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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 34. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th December 1857, No. 6197.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 16th December 1857, No. 81.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Extract of Proceedings No. 5805, dated 9th December, I am sorry to find that my report No. 62, was found deficient in the information required by the Central office. I had thought a report upon the general acceleration of the works was only wanted and did not therefore enter into the subject of the buildings available for immediate accommodation. I now beg to lay before you the following information in regard thereto.

2. No. 2 Block is complete, it is intended eventually for 2 Companies but can without any danger to health be occupied by 4 Companies if required at once.

3. The Staff Quarters (situated as shewn on the map of the Cantonment forwarded lately to the Central Office) is roofed in and plastered inside throughout and outside on the east side and two extremities, one third of the lower flooring is done, the doors and window frames are in the doors and windows are ready, the granite is ready for the lower verandah floor. To complete this building it remains to plaster the front towards the square, to lay down the upper floor of planks, brick on edge, and asphalte; to floor the remainder of the lower story with planks, to fix the doors and windows, pegs, shelves &c. and to lay down the granite floor to verandah; the Overseer and Head Carpenter are confident they can turn out this block fit for habitation by the end of January, Captain Campbell thinks this view is too sanguine, but I believe it may fairly be done, as all the work is under cover, and I have requested Captain Campbell to keep his constant attention directed to this point. If the lower floor of this building when finished were temporarily given up to Troops it would hold two Companies.

4. No. 1 Block is in a very unsatisfactory state, it was given on contract to a Native, and makes no fair progress, its present condition is this: roof on, and tiling half done, upper floor, ing joists allow, doors and window frames and sashes half ready, enough plank ready for flooring upper story, and enough joists ready for lower story but no planks, granite ready for verandah, but not fitted: at the present rate of progress it will take 10 or 12 months to finish this building, but I have directed Captain Campbell to give the assistance of his bricklayers, Carpenters &c., charging for the work done at the estimated rates to which the contractor agreed, by this means I hope to have No. 1 ready by 30th April. When complete it will hold like No. 2 four Companies if required; so that a Regiment with its Serjeants might be accommodated in permanent buildings before the end of the official year.

5. By the end of the January, 5 Companies might be taken into Barracks, and one Company into No. 2 Hospital, total 6 Companies, besides the temporary accommodation still standing and available.

6. Of course under these circumstances No. 3 block of barracks which is up to the first floor and has the upper story flooring joists on would be a good deal delayed, but if accommodation is wanted speedily for Troops, it is better I conceive to arrange as I have now done. In obedience to the latter part of para. 5 of proceedings under reply, Captain Campbell has been called upon to state his next six months' work, but as shewn above a great part of it has been cut out for him.

7. In regard to para. 2, I must now explain that no lime has been burnt at Seegoor I believe, since I was with the Sappers in 1838; from my recollections of it, I desired to induce Captain Campbell to use it for the purpose of saving time, it appears, that I was in fault from not having at the outset positively ordered its adoption, to assist the supply from the other side, but my intercourse with Captain Campbell has been such that hitherto it has been simply sufficient for me to suggest personally or by letter whatever arrangements I thought would conduce to the advantage of the works, the case of the Seegoor line is an exception to the rule of a

cordial acceptation of my views, the experiments so called are on a large scale, the stone at first quarried by Major Dobbie is decidedly indifferent, but better quarries have been found and Captain Morgan will procure fresh stone, and shortly begin to cart up the caustic lime.

8. In regard to para. 6, I beg to assure the Chief Engineer that it is not my intention to allow the works to languish for want of material if it can be prevented and Captain Morgan's services will be used under Captain Campbell's directions in every available method that seems likely to attain the object we all have in view.

Resolved to forward to Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1824 dated 25th September 1857, copy of the foregoing letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore reporting on the present state and probable progress of the Jackatallah Barracks, with the Chief Engineer's opinion that the works have not been so vigorously carried on as they should have been, only one Barrack room being now completed more than were available in April last, but as the personal Superintendence of Captain Francis is now specially directed to these works, Colonel Faber believes that by the end of April next, there will be permanent quarters for the accommodation of 800 men, though Captain Francis appears to contemplate greater crowding than seems desirable, unless for a short time.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 161; dated 28th January 1858.

Resolved that the report above recorded of the state and progress of the Jackatallad Barracks be furnished to the Government of India with reference to Colonel Baker's letter dateh 4th September 1857, No. 4262.

2. The Chief Engineer will request the District Engineer to furnish quarterly reports of the general progress of the buildings, and the Government trust that accommodation for 800 men will be provided within April next.

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

No. 36. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 28th January 1858, No. 162.

SIR,

1. With reference to Colonel Baker's letter of the 4th September last No. 4262, I have the honor under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to forward for the information of the Government of India, copy of the report received from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, on the present state and probable progress of the Jackatallah Barracks. His Lordship the Governor General in Council will see that permanent accommodation in the Barracks is at once available for 4 Companies, though the Block completed is intended for only 2 Companies and that further accommodation will be ready within April next.

