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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th March 1859.

No. 45. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department, dated 24th January 1859, No. 315.

Approving the immediate Construction of the Lines at Landon's Gardens and directing that an application be made through this Department to the Government of India for early sanction to the Estimate. (Vide Military Consultation, 26th January 1859, Nos. 177 @ 179.)

No. 46. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 4th March 1859, No. 498.

SIR,

From the Town Major with enclosures, 2nd July 1858, No. 2036.
Extract Minutes Consultation Military Department, 9th July 1858, No. 2455.
Do. do. do. in the Public Works Department, 7th August 1858, No. 1553.
From the Officiating Chief Engineer, 27th November 1858, No. 5840.
Extract Minutes Consultation Public Works Department, 21st December 1858, No. 2750.
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I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, together with Plans and an Estimate amounting to Rupees 2,72,000, for converting the buildings at Landon's Gardens on the Poona-mallee road, lately purchased by this Government, into a place of Arms, &c., and for erecting Lines for a complete Regiment of Native Infantry, in lieu of the Lines at Vepery now occupied by the 45th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. The circumstances which have rendered it necessary that the Lines at Vepery should be abandoned are briefly the following. His Excellency the Commander in Chief having brought to the notice of Government the objectionable situation of these Lines, a Committee of Military and Medical Officers was appointed to report upon them, and in their proceedings of the 20th October 1856, submitted the following opinion after a careful inspection of the locality.

"The entire space occupied by this Cantonment is very confined and nearly surrounded by Native habitations, over which the breeze blows and becomes contaminated with offensive smells. The drainage is very imperfect, and during the monsoon the huts are extremely damp." Colonel Macleod the Officer in Command of the 30th Regiment N. I., then located at Vepery, and who attended the Committee, described the huts comprising the Lines in the following terms. "Nothing can be more wretched than the huts themselves, crowded as they are closely together. The 30th Regiment found them in a miserable and tumble down condition. They have been generally repaired from necessity. The wretched state of these huts is attributable to the feeling which pervades all Regiments that their occupation of them is only temporary." With regard to the drains, Colonel Macleod stated that the effluvium from them was indescribable; and as regards the locality itself, he observed that it was the most filthy part of Vepery "all the dirt of the place is collected and thrown into the small tank at the back, and here too the Privies for the whole Regiment are situated and the stench from them is very repulsive to the men." Colonel Macleod also adverted to the inconveniences to which the men were subjected, in consequence of the scarcity of water in the Lines and in the neighbourhood, and condemned the situation of the Hospital as being too near the huts and the Public road, and the building itself as being too low and without proper ventilation. After giving the Extracts from Colonel Macleod's report from which the foregoing questions have been made, the Committee expressed the opinion that "it is difficult to imagine any position more unsuitable for the Cantonment of a Regiment than that at Vepery, except in its convenient distance from the Fort; and they think that to render these Lines suitable in point of salubrity and comfort, an expenditure of about a lac and a half must be incurred in the erection of houses of a substantial description and the purchase of a large extent of land."

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3. No action was at that time taken on the Committee's report, in consequence of the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that the Troops in Garrison should be moved to a new Cantonment to be formed at Avady, a station on the line of Railway thirteen miles from Madras. The Committee were therefore requested to report on the eligibility of the site indicated by His Excellency; and their report being favorable, plans and estimates of the buildings required to form the new Cantonment were called for. These were accordingly submitted in March 1858, the cost of the buildings being estimated at 22 lacs; and the Government

*Extract Minutes Consultation, Military Department, 10th June 1858, No. 2060.

after a full consideration of His Excellency's scheme, decided* that the specific purposes for which Troops are required at Madras could not be satisfactorily fulfilled by their being stationed at Avady. They at the same time adverted to the desirableness of providing better quarters for the Regiment at Vepery; and as one Native Regiment was already stationed in the North-west, and the Sapper Militia and Invalid Battalion in the North of Madras, they considered it advisable that the other should be located on the South-west, and accordingly directed the Town Major, in communication with the Garrison Engineer, to make enquiries in view to the procuring of ground in that direction sufficient for the Lines of one Native Infantry Regiment.

4. In pursuance of this order the Town Major reported in his letter of the 2nd July 1858, that he had inspected the property called "Landon's Gardens" on the Poonamallee road, and that the Acting Garrison Engineer considered it well adapted for the location of a Native Regiment on account of its size,* open situation, and

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the facility of acquiring more ground in the immediate vicinity, should an addition be required hereafter. The Town Major also submitted a plan and survey of the house and ground, together with the report of a Medical Committee on the suitability of the site. Upon this the Government sanctioned|| the purchase of the property for twenty thousand Rupees, and desired that plans and estimates should be submitted for converting the house into a Barrack, and for the construction of the other buildings and Lines necessary for a

||Extract Minutes Consultation Military Department, 9th July 1858, No. 2455.

