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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge of Central Office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 16th April 1858, No. 9047.

SIR,

- 1 Plan.
- 1 Estimate.
- 1 Report.
- 1 Copy of letter from District Engineer Godavery. No. 209, dated 15th March 1858.
- 1 Do. from Mr. Genl., No. 2969, dated 21st November 1857.
- 1 Do. No. 3018, 7th December 1857.

The Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners having pointed out in a communication addressed to the District Engineer of the Godavery under date the 18th July 1857, the necessity of making certain additions and enlargements to the buildings for the Sappers and Miners in course of erection at Dowlaishwaram on an Estimate of Rupees 47,028, the latter Officer was called upon in Extract Proceedings of the 10th August 1857, to furnish the requisite Estimates.

2. The Supplemental Works, consisting of an enlargement of the Survey School, an addition of a separate room for a Native Officer to the quarter guard, the construction of Plunge Baths for the Europeans and an increase of the size of the European Barracks, being all considered essential improvements, both by the Officer Commanding the Corps and by the District Engineer, the Plans and Estimates for them were, on receipt, laid before the Commander in Chief for his opinion, and his Excellency having been pleased to approve of them, with the exception of the Plunge Baths, to which he preferred separate bathing places, similar to those at the Military Male Asylum, the Plans and Estimates were on the 26th December 1857, returned to the District Engineer for revision.

3. There being however then no time to receive them again before the final closing of the Budget Lists, I erroneously inserted the amount of the Estimate, Rupees 6,230, in my Statement, as noticed in para 13 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 18th January 1858, prefixed to the printed Budget of 1858-59.

4. The Supplemental Plans and Estimates, duly revised in accordance with the wishes of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, having been returned by the District Engineer only on the 15th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward them, together with a copy of his letter of that date, for submission to Government, and I beg to recommend that the amount of the Estimate Rupees (7,930) seven thousand, nine hundred and thirty, be sanctioned for immediate expenditure, as the buildings are in full progress, and ought to be completed with as little delay as possible.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Dowlaishwaram, 15th March 1858, No. 209.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the revised Plan and Estimates for the alterations and additions proposed to the Sappers buildings at Dowlaishwaram.

2. The wash houses have been prepared agreeably to the plan approved by His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

3. The addition to the European Barracks was pointed out, as absolutely necessary by the late Commanding Officer.

4. The addition to the Survey school is much needed, inasmuch as the number of Europeans present at Head Quarters has increased and it would be well to encourage other persons to avail themselves of the Commanding Officer's permission to study there, which is already taken advantage of, and which ought to be still further extended if sufficient accommodation be provided.

5. The original arrangement did not provide a sufficiency of light, as from the absence of a Verandah on one side, the windows would be obliged to be shut in the event of rain and wind.

6. I have therefore added a Verandah and substituted glass doors and windows adding also additional fanlight above the windows both to admit light and serve the purposes of ventilation.

7. The Barracks as originally designed, afford room for only 16 Cots allowing 6 feet for each man, whereas the number of Europeans actually present amount to 30, with every probability of the number being still further increased. From this it will be seen that the original accommodation was wholly inadequate both in the Barracks and in the Survey school. I hope therefore you will furnish me with early authority to proceed on the revised Plan as the Commanding Officer is exceedingly anxious to have these buildings completed before the monsoon.

8. A Mess Room has been added to the European Barracks as there would not be room in the Barracks itself to admit of Tables as well as Cots and as all the men are Non-Commissioned Officers, the Commanding Officer thinks the arrangement would be more satisfactory.

(Signed) F. A. REID,
Qr. Mr. General.

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Qr. Mr. General.

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

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5. The original arrangement did not provide a sufficiency of light, as from the absence of a verandah on one side, the windows would be obliged to be shut in the event of rain and wind.

6. I have therefore added a verandah and substituted glass doors and windows adding also additional daylight above the windows both to admit light and serve the purposes of ventilation.

The Barracks as originally designed, afford room for only 16 beds allowing 6 feet for each man, whereas the number of Europeans actually present amount to 30, with every probability of the number being still further increased. From this it will be seen that the original accommodation was wholly inadequate both in the Barracks and in the Survey School. I hope therefore you will furnish me with early authority to proceed on the revised plan as the commanding officer is exceedingly anxious to have these buildings completed before the monsoon.

