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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12*th October* 1858.

No. 147. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st September 1858, No. 3407.

Are of opinion with the Commander in Chief that the walls of the Staff Serjeant's Quarters at Cannanore should be raised to the height considered necessary, and that the requisite out-houses should also be built. Estimate for these improvements shall therefore be called for in the Department of Public Works.

(Vide Military Consultation, 21st September 1858, Nos. 162-163.)

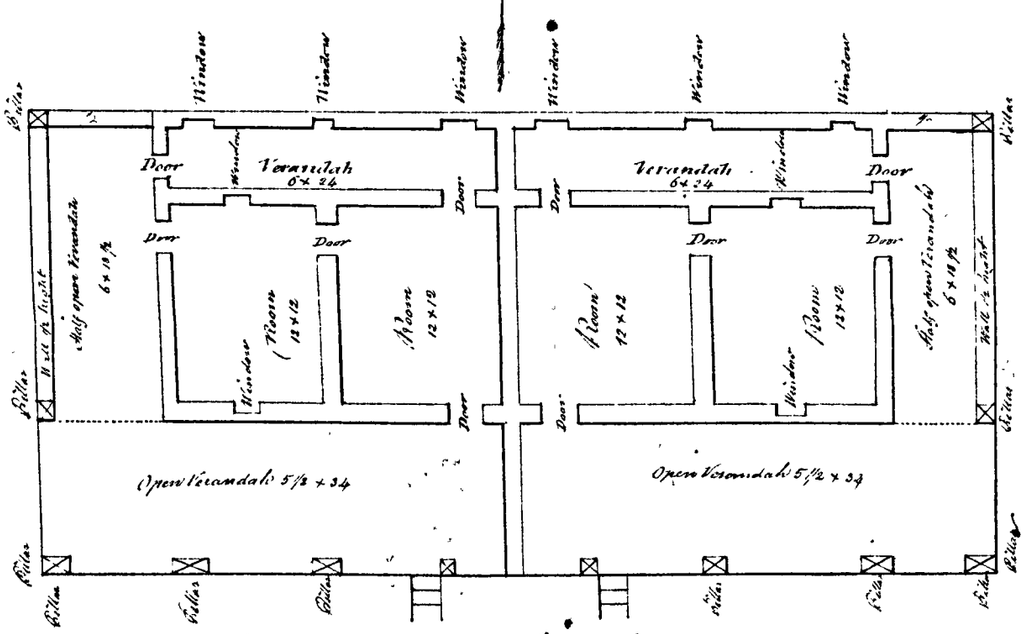
No. 148. ORDER THEREON, No. 2132; dated 12th October 1858.

Communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with a request that he will obtain and submit the Plans and Estimates required in the above Extract.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Height of Verandah Walls, 6f

Other Walls, Height 8f 5in



Sergeants Mess

Officers Quarters

Ground Plan of Staff Serjt Quarters (A true Copy)

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3407.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 21st September 1858.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Ootacamund, 9th September 1858, *No.* $\frac{215}{453}$; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request you will be so good as to submit to Government, the enclosed copy of a letter from Brigadier Fitzgerald, Commanding Malabar and Canara, on the subject of the unfitness of the Regimental Staff Serjeant's Quarters, of the two Native Regiments at Cannanore, for the purpose for which they were intended; a sketch of one set accompanies, and His Excellency is decidedly of opinion that Quarters of these dimensions are not suitable for Europeans in this climate, the Commander-in-Chief does not however recommend the erection of entirely new buildings, but considers that raising the walls to the height of the standard plan, and building the required out houses, will suffice.

The hired Quarters occupied by the Subordinate Medical Servants have already been reported on as unobjectionable, and conveniently situated, Sir Patrick Grant does not therefore advocate any change in the existing arrangements with respect to them.

From the Officer Commanding Cannanore, 21st August 1858, *No.* 598; *to the Quarter Master General of the Army.*

In forwarding the copies of letters with original plan of the Quarters occupied by the Staff Serjeants attached to the Native Infantry Regiments at this station as per margin,* I have the honor, to request you will submit the same for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with my earnest recommedation, that early measures be taken for the improvement of these Quarters. I have in person minutely inspected them during the monsoon, and at any station but more particularly at this, I consider them very unfit, and unhealty Quarters for the permanent residence of European Staff Serjeants.

*No. 18 *Serjeant's Quarters attached to No. 3 place of Arms.*
No. 2 Serjeant's Quarters attached to No. 1 place of Arms.

2. A glance at the plan with 2 small rooms 12 feet square, with one enclosed Verandah 6 feet broad, inner walls 9 feet and Verandah wall 6 feet high will prove that the building must be most insalubrious from the entire want of all ventilation, especially when the doors and windows are shut which is absolutely necessary here at some seasons to keep out the highly injurious winds from the Hills, and at all times on account of the expertness of the thieves.

3. Besides the above Buildings contain no washing or Bath room absolutely necessary for health and cleanliess, and no convenience whatever in the shape of a small lock up store room.

4. I consider the situation good and convenient, and so far as I am capable of judging, I see no reason why by raising the foundation, and raising and extending the walls of the present Buildings, they should not be made into comfortable wholesome Quarters, as was done I believe in the case of the Quarters attached to the Native Infantry Barrack near the Church at Secunderabad.

5. It may be necessary to state that these Quarters were favorably reported on by Brigadier Prescott with the exception of having no conveniences in a special report dated 19th November 1853 as called for in the Circular from your Office noted in the margin,* I can only say I entirely differ with that Officer and am very certain no one would willingly pass a night in them.

Circular No. 1862 of 19th October 1853.

6. I would beg to take this opportunity of strongly recommending as at the Hospital Building to the Barracks above mentioned at Secunderabad, that suitable Quarters for the Medical Subordinates should be attached to each of the Native Regimental Hospital at this station. There are no public Quarters available for their occupation, in consequence they are obliged to get houses for rent where they can, drawing house rent from Government which is inconvenient if not injurious to the Public service, as they could be always present when called for.

The Governor in Council concurs in opinion with the Commander-in-Chief, that the walls of the Regimental Staff Serjeant's Quarters of the two Native Regiments at Cannanore should be raised to the height of the Standard plan, and that the requisite out houses should be built.

2. Estimates and Plans for these improvements will be called for in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract & Copies.)

S Marshall Lt Colonel
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
Department Public Works, with Plan (to be returned.) 9-20 Received.

Exd. R. Spears.

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J. Frost Lt. Genl
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