¶Extract Minutes of Consultation, 21st August 1858, No. 2017.

Native Regiment. In a subsequent order¶ they directed that provision should be made in the estimate, for building Quarters for the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Regiment, there being no houses available for them within a considerable distance.

5. On the 27th November 1858, the Officiating Chief Engineer submitted the required Plans and an Estimate of Rupees 2,72,000 composed of the following items.

	Rs.	Rs.
For constructing 20 ranges or Lines for a Regiment of 10 Companies...	2,20,000	
For Quarters for Drum and Fire Majors and for 18 Drummers.....	3,900	
For do. for 12 Lascars, 1 Tindal and 4 Artificers	3,300	
For constructing main and side drains, for forming road and sinking 12 brick wells along the Sepoy Lines	19,000	
For constructing 4 Privies and wells at the same for Sepoy Lines.....	2,720	
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For alterations and additions to the existing lower story of the Principal building for converting it into a place of Arms, Store and Guard Rooms	2,950	
For converting the upper story into two Staff Serjeant's and an Apothecary's Quarters.....	650	
For building a Hospital.....	Rs. 6,570 }	
For a compound wall to do.....	Rs. 1,330 }	7,900
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For building an Artificer's Shed.....	670	
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Contingencies for Superintendence, &c.		2,62,730
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6. With regard to the Lines for the men estimated at Rupees 2,20,000, and with reference to the intimation conveyed in your letter of the 19th July 1858, No. 3351, that as the late Court of Directors had positively prohibited the construction of Barracks for Native Troops, the Government of India as then advised were unable to sanction the application of this Government for the erection of the proposed Barracks for the Madras Sapper Militia Corps; I am directed to refer you to a separate letter of this date, in which the term Barracks is explained to be merely the building in which the Arms and Accoutrements of a Native Regiment are lodged, and in which also the necessity of providing houses or huts for the accommodation of the men is fully shewn. I am directed to add that the ground occupied by the Vepery Lines, and which it is proposed to abandon in favor of the new site is not the property of Government but is rented from a private individual for Rupees 374 per mensem, as mentioned by the Town Major in para. 10 of his letter of the 2nd July 1858.

7. The plan on which the proposed Lines at Landon's Gardens are to be erected, and the accommodation to be afforded to the men according to their respective ranks, are explained in para. 5 of the Officiating Chief Engineer's letter of the 21st December 1858. The Hospital, Solitary Cells, Store Magazine and Artificers' Shed are to be built according to the design and dimensions of the standard plan for Barracks, and the details have not therefore been exhibited in the accompanying Plan. The estimate has been examined in the Central Office, and has been recommended for sanction by the Officiating Chief Engineer.

8. Since the estimate was received, this Government have had before them a letter to the address of the Quarter Master General of the Army from the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, with reference to his late inspection of the 45th Regiment Native Infantry now located in Vepery. That letter, dated 10th December 1858, is among the papers now forwarded; and adverting to the opinion expressed by Major General Craige as to the wretched condition of the huts of the men, and referring also to the fact that the Lines were condemned in 1856 by a Committee of Military and Medical Officers on sanitary grounds, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires me to express his hope that the Government of India will recognize the necessity of providing the men with better Quarters, and will sanction the estimate submitted for that purpose at an early date.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 21th January 1859.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department, under date the 21st December 1858, No. 2750.

Read letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, 27th November 1858, No. 5340; to the Acting Secretary to Government.

- I have the honor, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, Nos. 1553, and 2006, under dates the 7th August and 28th September last, to forward for submission to Government the accompanying Plans and an Estimate, for converting the buildings at Landon's Gardens, lately purchased by Government, into a place of Arms, &c., and for erecting Lines for a complete Regiment of Native Infantry. The Estimate comprises the following items.

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For constructing 20 ranges or Lines for a Regiment of 10 Companies.....	2,20,000
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Total Rupees.....	2,72,000

2. No provision has been made for cutting down and removing Trees and clearing and levelling the ground, the Garrison Engineer stating that this charge may be met by the sale of Trees. I am of opinion, however, that the charge should be defrayed from the General Estimate, and the proceeds from the sale of Trees, &c., should be credited in the bill.

3. The premises, called the Landor's Garden, have been purchased for the sum of Rupees 20,000, as directed by Government, in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1553, dated the 7th August last, thus raising the entire cost of these Barracks, to Rupees 2,92,000.

4. The Hospital, Solitary Cells, Store Magazine, and Artificer's Shed are to be built according to the design, and dimensions of the standard Plans for Barracks, and therefore, the details are not exhibited in the accompanying Plan.

