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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1853.

No. 11. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 17th March 1858, No. 988.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 6th March 1858, No. 693.

SIR,

After a careful inspection of the Bangalore Arsenal, I am of opinion that several improvements to the Buildings might, with great advantage to the Service, be brought under the consideration of Government; but having understood that the removal of the Arsenal to the Cantonment is under discussion, I deemed it my duty to communicate with Lieutenant General Beresford, Commanding the Mysore Division, on the subject of these improvements. The General observed that, having recommended the removal of the Arsenal, he could not give his approval to any extensive alterations; but that, as far as regards the erection of a Workshop, for the efficient superintendence of the workmen, he could not in any way object to the proposal.

2. The workmen are, at present, scattered over the enclosure, some in the Gun Sheds intended for covering the Carriages now exposed; others in little rooms, so that the limited superintendence allowed to this Arsenal, has not that close supervision over the work, which the ordinary workmen of India so greatly need.

3. The Commissary of Ordnance entered fully into the question, and furnished me with a Sketch and Estimate of the Workshop; and I have therefore to recommend Government to sanction an outlay of Rupees (1,250) one thousand two hundred and fifty, to be expended by the Commissary of Ordnance. The Bill being submitted to Government with a report of the Engineer Officer, on the nature of the work and its estimated cost according to the data of the Department Public Works.

4. The Commissary of Ordnance will be directed to keep a daily account of the Lascars &c. of the Ordnance Establishment employed on the Building, also any Ordnance Materials used in the work, so that the actual value of the Building may be known to Government.

5. I have no doubt as to the benefit to the Service from this Workshop, either in the improved nature of the work, or in the greater amount of work done, by reason of close superintendence.

6. I also wish to have the Carriages re-placed in the Gun Sheds, now used as Workshops.

The Governor in Council sanctions an outlay of Rupees (1,250) one thousand two hundred and fifty, in the erection of a Workshop as proposed by the Inspector General of Ordnance.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 590; dated 31st March 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for report as to the correctness of the Estimate referred to in the above Minutes of Consultation, in view to sanction being granted out of the one lac fund.

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