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8. A Mess Room has been added to the principal barracks as there would not be room in the barracks itself for a number of tables as well as cots and as all the men are now commissioned officers, the commanding officer thinks the arrangement would be more satisfactory.

Quarters Office,
Camp at Dowlaispore
15 March 1858

I have the honor
to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. D. D. D.

No 2969
J. H. D. D. D.
21 November 1857

Submitted the following
to the Commander in Chief.
From Chief Engr. S. P. W.
No 5348. 8/19 Nov 1857.

Forwarded for early
perusal Plan and Estimate
for enlarging the European
Barracks & Survey School of
Sappers and Miners and
constructing a Plunge
Bath at Dowlaispore.

His Excellency's
Order thereon.

The Plans of
the Barracks &c.
are unexceptionable,
but His Excellency
is of opinion that
Plunge Baths are
much disliked
by Europeans,

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did they never use them for
as well. Baths in which the
can bathe separately are much
preferable, and should, the Commander
in Chief thinks, be always provided.

Signed J. A. Reid

No 3018.

W. G. G. G. G.
Fort St. George

December 1857

Submitted the following
to the Commander in Chief
from the Chief Engineer

His Excellency's order
thereon.

The Commander
in Chief orders, that
he has no wish for
any thing so magnificent
as these lavatories.

D. P. 16.
No 5594 of 30 Dec 57.
Towards Copy of Report
of Mins. Secs. of the 23rd
Detachment requests to be
favored again with the
Commander in Chief's opinion
on the subject of Pump
Baths.

but His Excellency replies
that Pump Baths
are utterly useless,
for the men will not
enter them. Baths

on the plan of those of the Military Hall Ceylon
would answer every purpose, and the cost would
be insignificant.

Enclosed 1st J. A. Reid
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James W. G. G.
Superintendent Civil
Engineering

N^o 47 Central Office of P. W.
Fort St George 16th April 1858

From the Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle

In charge of Central Office of P. W.
to the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Enclosed Sir, The Officer Commanding Sappers
1/11/57 and Miners having pointed out in a Com.
1/12/57 communication addressed to the District
1/12/57 Engineer of the Godavari under date the
1/12/57 15th July 1857, the necessity of making certain
15 March/58 additions and enlargements to the
1/8/57 Buildings for the Sappers and Miners
1/8/57 in course of erection at Oowlaishwar and
on an estimate of Rupees 47,028, the
latter Officer was called upon in separate
Proceedings of the 10th August 1857, to
furnish the requisite estimates.

2. The Supplemental Works,
consisting of an enlargement of the Survey
School & an addition of a separate room
for a Native Officer to the Quarter guard.
The construction of Plunged Baths for the

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Indorsement in a letter
from the Officer in-
charge Central Office
dated 16th April 1858
to the Secretary to Govt P.W.

Office of Comptroller
General of Accounts
and P.W. Office
concerning the
addition of a room
to the Survey School
for the Native Officer
at Oowlaishwar.

the Europeans, and an increase of the size of the European Barracks, being all considered essential improvements, both by the Officer Commanding the Corps and by the District Engineer, the plans and estimates for them were on receipt laid before the Commander in Chief for his opinion, and his Excellency having been pleased to approve of them, with the exception of the Plunge Baths, to which he preferred separate bathing places, similar to those at the Military. Male Ceylon, the plans and estimates were on the 26 December 1857 returned to the District Engineer for revision.

3. There being however no time to revise them again before the final closing of the Budget lists, erroneously inserted the amount of the estimate, Rs. 6230, in my statement, as noticed in para 13 of His M^{ty} Cons. of the 18 January 1858, prefixed to the printed Budget of 1858/59.

4. The Supplemental plans and

and estimates, duly revised in accordance with the wishes of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, having been returned by the District Engineer only on the 15th ultimo, I had the honor to forward them, together with a copy of his letter of that date, for submission to Government, and I beg to recommend that the amount of the estimate Rs. 7930 seven thousand nine hundred and thirty, be sanctioned for immediate expenditure, as the buildings are in full progress, and ought to be completed with as little delay as possible. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient

Obt. Servant

Major

Superintendent

in charge of the Office of P. W.

To the Secretary to Government

P. W. Department.

Chief Office P. W.
Fort St. George
16 April 1858

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