

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. dated 9-11-1858

G.O. No. 591

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1858

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 13. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 22nd March 1858.

Read the following letter from Major F. H. SCOTT, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th March 1858, No. 118.

SIR,

In forwarding the annexed copy of letter No. 53, dated 23rd February 1858, from the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division of the Army, exhibiting the insufficiency of room in the Foot Artillery Barracks at Bangalore for the accommodation of the Company of Royal Artillery recently posted to that station, I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, strongly to recommend that the measures proposed by General Beresford may be carried out.

Letter from Lieutenant General M. BERESFORD, Commanding the Mysore Division; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Bangalore, 23rd February 1858, No. 53.

SIR,

Having just completed my inspection of the Company of Her Majesty's Foot Artillery quartered here, I desire to bring under the Commander in Chief's notice that the Barrack they occupy built for a Company of Madras Foot Artillery, number of which is as per margin,* is totally insufficient in accommodation for the Company of Her Majesty's Foot Artillery, whose eventual strength will be as per margin.†

* 7 Sergeants.
6 Corporals.
70 Rank and File.
† 187 Sergeants.
187 Corporals.
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Already one hundred and fifty of that number have arrived in this country, I have only been able to put all these up, by sending forty to the Fort, and accommodating some few more in a part of the Horse Artillery Barracks. Under future contemplated arrangements, the Detachment at the Fort will not be a requisite detail and it is needless to observe that it is a very undesirable arrangement to have to send away to the Barracks of another Corps, any part of this Company. I would therefore submit to His Excellency's better judgment, whether the enlargement of the Foot Artillery Barracks here be not necessary? and, I would further represent that the present time will be the most convenient for completing that work. This Barrack is the only one for European Troops in this Cantonment which remains with the old, faulty construction, low roofs, no ridge ventilation and with the single open verandah. I cannot doubt that it would in any case have been deemed requisite to assimilate this to the other improved Barracks. The present weak state of the Horse Artillery will leave one entire block, when the

improved construction is completed,* for the Royal Artillery this with other unoccupied premises will hold them, till their own Barrack is enlarged and improved, when both Corps are complete which cannot be very long postponed, it would be most difficult to meddle with these Barracks, and entirely beyond any power within my anticipation, to accommodate both in Bangalore, at present there are two blocks of Barracks calculated to hold each about 40 to 45 men, two were of similar capabilities in the same alignment and to the north with the usual quarters for Sergeants would make this Barrack (with the improvement of the present day) a very complete construction, a small premises or two for work people would be necessary and two more Solitary Cells, there is but one at present. If His Excellency approves of this suggestion, the Estimate can be speedily prepared and submitted and it should of course be accompanied by specification of any building which appeared requisite.

* This will be in about two months hence, it is in full progress now.

Referred to the Department of Public Works with a view to Estimate and Plan being prepared.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Govt.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, No. 591; dated 31st March 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in view to a Plan and Estimate, for the additions and improvements suggested in the above papers to the Artillery Barracks at Bangalore, being obtained and submitted to Government.

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

Military Department

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 22^d March 1858*

Read the following letter

Quarter-M. Genl's Office

N^o 115

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of the Army

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Bangalore

23rd February 1855

^m
Lieut^m Beresford Lt Col
Commanding Mysore Division

(A true Copy)

Signed A. Chuldhani Captain

Asst. Secy. Lt Col. M. G. G. G.
of the Army

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and plan being prepared.

Signed W. H. Wapshare Major

(Asst. Secy. to Govt)

To

The Department Public Works.

Superintendent

Public Works 1858 Septth
D. to Cons. 9th April.

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Military C. Deptth

Dated 22nd } March 1858
Received 24th }
H. R.

No. 591

Referring a Letter
from the Dy Quarter Master &
Genl of the Army, forwarding one
from the Officer Comd the
Mysore Division, with a
view to Estimate & Plan
being prepared, for enlarging
& improving the Artillery
Barracks at Bangalore.

E. M. L. 8/26 Aug/58 No 1960
in Cons. 7 Sep

Withn Order
No 591 31st Mar. 1858

Chief Engineer's plan for Plan and Estimate
for the addition and improvement suggested
in the above proposal to the Artillery Barracks
at Bangalore, being obtained and submitted to
Government. H. R.
31st March 1858
Copy to the Chief Engr. Camp 102

No. 13414