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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 26. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 14th December 1859, No. 4425.

Suspending the construction of lines at London's gardens and directing the completion of the plan and estimate for the Sapper Militia lines without delay. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 11th to 20th December 1859, Nos. 120 @ 124.)

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1859, No. 2972.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance with reference to his letters dated 11th October and 25th November 1859 Nos. 5982 and 7633.

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department.

Requesting to forward to the Government of India, the revised Plan and Estimate of the proposed arrangement of the lines at Landon's Gardens. } Here enter 10th August 1859, No. 2849.

From the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, 23rd August 1859, *No.* 4103; *to the Secretary to Government, P. W. D., Fort Saint George.*

In acknowledging the receipt of your Memorandum No. 211, dated 13th instant, I have the honor to state, that the sum of Rupees 14,119 entered in the Garrison Engineer's letter, No. 274, dated 13th ultimo, as well as the grand total, Rupees, 1,72,135 are incorrect, the proper amounts being Rupees 14,160 and Rupees 1,72,179 respectively.

2. I would also beg to observe, that in submitting with my letter No. 3058, dated 25th ultimo, the estimate amounting to Rupees 1,72,179, it was not my intention to recommend the same for sanction, but simply to obtain the orders of Government in regard to the arrangement and proposed model houses.

3. A complete estimate for the lines including the Hospital and other buildings omitted from the one now before Government, will be forwarded as soon as possible.

ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1859, No. 2045.

Ordered to be referred to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to Proceedings in that Department dated 10th instant, also recorded above.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Read the following letter:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William, 22nd August 1859, *No.* 5875; *to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

I have had the honor of submitting your despatch No. 1813, dated 27th ultimo, with its enclosures, to His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council.

2. The Madras Government is so urgent in its call for the erection of lines for the Madras Sapper Militia, and for a Regiment of Native Infantry at Landon's Gardens, and pronounces the case of the Presidency town so entirely exceptional, that on this ground, and on this ground alone, His Excellency is pleased to grant permission for the housing of these Troops at the cost of the State.

3. The expenditure originally proposed on these works was as follows:

Sapper Militia.....	Rupees	2,42,600
One Regiment N. I.....	"	2,72,000
Total Rupees.		5,14,600

It is now stated that it is intended to reduce this to more moderate, but still quite indefinite limits, by taking advantage of the labour of the Militia and Regular Sappers. The Government of India have no doubt that this is the best way of employing the former, while the Go-

vernment of Madras must be the best judge of the propriety of so using the latter. But even by these means, it may be doubted whether the reduction can be carried further than between one-third and one-half the above total; and there is still the prospect of having to pay from (1,50,000 to 2,00,000) one and half to two lakhs of Rupees for the housing of two Native Regiments. On turning to the original estimates, His Excellency in Council has observed that the Government of Madras has proposed to expend on the lines of a single Company of Native Sepoys (26,000) twenty-six thousand Rupees, exclusive of all public buildings for other purposes; or taking the Company at 100 strong, the old hutting money of (2) two Rupees was to be replaced at a cost of (260) two hundred and sixty Rupees per man. The Sepoy's rooms were to be of the best masonry, bricks in chunam, and all the provisions for the lines were framed in a like extravagant spirit. It is enough to add, that the proposed cost of housing the Sepoys at Madras very closely approximates that of building European Barracks in Upper India, and very much exceeds that of those lately erected for Europeans in Bengal. Under these circumstances, the Governor General in Council desires that no action be taken on the permission now granted, till the revised estimates be submitted and sanctioned.

4. So far as the mere site is concerned, there is now no doubt that the change from Vepery to Landon's gardens is a most judicious step; but having a strong impression that the existing military disposition of the Garrison of Madras will not be a permanent arrangement, and bearing in mind the present state of the finances, His Excellency in Council desires that the revised estimates may be prepared on the most economical basis, and that a cheap style of building, without any of that luxury of construction proposed in the original estimates, be insisted on. The whole arrangement is to be treated as an experimental one, and nothing more should be done than is absolutely necessary to carry out the experiment at the least possible expense.

5. In regard to places of Arms, I am commanded to state that, under the explanations now offered, the Governor General in Council is pleased to recognize their necessity for the Madras Army.

ORDER THEREON 5th September 1859, No. 2132.

