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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15*th March* 1859.

No. 83. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 25th February 1859.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 23rd February 1853, No. 79.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Cannanore, relative to the Floor of the Skittle Alley at that Station being boarded, and the Five's Court, and Guard Room, with its Verandah, flagged with granite.

Letter from Brigadier J. M. FITZGERALD, Commanding Cannanore, Division No. 5, to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated Cannanore, 1st February 1859, No. 100.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Skittle Alley and Five's Court attached to the European Barracks at this station, require alterations to render them available for the purposes for which they were intended, and as these alterations are likely to exceed the sum permitted to be expended without the sanction of Government, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to submit this letter to His Exeellency the Commander-in-Chief, so that, he may, if he thinks, obtain the requisite authority for the alteration.

II. The floor of the Skittle Alley is at present of gravel beaten down with a plank in the centre. This floor in consequence of so many persons passing over it frequently requires repair, and the dust raised a few days, after its repair, soils the dress of the spectators as well as players, in consequence of which the men very seldom resort to this amusement when the gravel is once broken until it is again repaired.

III. The flooring of a portion of the Five's Court is of chunam, this for the same cause viz., from men passing over it soon breaks up, the chunam gradually becomes finely pulverized and being carried about with every current of air, finds its away into the eyes and noses both of players and spectators, and must be injurious to the sight, and prejudicial to the health, of all parties present.

IV. I would recommend, therefore, that the Skittle Alley should be boarded, and the Five's Court flagged with granite, and in making this recommendation, I have reason to believe that there would not only be a saving to Government in the end, but that there would be this advantage in addition, that the men would always have places in the Barracks to which they could resort for amusement, and of which they are now altogether deprived for the reasons above given.

V. The Guard Room of the European Barraacks, a place of constant resort day and night, is paved with laterite, this from constant wear requires almost entirely to be renewed, and for the reasons given above, I would suggest granite being used for the Guard Room and Verandah instead of the former material.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Col.,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, No. 570; dated 14th March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who will report his opinion as to the best material for the floor of the several places referred to.

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

Military Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 25th. February 1859
Read the following letter
Quarter Mr. Gnls' office
No. 79-

From

The Quarter Master General
of the army

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir

I have the honor, by order of
His Excellency the Commander in Chief to
forward, copy of a letter from the Officer
Commanding Cannanore, relative to the floor
of the Shuttle Alley at that Station being
boarded, and the Fives Court, and
Guard room, with its Verandah, flagged
with granite

I have &c.
Signed F. A. Reid
D. M. General.

Fort St. George
23d. February 1859

To

No 100

To

The Quarter Master General
of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Skittle Alley and Fives Court, attached to the European Barracks at this station require alterations to render them available for the purposes for which they were intended, and as these alterations are likely to exceed the sum permitted to be expended without the sanction of Government, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to submit this Letter to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, so that he may, if he thinks, obtain the requisite authority for the alteration.

II The floor of the Skittle alley is, at present, of Gravel beaten down with a plank in the centre. This floor in consequence of so many persons passing over it frequently requires repair, and the dust raised a few days, after its repair, soils the dress of the Spectators as well as players in consequence of which the men very seldom resort to this amusement when the gravel is once broken until it is again repaired.

III The Flooring of a portion of the Fives Court is of bhuniam, this for the same cause, viz. from men passing over it soon breaks up, the bhuniam gradually becomes finely pulverized, and being carried about with every current of air finds its way into the eyes and noses both of players and spectators, and must be injurious to the sight, and prejudicial to the health, of all parties present.

IV I would recommend therefore that the Skittle Alley should be boarded, and the Fives Court flagged with Granite and in making this recommendation I have reason to believe that there would not only be a saving to Government in the end, but that there would be this advantage in addition that the men would always have places in the Barracks to which they could resort for amusement, and of which they are now altogether deprived for the reasons above given.

V The Guard room of the European Barracks a place of constant resort day and night is paved with laterite this from constant wear requires almost entirely to be renewed and for the reasons given above I would suggest granite being used

used for the guard room, and Verandah
instead of the former material.

Cannanore,
1st February 1859

I have &c
(Signed) J. M. Fitz Gerald Brig.r
Com.g Cannanore.
Do Do
Head Qrs. Malabar & Canara

Cannanore 2nd Feby 1859

(Sig.d) J. M Fitz Gerald. Brig.r
Com.g Malabar & Canara.
Head Qrs. Mysore division
Banglore 5th Feby 1859.
(Sig.d) M. Beresford Lt. Genl
Com.g Mysore Division.

(a true copy)
(Sig.d) Alex. Shuldam Capt.n
A. D. A. Gen.l Insp.r Genl.
of the army

Referred to the Department of
Public Works
(Sig.d) R. Hamilton, Lt. Col.
Actg. Dy Secy to Govt.

To
The Department Public Works

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Exc: from Dft 7th April/59
No 893 in Corrs: 59
From Chief Engr 2nd April/59
No 904 Referring to this Dept letter from the Officer Commanding Cannanore, relative to the floor of the Lockup Shed at that Station being boarded and the Fines Court, and Guard Room, with Verandah flagged with granite.

No 570. 11th March 1859
With an order

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Fort St. George
11th March/59

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