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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th January 1859.

No. 6. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st December 1858, No. 4590.

Directing the postponement for the present of the additions and alterations to the Horse Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount. (Vide Military Consultation, 1st December 1858, Nos. 98-99.)

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 34; dated 5th January 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

No. 4590.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 21st December 1858.

Read letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, 24th November 1858, *No.* 5748; *to the Acting Secretary to Government.*

From District Engineer, Chingleput, dated 27th March 1858, No. 2006.
To do. 30th March 1858, No 8585.
From do. 9th April 1858, No. 2083.
From do. 23rd July 1858, No. 318.
To do. 16th August 1858, No. 2861.
From do. 30th October 1858, No. 817.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 25th July 1857, No. 1435, the accompanying correspondence with a plan and estimate for additions and alterations to the Horse Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount. The estimate comprises the following works, viz.

	Rs.
For constructing a new Wash-house to the Horse Artillery Bomb-proof Barrack at the Mount.	696
For constructing Tubs for the drainage of the Privies to do.	62
For constructing a covered Walk in front of the Gram Boiling Shed, for the Sentry.	292
For constructing a new Cook-room for the Horse Artillery Tiled Barracks	601
For do. a new Privy to do. ...	219
Total Rs....	1,870

2. The first three works were estimated for, in reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, above referred to, and the last two at the request of the Brigadier Commanding the Mount.

3. It was proposed in the order of Government, that the present Harness room should be converted into a Wash-house, but the Officer Commanding the Royal Horse Artillery having preferred the construction of a new Wash-house in the open space, between the Plunge Bath and Cook-room it has been estimated for, and the construction of a new Harness room is thereby rendered unnecessary.

4. The Privy accommodation being deemed sufficient, by the Officer Commanding the Royal Horse Artillery, its drainage alone has been estimated for.

5. The third work is for a covered walk for the Sentry at the Horse Gram Boiling Shed as called for by Government, and is considered to be very necessary.

6. There being no Wash-house to the Tiled Barracks at the south end of the Horse Artillery Barrack Square, formerly occupied by the European Infantry Depot, and now made over to the Royal Horse Artillery, it is intended to convert the present Cook-room, as the most convenient site, into a Wash-house, and this necessitates the erection of a new Cook-room at the site of the present Privy, and of a new Privy at another. These works were estimated for, by the District Engineer in communication. and with the approval of the Brigadier, and the Officer Commanding the Royal Horse Artillery.

7. A new Wash-house for the families near their Quarters, called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 25th July 1857, has not been estimated for, as the Brigadier considers, that the work may be deferred, and that there is no immediate necessity for the same.

8. The Prison accommodation being deemed by the Officer Commanding Royal Horse Artillery sufficient, the estimate called for, for the conversion of two small arched rooms at the Gun shed into one, and for a Privy to be attached to it, has not been prepared.

9. The alterations and additions proposed, as shewn in the accompanying Block plan, appearing to be well designed and the estimate a fair one, I have the honor to recommend the amount viz. Rupees (1,870) one thousand, eight hundred and seventy, for the sanction of Government.

From the District Engineer of Chingleput, Camp Guindy, 27th March 1858, *No.* 2006; *to the Chief Engineer.*

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 1435 of the 25th July 1857, communicated with your Proceedings, No. 2522 of the 30th of the same month, I have the honor to forward 3 Plans and an Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,000 for the improvements suggested to the Horse Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount.

From the Superintending Engineer, in charge of Central Circle, 30th March 1858, *No.* 8585 ; *to the District Engineer, Chingleput.*

3 Plans.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Detail Estimate.

I am directed to return the Plans and Estimates received with your letter, No. 2006, dated 27th instant, and request you will explain the reason of their submission, eight months after the date of their being ordered. You will now be good enough to revise your Plans in communication with the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery and especially you will improve the proposed Prison rooms which appear very unsuitable to their purpose from want of height.

Your reply is expected in ten days from this time.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Superintending Engineer, in charge of Central Circle, dated 12th April 1858, *No.* 8909.

From the District Engineer of Chingleput, Camp Guindy, 9th April 1858, *No.* 2083 ; *to the Chief Engineer.*

In reply to your letter No. 8585 of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that, I communicated with the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery who instructed the Officer Commanding Royal Horse Artillery to meet me on the subject of the alterations proposed, and Estimates for which were called for by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1435 of the 25th July last, this Officer states that the only addition he requires to the present building is a covered walk for the sentry near the Gram Shed and a Stone Urinary with a cistern outside: under these circumstances I request your instructions as to preparing the rest of the Plans and Estimates called for by Government.

