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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 20. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 18th August 1858, No. 2924.

SIR,

Sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation 10th Feby. 1858, No. 230.

I have the honor to report that on the 14th Instant I inspected the Married Men's Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount which have just been completed.

2. These buildings are substantially and properly constructed, but I object to the use of fine chunam on the walls.

3. I also noticed with surprise the doors glazed down to the ground, and I think it a great fault in the standard plan as the lower panes must be immediately broken.

4. Indeed I do not see any necessity in this climate for glazed Doors or Windows on that side of the buildings which is sheltered by a Verandah and I have advised the District Engineer to remove the former and either sell them or appply them to some other purpose.

5. I shall immediately take steps for altering the standard plan in the matter of glazed doors, which should certainly be pannelled for some height from the ground.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 1846; dated 8th September 1858.

In this letter, the Officiating Chief Engineer reports the completion of the Married Men's Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount and with reference to the glazed doors used in the building, observes that he does not see any necessity in this climate for Doors and Windows of that description on the side of the Buildings which is sheltered by a Verandah. Major Lawford has therefore advised the District Engineer to remove the former and either sell them or apply them to some other purpose.

2. The Government are of opinion that glazed doors are essential on those sides of Buildings in this country which are exposed to the North-West Monsoon or to the land winds. Such of the glazed doors in the Married Men's Barracks at the Mount as are so situated should therefore remain.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
18th August 1858.

No 2924

From
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Department of P.W.

Sir.

Military

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Central Office of Ord.
Fort St George.
18th August 1858

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Lawford Major.
Officiating Chief Engineer

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To. The Secretary to Govt
Department of Fort St George.

Comp. Ord.

Major

W.D.

No. 1846.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th ~~of August~~ 1858.

Read the following
letter from the officiating
Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 18th August 1858 No. 2924)

In this letter, the
Officiating Chief Engineer
reports the completion of the
Married Men's Barracks at
St. Thomas' Mount and
with reference to the glazed
doors used in the buildings,
observes that he does not deem
any necessity in this climate
for Doors and Windows of
that description on the Side
of the Buildings which is
sheltered by a Verandah

Major

W.D. Genl. Staff Corps Inwards No. 916

Dated 18th August 1858 Despatched 1858 Despatched
Recorded Copy to Camp, the 19th Aug. 1858

From

The Officiating Chief Engr.
To
The Secretary to Govt.

No. 1746

Dated 18th August/58.
Received 20th

Subject Completion of Married Soldiers Barracks.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the completion of the Married men's Barracks at St. Thomas' Mount.

2. The Glazed doors used in the buildings are not considered necessary in this climate, and I would recommend that they be not used in future.

3. The Verandah is sufficient protection from the rain.

4. The Barracks are capable of accommodating 120 Men.

I have &c.

(Signed)

Major

Chief Engr.

Camp, 4th August 1858.

No. 2924 Dated 18th August 1858.

From

The Secretary to Government

To

The Officiating Chief Engineer

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1746 dated the 18th Instant, reporting the completion of the Married Men's Barracks at St. Thomas' Mount, and to inform you that the Glazed doors used in the buildings are not considered necessary in this climate, and that they may be dispensed with in future.

I have &c.

(Signed)

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George, 18th August 1858.

Major Lowford has therefore advised the District Engineer to remove the former and either sell them or apply them to some other purpose.

The Governor in Council does not approve of this proceedings. The doors in question having already been fixed, ought to be allowed to remain, ~~cost as regards Glazed Windows,~~ the Government are of opinion that glazed doors that they are essential on those sides of Buildings in this Country which are exposed to the North West Monsoon or to the land Winds. Such of the doors in the Barrack may be easily at the Ground as can be situated should Hamper Defence.

J.P.

To Colonel the Offg Chief Engr Dockyard Dept.

Public Works 1858 Depo No.
Dg. to Comr. 14th Sept.

No. 1846.

Extract Minn. of Comr.
D/ 8th Sept. 1768.

No. 20821.

The completion of the Married men's quarters at the Thomas Mount, is reported. The glazed doors used in the Building are considered by Major Lamford, to be unnecessary, and are therefore recommended to be removed and applied to some other purpose. But the Govt. do not agree with him in this view, and are of opinion that the glazed doors are essential in this Country, and should be retained.