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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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No. 37. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 26th August 1858.

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 Ootacamund, 19th August 1858, No. $\frac{199}{199}$.

SIR,

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Letter from Lieutenant General BERESFORD, Commanding the Mysore Division; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Neilgherries, dated Bangalore, 2nd August 1858, No. 176.

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In my recent inspection of the Company of Foot Artillery under Captain Scott, which has just arrived at this station, I had occasion to look through their Barracks, and I beg to repeat my former urgency that these Barracks should be improved and enlarged. They are only calculated for 86 men, while this Company will be made up to 150 of which 130 will probably live in Barracks. The change of this force to Horse Batteries require also all the various appendages for that Arm which were not requisite previously. There are no Harness room, no shops for the usual Artificers. The Barrack blocks also are low and far inferior to those of the Horse Artillery. The Hospital is quite insufficient, for its probable exigencies, all the necessary improvements, alterations and additions, have been planned and estimated for by Captain Mayne, and I have only to urge that they may be sanctioned, as they are quite as necessary for the Madras Foot Artillery as for that of the Royal Army.

Major Bargoyne receives the patients of this Company into his Hospital at present; but of course this cannot long be availed of, I thereby save double Establishment and have the Hospital for their uses. I shall very soon have a block of the new Cavalry Barracks finished, this would hold this Company during their necessary absence from their own while under repair. His Excellency the Commander in Chief approved of this in the case of fitting up the old Barracks for the Royal Artillery and my only object is respectfully to solicit his Excellency's advocacy for the plan proposed, and to show as I hope I have done, that it is equally necessary now, as when we contemplated the occupancy by the Royal Artillery of these Barracks.

Referred to the Department Public Works in order to plans and estimates being called for, for the several alterations and additions to the Barracks occupied by the Company of Madras Foot Artillery at Bangalore as suggested by General Beresford and attention is solicited to reference made by this Department on 22nd March 1858.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th September 1858.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 1799 ; dated 3rd September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with a request that he will issue orders for including in the Plan and Estimate called for in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 31st March 1858 No. 591, the further works now stated to be necessary. These documents it is hoped, will be submitted at an early date.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Under date the 26th August 1858
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Bangalore
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/Signed/ M. Beresford Lt Genl

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ F. A. Reid
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/Signed/ W. A. Walpole Lieut
Major Asst Dy Secy to Govt

To
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by
Lieut Smith

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P.P. Works 1858 Despatch
Dt to Comy 7th Septr.
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Dated 26th
Received 27th } Augt 1858
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