2. As regards the delay in preparing them I beg to inform you that I repeatedly asked Major Mein, Commanding the Troop of Horse Artillery to point out every thing he wanted as well as the sites on which he wished the Harness Room and Wash House to be built, but as that Officer had gone to Madras, and was there until the departure of the Troop in November last, I could not obtain the information required and so in the commencement of this year I prepared the Plan and Estimates I submitted to you, but which through an oversight were not sent out of my Office till 27th March last.

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter No. 2083, dated 9th instant, to request the District Engineer of Chingleput, to estimates in communication with the Brigadier Commanding St. Thomas' Mount, for any improvements required to the building now occupied by the Royal Horse Artillery.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Major,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer Central Circle, dated 16th August 1858, *No.* 2861.

From the District Engineer of Chingleput, Camp Guindy, 23rd July 1858, *No.* 318 ; *to the Officiating Chief Engineer.*

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 8909 of the 12th April last, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Plans and Estimate for works in the Horse Artillery Lines, these have been prepared in communication with the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount and the Officer Commanding the Horse Artillery, as regards a Women's Washhouse the Brigadier considers it would be better to let the matter lie over for the present as there are no women with the Troop of Royal Horse Artillery.

Resolved to return the Plans and Estimates received with the foregoing letter in order that they may be clearly shown to correspond first of all the accommodation especially named in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1435, dated 25th July 1857, which should be numbered for the convenience of reference and secondly with any further improvements projected by the Brigadier the necessity for which should also be fully explained for the information of Government.

2. On the general plan the buildings might be more conveniently shown in blocks without details and only those colored yellow or expressive of new work or alterations or repairs need be shown on a larger scale in detail which may be done on a separate sheet, by this means the size of the plans will be made much more convenient.

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer Central Circle.

From the District Engineer, Guindy, 30th October 1858, *No.* 817 ; *to the Officiating Chief Engineer.*

In reply to Extract from your Proceedings, No. 2861 of the 16th August last, I have the honor to inform you that the Officer Commanding the Royal Horse Artillery does not wish the Harness room to be converted into a Wash-house as proposed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1435 of 25th July 1857. He prefers a new Wash-house to be placed in the open space between the Cook-room and Plunge Bath in rear of the Bomb-proof Barrack. As regards the Wash-house for the families in my letter, No. 318 of the 23rd July 1858, I stated that it was the wish of the Brigadier to let the matter lie over for the present.

2. The Officer Commanding Royal Horse Artillery states that the Privy accommodation is sufficient. He would however like a coverd Cistern outside the wall to receive the urine which might be removed every morning, a hole in the wall and a granite slab in the inside would complete the Urinary.

3. The Officer Commanding Royal Horse Artillery does not require any Extra Prison accommodation, there being a large Dry-room attached to the Guard-room and a large Prison room in the Barrack Square.

4. The shed for the Sentry at the Horse Gram Boiling shed is very necessary.

5. The Drainage of the Privies will be remedied by having covered Cisterns for the reception of the urine.

6. As regards the extra works now proposed, I have the honor to inform you that the Tiled Barrack at the south end of the H. A. Barrack Square was formerly occupied by the European Infantry Depôt and no mentiou had therefore been made regarding it by Major Mein it has now however been handed over to the Royal Horse Artillery and as there is the same complaint that there is no Wash-house but that the men are obliged to wash in the open air at Tubs, the Brigadier wished a new Wash-house, and as from the proximity of the well the present Cook-room would be the most convenient site, I suggested it should be altered into a Wash-house and a new Cook-room built further south and directly in rear of the men's Messing Room. To this proposition both the Brigadier and Officer Commanding Royal Horse Artillery gave their approval. There is an old privy which would interfere with the Cook-room which I propose putting down and building one near the Plunge Bath.

7. The delay in furnishing this information has arisen from my Draughtsman having a good deal of work in his hands and not having been able earlier to prepare the separate plans you called for.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 17th July 1857, No. 2361.

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

There being now no Horse Artillery quartered at Saint Thomas' Mount the Governor in Council is of opinion that the additions and alterations referred to in the foregoing Extract may safely be postponed for the present.

(True Extract & Copies.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

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