity. The result is that these Sepoys cannot afford to house themselves with common comfort—I never saw any thing more wretched than the Huts they now inhabit, and even the means of constructing these, comfortless as they are, have often been supplied from the Private Purse of the Superintendent.

I never had to send nine Reliefs within the last nineteen months on being only out one month and another five weeks.

In former years there was a Fund, at this Stud called the Paddock Fund arising from the produce of the Fields around the lines. From this Fund ample means were obtained, to give comfortable Huts to the Guard, and several comforts to the other servants of the Establishment. These Paddocks have been lately very much attendded to, and return a large produce in Hay last year, after all expences of culture were paid—Fifty Ton of Hay was carried to the credit of the Government, and a much larger produce may be expected this year—It surely is not unreasonable to ask the Government under the peculiar circumstances of this Establishment to sanction the disbursement of a sufficient sum to build fifteen inexpensive Huts for Sepoys, to be the property of Government, and under the charge of the Superintendent; Major Campbell assisted me in the calculation of the cost of these, and we satisfied ourselves that, what would be considered a comfortable Hut, of the dimensions of 15 by 10 feet with mud Walls, Bamboo reapers, Jungle-wood door, and roof of Tiles would not cost about 15 Rupees,—I earnestly solicit His Excellency's advocacy for this outlay being sanctioned which would secure, the comfort and keep the Guard altogether in one convenient locality.

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The second requirement is a small Hospital. Besides the possible illness of some of the Guard, I have ascertained at times when the Horse lines are full, there have been as many as 14 Horsekeepers under attendance for fractures caused by kicks and falls from the young horses. The misery these poor creatures undergo is very great—*they get no pay while they are absent from their work even when caused by such accidents.* Their own Huts will not hold a Cot, and the only alleviation which can be afforded them is to put them into an empty stall in the sick stables. This is often not available, and is never a desirable practice. In addition to this the Apothecary states, that when he attends them in their own Huts, he cannot prevent them loosening bandages, the necessary tightness of which pains them, and thus delaying if not preventing recovery. I would submit therefore that it would be a measure of humanity to supply a small hospital with a smaller room adjacent for the Apothecary to attend patients in. At present he

has no place for this purpose but his own house. I consider a room 20 feet long by 10 feet broad would suffice for the Hospital, and I would have the adjoining Dispensary 10 feet square; the walls to be of bricks; Puckha outside, and kutcha within, tiled roof, a door and windows to each room—cost to be limited to 220 Rupees. The present Hospital Establishment will suffice, so there would be no expence beyond building. I respectfully submit that the humble servants of Government who will profit by the completion of these works have some claim upon the Government for the consideration I advocate; If His Excellency takes the same view I solicit his kind aid in obtaining it.

The Governor in Council authorises the erection of 15 Huts and a small Hospital of the dimensions proposed by Lieutenant General Beresford in the foregoing correspondence.

Plans and estimates will be prepared in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract and Copies.)

W. H. Waghorne Sec.
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With 3 Spare Copies.
„ Quarter Master General.

Exd. R. Spears.

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Authorizing the
erection of 15 huts
and a small
Hospital for the
use of the Guard
at Thurlow's Ferry -
Plans and Estimates to be called
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