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No. 74. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 12th April 1858.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 6th April 1858, No. $\frac{42}{169}$.

SIR,

I had the honor this morning of despatching to you, by a Telegraph Message, the request of the Commander in Chief that Government would be pleased to issue orders for the immediate completion of the temporary Barracks for the 2nd European Light Infantry at Trichinopoly; I have now by order of His Excellency the honor to annex copy of letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, which has led the Commander in Chief to prefer this request. Referring to the 6th and last paras. of General Budd's letter, His Excellency would beg to urge on Government, the necessity of Military buildings being made a separate charge to Officers of Public Works Department, or, at least, be placed under the supervision of an Officer whose other duties will not be liable to call him away.

Letter from Major General R. BUDD, Commanding Southern Division; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Camp Neilgherries, 5th April 1858.

SIR,

I regret to have to report for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that there is now no prospect of the fulfilment of the expectations, which I entertained when stating in the early part of the last month, that the probable periods of completion of the several ranges of temporary European Barracks at Trichinopoly were as per margin.

1 Range third week of March.
1 Do in the first week of April.
2 Do last week of April or beginning of May.
1 Do at the end of May.

2. My letter above referred to was founded upon a report, which I obtained from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, and I have had no further communication from him explanatory of the delay; but the Brigadier Commanding the station has informed me under date 2nd Instant.

1st. That the range No. 1 which it was said might be ready in the 3rd week of March, is not completed even now, and is not likely to be so for another fortnight.

2nd. Range No. 2 which was to have been ready the first week in April is not likely to be so until the end of the month.

3rd. From the withdrawal of Lieutenant Mead of the Engineers who was personally superintending the work under the immediate orders of Captain Crewe the Executive Officer of Department Public Works at Trichinopoly, there are grounds to apprehend that the construction of the three remaining ranges may be also very materially retarded.

3. I have reason to believe that the great delay which has occurred in the execution of this work is attributable to the inadequate establishment at the disposal of the Executive Engineer, and the numerous and important works in the Civil Department which demand his attention.

4. The Executive Officer, Captain Crewe, is zealous and energetic in the application of the means at his disposal, but his hands appear to be crippled for want of Subordinate assistance.

5. Considering the great amount of discomfort, which must be endured by a large proportion of the men of the 2nd European Light Infantry, and the probable effect upon the general health of the Corps which may be anticipated should Tents be the only shelter available for them for a protracted period during the hottest season of the year; I venture to express a hope that His Excellency the Commander in Chief will represent the subject, and urge upon Government to issue orders for extraordinary measures being adopted for the immediate completion of the Barracks.

6. Further, the District Engineer of Trichinopoly has so many important works, connected with the irrigation of the country to attend to, that the Military buildings are naturally of secondary consideration.

He is seldom at Trichinopoly and unless some Officer be specially appointed, I have no hope of any rapid progress in the execution of those now in hand.

Referred to the Department Public Works.

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

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, No. 779; dated 27th April 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th Instant No. 614, with a request that he will state what progress has been made in the construction of the Temporary Barracks at Trichinopoly, for the 2nd European Light Infantry, and what arrangements have been ordered towards their early completion. The Government direct that, as a special case, the Officer in charge of the work be requested to devote his whole attention to the work and to complete it without delay.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th April 1858.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J.A. Reid
D.A. Gen.l

H.Q. 2nd Corps
Commd.g
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(Signed) H. Budd Lt. Genl.
Commanding Southern Dn.

H.Qrs Quarters Camp Nellyrie 5th April 58

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Reid
Dy Quarter General.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) M. M. Macpherson, Major
Ag. Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To
The Depart. P. Works.

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Referring a Letter from the Dep Mr Gen of the Army forwarding one from the Major Genl Comdg the Southern Division, reporting that there now no prospect of the fulfilment of the expectations he entertained of the speedy Completion of the several ranges of Temporary European Barracks at Trichinopoly & suggesting an increase to the Estbt under the Executive offices Capts Crewe, whose hands appear crippled for want of superintendence assistance, as well as, (expressing)

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