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

No. 105. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 23rd November 1858, No. 4254.

Observe that it has been already decided that all Barrack fixtures of every description shall be considered part of the Buildings and furnished by the Department Public Works leaving certain moveable appertenances or Drill apparatus to be supplied by the Ordnance Department, } (Vide Military Consultation, 23rd November 1858, Nos. 197-198.)

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, No. 2629; dated 6th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 15th November 1858, No. 2399.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1254.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 23rd November 1858.

Read letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, 20th October 1858, *No.* 410; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of Extracts Minutes of Consultation as per margin; the two former communicating the order of Government that fixtures, such as Saddle and Harness Stands, being items of Barrack Furniture are under the control of the Ordnance Department, and should be provided under the orders of the Inspector General of Ordnance, the latter Extract, sanctioning a supply of 50 Arm Racks to the Barracks at Ongole, on the recommendation of the Quarter Master General of the Army.

No. 2053, *dated 5th October* 1858.
„ 3635, „ *7th* „ „
„ 3473, „ *27th September* „

2. Referring to past correspondence on the fitting up of Saddle Stands and Pegs in the several Barracks of this Presidency, I beg to observe that the order of Government is definite on the subject, so far as it affects the Ordnance Department.

3. In my communication No. 62, dated 8th June 1857, I stated to Government that, from my personal knowledge, the fitting up with Racks was a duty pertaining to the Engineer Department, and I then expressed a wish that the arrangement should be adhered to, as the work in question formed a portion of the Building.

4. In *one of the Extracts under acknowledgment, reference is made to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1787, dated 30th May 1857, which directs that Saddle and Harness Stands should be provided under the orders of the Inspector General of Ordnance; but Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2174, dated 1st July 1857, cancels this order.

* *No.* 2053, *dated 5th October* 1858, *(2nd clause.)*

5. As no reference is made to this cancelment, in the Extracts now received, I beg to ascertain the definite wishes of Government as to whether this Department should, for the future provide Saddle and Harness Stands. The difficulty of obtaining the services of an Officer to look to the provision, induces me to suggest to Government that the duty be entrusted either to the Quarter Master General's Department, or to the Department Public Works, I may, at the same time, solicit attention to the G. O. G. No. 24, dated 6th February 1852, granting an allowance of (2) Two and (4) Four Rupees a day, for Officers in charge of Public Works in Military Cantonments, I am quite prepared to state from the knowledge I obtained in the Public Works Commission, and in the Military Board, that the efficient application of this order, would free the not only paid Officers of the Department Public Works from a large amount of Petty details which are inseparable from all Military Works in Cantonments, but at the same time provide the Government with an Officer of sufficient qualifications to ensure the work being well done, and with views such as will ensure economy in the execution of the work.

The Board observe that the foregoing reference is disposed of by para. 3 of Military Consultation 12th October 1858, No. 3687, directing that all Barrack *fixtures* of every description shall be considered part of the buildings and furnished by the Department of Public Works, leaving only such moveable appurtenances or Drill apparatus, as can be returned in Store on buildings being vacated, to be supplied by the Barrack Department as at present.

(True Extract & Copy.)

W. Marshall Colonel
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.
„ Public Works Department. Mil. 20 June Copies.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Town Major.

Exd. R. Spears.

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W. H. D.

Observe that it has
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that all Barrack Repairs
of every description shall
be considered part of
the Buildings and the-
refore paid for by the Dept. Pub.
Works. Leaving certain
moveable appurtenances
& other Drill Appropriates
to be supplied by the
Ordnance Dept.

With Order
of No. 2629. 6th Dec. 1858.

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To Office to the Offg. Chief Engr. 6th Dist. 7th
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