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

No. 53. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 25th February 1859, No. 786.

Directing that necessaries of a temporary description be immediately provided for the number of laborers now employed at Jackatalla and that the brushwood growing round the Barrack Hill at that station be cleared only to sufficient extent, to prevent the nuisances complained of being committed &c. } (Vide Military Consultation, 25th February 1859, Nos. 279-280.)

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 502; dated 5th March 1589.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 786.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 25th February 1859.

Read letter from the Ag. Asst. Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 14th February 1859, *No.* 54; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward a copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Jackatalla, representing the great quantities of brushwood around the Barrack hill at that station—the total inadequacy of means at his disposal to clear away the nuisance and the serious consequences that may result from the accumulation of filth to which it gives shelter, and to request you will obtain the sanction of Government that this Officer may be directed to take immediate measures for making an entire clearance of the ground in the vicinity of the Barracks, and that he may be allowed to forward a Contingent bill for the whole, on reporting the completion of the work.—This necessary precaution is particularly called for just now when a Regiment, so strong in number as the 60th Rifles, is to be located in these Barracks.

When once the brushwood has been rooted up and destroyed, the funds at the disposal of the Commanding Officer ought to be sufficient to keep the ground clear.

From the Officer Commanding Jackatalla, 3rd January 1859, *No.* 6; *to the Dy. Asst. Quarter Master General, Southern Division Trichinopoly.*

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of the Major General Commanding Division, the very serious nuisance arising from the dense brushwood growing immediately round the Barrack hill at this station.

II. There are about 15 hundred Natives daily employed on the Government works, who having no other place of convenience are necessitated to take advantage of this cover, for the performance of the calls of nature.

III. I have for some time past employed the Lascars in cutting some of this brushwood, but the labor of seven men goes a little towards a thorough removal of it, and as now the matter appears to me, seriously to effect the cleanliness of the place and must in time likewise influence the health of the men, I am induced to request, I may be permitted to hire coolies at the public expense, to dig up and completely remove this brushwood, in order that the ground immediately round the Barracks may be totally divested of all cover.

4. Some time since I applied in my capacity of Commanding Officer, to the Commissary General of the Army, with regard to this desirable object, and was directed to carry out the improvement at the expense of the Police fine Fund, which fund however was, and is by no means sufficient to meet the demand—I have likewise endeavoured by means of Police Peons to prevent the Native workmen committing this nuisance, but the number at my disposal is by far too limited to effect this object.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that this is an occasion where the introduction of public Necessaries is advisable, and Government will be prepared to sanction them on the submission of particulars exhibiting what will be required for the station of Jackatalla.

2. In the mean time necessaries of a temporary description will be immediately provided, for the number of laborers now employed at that station, and the requisite establishment is authorised.

3. The surrounding brushwood may be cleared, but only to sufficient extent, to prevent the nuisances complained of being committed.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Dept. Public Works. *With 20 Spare Copies*
„ Military Auditor General.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. G. Rodrigues.

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From Chief Engr. D/ 8th June 1596 No. 1197 in Cons.
Clearing Rosehemwood round the Jackatalla Barrack

From Chief Engr D/ 3 Sept 59 No 2337
Sunday Bills for sanction for temporary Pro[vi]sion for labourers at Jackatalla
No 53 & 54.

From — Do — 30 March/60
No 580 in Rd.

From Do 4th April 59 No 900
No. 786, Cons: 19 Dec 108-191.
From Chief Engineer D/ 30 March/59
No. 1765 in 19 4/4 [illegible]
Directing that [illegible]
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Within order

Fort St. George
5th March 1859

10 Copies to the Chief Engr &c
Dated 8th with No: 786.

502 No. 502
Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.