Ordered that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with reference to the Proceedings of this Government, dated 27th July 1859, No. 1812, and that he be requested carefully to revise the estimates for Landon's gardens and Sapper Militia lines and connected buildings with due regard to the remarks of the Government of India, and to submit at an early date, complete plans and estimates for this service. This Government cannot but think that buildings of far smaller proportions, and of greatly inferior quality, would suffice for the object in view, that of housing the Regiments comfortably and healthily.

2. As directed by the Government of India, no steps will be taken for the execution of the work in either case, until the revised estimates shall have been sanctioned by that authority. Colonel Bell will accordingly issue the necessary instructions and expedite the revised plans and estimates, sending at the same time, those previously prepared for comparison.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

From the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, 25th November 1859, No. 7633; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

With reference to the orders marginally quoted, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, a list of Buildings to be constructed for the accommodation of the Sapper Militia, with their probable cost, the aggregate amount of which is Rupees 1,01,600, after deducting 20 per cent for the labour of the men of the Corps.

Nos. 2132 & 2133, dated 5th September 1859, respectively.

Enclosure 1. List of Buildings.

2. There has not yet been time to prepare detailed plans of these buildings, but the same mode of construction is proposed as that already recommended for the Infantry Lines at Landon's Gardens, and the detailed plans and estimates will shortly be submitted.

Chief Engrs. Pro. No. 5982 dated 11th October 1859.

3. It is however to be observed, that the simultaneous construction of Lines for two Corps at Madras will render it impossible to carry on the works with any vigour, if the Sappers are to be employed, and it would seem almost necessary to postpone one of these works to a future year.

List of Buildings to be constructed for Native Commissioned, Non-Commissioned Officers and Sepoys, &c., and converting the Screw Godown for the occupation of the Madras Sapper Militia.

Number.	Names.	Amount of each Building.	Total.	Remarks.
8	Subadar's House...	235 0 0	1,880 0 0	
8	Jemadar's House.	165 0 0	1,320 0 0	
1	Havildar Major's House.	165 0 0	165 0 0	
40	Havildar's House.	120 0 0	4,800 0 0	
1	Drill Havildar's House...	120 0 0	120 0 0	
64	Naigue's House...	98 0 0	6,272 0 0	
1	Drill Naigue's House..	98 0 0	98 0 0	
1	Bugle Major's House.... ...	120 0 0	120 0 0	
8	Bugler's House...	120 0 0	960 0 0	
960	Private's House.	83 0 0	79,680 0 0	
1	Duffadar's House.	98 0 0	98 0 0	
2	Peon's House...	83 0 0	166 0 0	
8	Puckallie's House.	83 0 0	664 0 0	
1	2nd Tindal.....	98 0 0	98 0 0	
8	Regimental Lascar's House....	83 0 0	664 0 0	
8	Washerman's House.	98 0 0	784 0 0	
8	Barber's House...	83 0 0	664 0 0	
2	Washerman and Bazar Guard Room...	83 0 0	166 0 0	
30	Bazars.	50 0 0	1,500 0 0	
8	School Rooms...	165 0 0	495 0 0	
	Drains, Roads, Wells, &c., ...	0 0 0	16,500 0 0	
	Converting the upper story of the Screw Godown into 2 Serjeant's Quarters... ...	0 0 0	1,500 0 0	
2	Cook Rooms for Serjeants Quarters...	0 0 0	350 0 0	
2	Privies for do....	0 0 0	230 0 0	
1	Magazine...	0 0 0	800 0 0	
1	Artificer's Shed...	0 0 0	740 0 0	
	Sundries and Extra Establishment.	0 0 0	6,166 0 0	
	Total Rupees		1,27,000 0 0	
	Deduct for Sappers labour 20 per cent... ...		25,400 0 0	
	Net Rupees... ...		1,01,600 0 0	

CENTRAL OFFICE OF P. W.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th November 1859.

(Signed) J. H. BELL, Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

ORDER, No. 4425, *14th December* 1859.

The Governor in Council is of opinion, that the construction of Lines at Landon's Gardens should be suspended, until it is seen whether the Buildings now occupied by the Male Military Orphan Asylum will be at the disposal of Government.

2. The Plan and Estimate for the Sapper Militia Lines should be completed without delay.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. *With 20 spare Copies*
" Quarter Master General.
" Town Major.

Exd. J. Davis.

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