2. The Government have required quarterly reports to be furnished of the general progress of the Barracks, and they will be careful to watch that no time is unnecessarily lost in their completion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Military.
Fort Saint George,
28th January 1858.

No. 162.

From

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

CAPTAIN H. YULE,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 6197

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 24 December 1857

Read the following Letter

No 81

From

Captain P. M. Francis

District Engineer of Coimbatore

To

The Chief Engineer

Department Public Works

Fort St David

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of Proceedings No 5382, dated the 2nd December, forwarding for guidance Plan & Estimate No 62, and favoring me with the information required by the Circular Orders. Under Clause 4 relative to the general accessibility of the works and Clause 5 and 6 regarding the supply of the Contractors, I beg to refer you to the following information as regards Plan 62.

2 No 2 Block is complete, it is intended principally for 2 Companies but Canvas Flooring

Ho Thos Roach for sundry Oakley half slates, assorted flooring
boards, battens, planed and moulded framed sash & half
sash ready, casement sashes ready for glazing, assorted sash
casement boards ready for Cutting & Carry Out as follows, Framed
ready for Verandah, Sub cast folded: 26 Feet, pressed paste
of Foreposts & small Stocks 10 ft 12 Feet &c for fencing Store
Buildings, Cast Iron Cornice Brackets Cupboard
Doors &c. Specification of this Account, Carriage
Free & Charges for the work done at the Workhouse
under the direction of the Union Surveyor agreeable to his
Memorandum of 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 30th April & 1st May
Completed & sent to the Store. No 2. for Carpenters
Account &c. as per Agreement with the Guardians
for Repairs done upon the different parts

3 Do 183 pcs Deal ends 93 Feet Flooring &
Carpenters Joists &c. Timber used in Repairs, erected and
Carry Out &c. No 3 Carpenters Account as per Agreement
between the Guardians & Contractor

6 Do Carpenters Work done Pursuant to
No 3 Check of Mr Roach as per Specification
Plan and Estimate of Repairs, Alterations &
Additions to the Union Workhouse &c. as
Contract

Do 1 Pair of Folding Doors with Mortice
Locks Bolts & Screw Joints and Cast Iron
Pulleys, Sash Cords &c. for Sash Windows, Cupboard

Doors

Proceedings under Capt.n Campbell's directions

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Public Works Department

No. 161

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 28th January 1858.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of

the Chief Engineer.

Hereunder 24th Dec. 57 No. 6197

Resolved that the

report above recorded of the

state and progress of the

Sanitaria Barracks

be furnished to the Govern-

ment of India with refer-

ence to Colonel Baker's

letter dated 4th September

1857, No. 4362.

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Cons: 29 Jan. 1858 No. 130.

Public Works Department

Rg. to Cons: 29 Jan. 1858.

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Chief Engineer

Dated Camp Kussowlee

the 24th December 1857

No. 6197

Received 28th January 1858

No. 161.

Copy for letter from Secy. to Govt. of India

Department of Public Works, to Chief Engineer

Kussowlee, dated 28th January 1858

No. 934.

Forwarding for information and

such orders as may be passed

thereon, a report recorded

in the Consultations of the

28th instant.

Recd. 12 o'clock 29th.

The Chief Engineer will request the District Engineer to furnish quarterly reports of the general progress of the buildings and the Government trust that accommodations for 800 men will be provided within April next.

J. B.

J. Copies to the Chief Eng.
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Public Works Department

No. 162

Engineer Circle

To

The Officiating Secretary to the Government
of India D. O. W.

Sir,

With reference to
Colonel Baker's letter of
the 4th September last No
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der the orders of the Right
Honorable the Governor
in Council, to forward
for the information of
the Government of India,
copy of the report received
from the District Engineer
of Coimbatore, on the pre-
sent state and probable
progress of the Jackatallah
Barracks.

Public Works Dept. No 1631
dated 30th Sept. 1858.

Public Works Dept. No 1638 dated 4th
Sept. to Govt. 2d Secretary.

No 161.

Colonel Collins' letter of Coun.
Dated 28th January 58.

From the Offg. Chief Engr. & Secy
to Govt. Public Coun. Dept.
Fort St. George Coun. 30th
Fourth Coun. 10 Augt 58 2492 93

Forwarding to the Govern-
ment of India the Correspon-
dence noted in the margin
on the subject of the
Barracks and directing the Chief
Engineer to report to the District
Engineer of Coimbatore to furnish
the Progress of the Buildings.

From the Chief Engr. & Secy
to Govt. Public Dept.
Fort St. George 30th August 58.

No 34-435.

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in their completion.

Jno. R. George
28th January 1838

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 2nd February

No. 162.

To
The Offg. Secy to the
Govt. of India.
Dated 28th Jany 58.

Forwarding for the information of the Government of India copy of the report received from the District Engineer of Coimbatore on the present state and probable progress of the Coonoor Barracks.

No. 36.

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