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

No. 35. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 14th December 1859, No. 4424.

Referring the Remount committee's remarks on the subject of stables at Usúr, with a view to an estimate for erecting the proposed accommodation being furnished together with any observations that may appear to be called for on the mode of construction. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 11th to 20th December 1859, Nos. 125 @ 128.)

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1859, No. 2976.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in view to the submission of the estimate called for in paragraph 3 of the above order.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Papers :—

From the Acting Agent for Remounts, Remount Depôt, Usúr, 27th November 1859, *No.* 435; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, Proceedings of a Remount Committee of which Lieutenant Colonel Pattle was President.

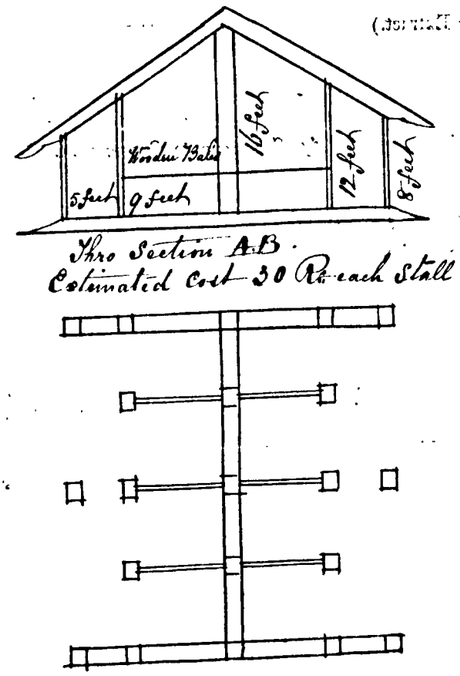
From the Acting Agent for Remounts, Remount Depôt, Usúr, 30*th November* 1859, *No.* 452; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

No. 435, *dated* 27*th November* 1859.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Committee forwarded with my letter, I beg respectfully to observe that the low condition generally of the Horses is in a great measure the cause of their looking inferior to those of last year which can be accounted for.

1st. Exposure after gelding.
2nd. Want of usual green forage.
3rd. Want of shelter.

2. Gelding has been going on till within the last month and which could not be avoided, 1,200 Horses have been castrated within the last year. These geldings on being turned out after the operation lost condition from exposure, and then again for the last month I have not been able to collect sufficient green food for a dozen Horses partly from the want of the ordinary monsoon rain, and also in consequence of the harvest, when every soul, man and woman, who used to bring grass was required for the latter purpose—The proof of the necessity of shelter is that the Horses last gelt appeared before the Committee in the best condition from not having been exposed to cold and damp nights—Major Campbell's system of feeding &c. has been the same as that adopted here for years, I would therefore beg to suggest as a saving to Government that sheds be erected of every simple construction thus.



3. A good roof supported on granite pillars with a division down the centre—vide Section A. B.—the foundation of stone and the division wall made of mud which would last for years, and could be kept in repair by the Horsekeepers, I would substitute bales instead of cross walls, by which there will be a saving of one stall in seven, and the expense of white wash, besides the trouble of keeping the walls clean. It is also the opinion of the Veterinary Surgeon that the lives of the many Horses would be saved to Government by adopting a shelter of this description.

4. As Horses are to be furnished from the Remount at Bombay, I would suggest that all the Native Cavalry Corps up-country certainly beyond Hyderabad should be provided with horses from Bombay direct instead of being sent down here, it would be a saving of time and expense to Government, particularly as the Bombay Government wish this Presidency to be *entirely* supplied from Bombay, consequently every Horse must be taken fit or not on arrival, Regimental Committees would best know what is fit for them, and gelding could go on there as well as here, every Corps having a Veterinary Surgeon—By the above arrangment the difficulty about Horsekeepers would in a great measure be avoided. At present they are not to be had here.

5. I respectfully hope the above suggestion will meet with the approval of Government.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 7th December 1859, *No.* 1308; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

In forwarding the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of the Remount Committee held at Usúr on the 21st ultimo, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th May 1859, No. 1755, to request the special attention of His Honor in Council, to the observations of the Committee, with respect to the superiority of the Australian Horse for Horse Artillery and Dragoon purposes.

2. I am also directed to draw attention to the Committee's remarks on the subject of Stables at Usúr, the erection of which was so long since ordered, but which have not yet been completed.

ORDER, No. 4424, 14*th December* 1859.

The Governor in Council considers the foregoing report on the Remounts of the season as generally satisfactory, and specially so as regards the Horses recently imported from Australia, the report on which is creditable to the skill and judgment evinced by Colonel Atkinson in their selection.

2. His Honor will be prepared to give due consideration to the recommendation of the Committee as regards the further importation of this class of Horses, on receiving a Report of the practical qualities of the present Remounts, from Officers Commanding Corps and Detachments, after they have been a year in the ranks. The Commander-in-Chief will be requested to cause the required Reports to be submitted, accompanied by His Excellency's observations, on the expiration of the above period.

3. With reference to the observations of the Committee on the want of sufficient cover for Horses undergoing castration, the plan submitted in the margin of para. 3 of Colonel Atkinson's letter, No. 452, above recorded, will be referred to the Department Public Works, with a view to an Estimate of the expense of erecting the proposed accommodation being furnished, together with any observations that may appear to be called for on the mode of construction proposed, when further orders will be passed in regard to it.

4. Para. 4 of the same letter will be referred for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Remount Agent Usúr.
„ Adjutant General.
„ Department Public Works. *With 20 Spare Copies.*
„ Auditor of Commissariat Accounts, for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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