5. The Sepoys Lines are designed, so as to provide for an enclosed Verandah to serve as a Cookroom and a screened place for washing and bathing, the accommodation being better than what is afforded in any other existing Native Infantry Regimental Lines. The flooring, of well beaten clay, of the rooms are raised on a basement $\frac{3}{4}$ foot in height, foundations of walls being sunk 3 feet, the greatest height of the rooms is 12 feet, and the mean height 10 feet, the walls

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&c., are built of brick in chunam, the roofs sloping and tiled, and every room is provided with a Batten door, ample provision also has been made for drainage, and on the whole the Plan appears to be well designed, and the disposition of the buildings such as best to suit the purpose for which they are intended.

6. The Estimate has been examined and found correct, and I have the honor to recommend its amount viz. Rupees (2,72,000) two lacs and seventy-two thousand, for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

From the Acting Garrison Engineer, 15th November 1858, No. 424; to the Chief Engineer.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation Nos. 1553 and 2006, dated 7th August, and 28th September, and your Resolutions thereon Nos. 2771 and 4142, dated 13th August and 30th September 1858, I have the honor to forward Plans and Estimate with abstract, amounting to Rupees (2,72,000) two lacs and seventy-two thousand, for the Public buildings, Lines &c., requisite for the location of a Regiment of Native Infantry at Landon's Gardens.

2. The expense for cutting and removing the trees, and levelling the ground is not entered, as the sale of the trees is calculated to produce a sufficient amount.

3. The value of the land and property Rupees 20,000 is not entered, as Government in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1553, of the 7th August 1858, have authorized this sum being disbursed out of the Department Funds for the current year.

4. The large house is arranged, so that the lower story contains the Barrack or place of Arms, Guard-Room and Store-Rooms, and the upper story accommodates the Apothecary and the 2 Staff Serjeants.

5. The present Out-houses with slight alterations, afford the required out buildings, for the Apothecary's and Non-Commissioned Officer's Quarters, and also for the Hospital. The Sepoys' Lines are constructed on the same plan as those proposed for the Sapper Militia, being somewhat more commodious than what have been already built, and with the additions of an enclosed Verandah, to serve as a Cook-room, and a screened space for washing and bathing.

6. The Hospital, Solitary Cells, Store Magazine, Artificer's Shed are provided according to the Standard plans and also 4 Privies. Provision is made for drainage, to fall into a nullah on the N. W. corner, and along the Poonamallee road at the S. E. extremity of the ground. A well is provided for each Company, and 2 extra ones for Drummers and Camp followers.

Forwarded to the Military Department for consideration with reference to the orders of the Government of India, dated 19th July 1858, No. 3351, and Extracts Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 9th July and 21st August last, Nos. 2455 and 3017.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Town Major.

5th January 1859.

From the Town Major, Fort Saint George, 14th January 1859, No. 172; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Having had the honor to submit the Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2750 of the 21st ultimo, with the Plan and Estimate connected therewith for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor, I have received His Lordship's orders to return them to you, and to convey His entire approval of the same, with the recommendation that the most energetic measure should be adopted for the immediate construction of the Lines at Landon's Gardens.

Approved.

Emergent application will be made through the Dept. Public Works to the Government

*No. 800.

To the Quarter Master General of the Army.

Sir,

With reference to my late inspection of the 45th Regiment Native Infantry, I have the honor to bring to your notice, the following remarks I made relative to the Lines and Hospital occupied by the Corps.

2. I beg to call attention to the state of the Huts of the men, a prolonged residence in such habitations, (if they deserve the name, being more like pigsties) must have a most prejudicial effect on the health and comfort of the men, besides the circumstance that many of these huts having been washed away by the late rains, and the occupiers obliged to seek shelter in the Bazar or elsewhere, must prejudicially affect the discipline of the Corps.—I have no hesitation in condemning, not only the situation and construction of these huts, but consider the whole locality as altogether unsuitable for occupation by any Troops.

3. I also beg to call attention to the insufficient dimensions of the Hospital; and particularly to a regulation which seems to prevail, limiting the number of Cots allowed for the Hospital to 15, whatever the number of sick may be.

4. The above have been embodied in my report on the Corps, and forwarded to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Head Quarters,
Centre Division,
Madras,

10th December 1858.

I have &c.

(Signed) P. E. CRAIGIE, Major Genl.

Commanding Centre Division.

Meanwhile the Governor in Council directs that the Sapper Militia be employed in removing the trees clearing and levelling the ground &c.

The regulated working pay being issued to the men while so employed.

(True Extract and Copies.)

William H. B. Bayley

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works, with 2 enclosures and 2 Plans. 420 spare Copies

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* Col. Minis. Cons. Phil. Dept.
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Ex Officio: H. 21 Aug 1858-6007

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