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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd March 1859.

No. 35. Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated 15th March 1859.

I place before Government a note, dated the 11th Instant, addressed to the Quarter Master General of the Army by Colonel Bedford, Commanding 3rd Battalion, Her Majesty's 60th Royal Rifles, stationed at Jacktalla. Colonel Bedford clearly shows the absolute necessity of forthwith providing, 1st, means of amusement, i. e., Skittle Alleys and Quoit grounds; 2nd, Schools and Reading Rooms, 3rd, Prison and Solitary Cells. And I submit to Government that if these requisitions are not instantly complied with, we may expect to see this young Regiment of mere Boys in a state of disorganization, for it is simply impossible to maintain order and discipline amongst 1,400 British Soldiers without the aid of these appliances. I have therefore very earnestly to beg that these Buildings may be at once provided, and that every facility may be given to the Executive Engineer to complete the 3 Barracks with every practicable expedition.

(Signed) PAT. GRANT, Lieut-Genl.,
Commander-in-Chief.

From Colonel W. F. BEDFORD, Commanding 3rd Battalion, Her Majesty's 60th Royal Rifles; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Jackatalla, 11th March 1859.

DY DEAR COLONEL,

When I first came up here, I must have misunderstood Campbell (the Executive Engineer) for I certainly understood that Skittle Alleys, &c., would be built *at once*, and he went so far as to point out a site, and ask if I thought it a good one.

This morning it *oozed out* accidentally, whilst I was endeavouring to fathom the cause of the great increase of drunkenness which has taken place here, that *one* of the chief causes is the *want of amusements.*

3 On speaking to Campbell again on the subject he told me to-day that "I must apply to Head Quarters," as Skittle Alleys are not sanctioned until 1860-1, and consequently that SPECIAL sanction is *now* necessary.

4 We built 4 very good ones at Bangalore at a cost to the Officers of 310 Rupees, for which we have not received one farthing.

5 I have no doubt that Government will sanction their being built here, when put before them; and I therefore write to you thus, in ANTICIPATION of the *Official Application,* which I will send through the Divisional authorities, and in the hope, as *time is precious,* that you may be able to *accelerate* matters for us.

6 At Bangalore *drink* was easily procurable in any quantity—but I had very little drunkenness.

7 Here, drunkenness has *increased immensely.*

This I attribute to the want of amusement and occupation when off duty and parade.

If with the Commander-in-Chief's sanction you can in any way *hurry on* the *completion* of the *next* block of building (No. 3 Barrack) which will afford the men room to *make themselves comfortable.*

10 *2ndly.*—To build Skittle Alleys and Quoit grounds; and though last not least, to hurry also to completion the *Library* and *School and Reading Rooms,* I think we should go far to reduce our drunkenness, and with it our other *crime.*

11 The *last word* reminds me that I have omitted one crying *want,* viz., a Prison, or Cells enclosed in a yard in which I may carry out the sentences of Courts Martial.

12 There will be about 1,400 Soldiers here when all come up, and some amongst the Convalescent Depôt are not bright examples of either discipline or sobriety.

13 One of these men was tried to-day by order of General Budd, and has been awarded 20 days imprisonment.

14 I have *not a place* of confinement in which to carry out the sentence upon *this one* prisoner, and it is too much to hope that we shall not have other men tried and sentenced, especially where drunkenness is so rife.

15 Pray therefore, as far as in your power lies, afford us as soon as possible

1st.—Means of amusement in which *all* can join.
2ndly.—School and Reading Rooms by which *very many* will benefit; and
3rdly.—Prisons, by means of which *a few* may serve as examples to the remainder.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 622; dated 17th March 1859.

Resolved to direct the Chief Engineer to take immediate measures for supplying the pressing wants pointed out in His Excellency's Minute for the Regiment at Jackatalla, with the least possible delay.

2. An Estimate to the amount of Rupees 5,000 for two Skittle Alleys at Jackatalla was sanctioned by Government on the 19th January 1859, for entry in the Budget of 1860-61. This work will now be put in hand *immediately*.

The Chief Engineer will also instruct the Special Executive Officer to form immediately such Quoit grounds as may be desired by the Officer Commanding the 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles.

3. The Budget for 1859-60 contains a provision to the amount of Rupees 58,450, for School Rooms and Library. This work also will now be undertaken immediately.

4. Estimate for a Military Prison at Jackatalla was called for in Extract ~~Minutes Consul~~tation July 23rd 1858;* and further Estimates for Solitary Cells, in addition to those provided in the General Estimate for the Barracks, was called for on the 24th December 1857†, under instructions from the Government of India. Neither Estimate has yet been received. The Chief Engineer will now direct the Special Executive Officer to construct immediately the five Solitary Cells provided in the General Estimate, and to hasten the submission of the two Estimates above referred to, for immediate approval and sanction.

* No. 1431 Para. 9.

† No. 2393.

5. The orders now passed will be reported to the Government of India.

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

No. 37. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, dated 17th March 1859, No. 623.

SIR,

I have the honor under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to forward copy of a Minute recorded by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief pointing out the absolute need of certain works at Jackatalla, with the view of maintaining the discipline of the 3rd Battalion H. M.'s 60th Royal Rifles just arrived at that Station; together with copy of a Resolution passed by Government thereon.

2. The following are the works referred to.

1st.—Skittle Alleys.
2nd.—Quoit grounds.
3rd.—School-rooms and Library.
4th.—Military Prison.
5th.—Solitary Cells.

3. The Government of India will learn that regarding them as really necessary to the discipline of the Regiment, this Government have sanctioned the first, second and third of those works for immediate execution. They have further ordered the immediate construction of the five Solitary Cells provided in the General Barrack Estimates, as well as the early submission of the estimates which had been already called for in pursuance of the orders* of the Government India for the requisite number of additional Cells and for a Prison, in view to these buildings also being at once sanctioned for execution.

* Col. Baker's letter, d. 10th July 1857 No. 3383 p. 3.

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~~16th March 1859~~

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Yrs truly
W. G. Bradford

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Minute by His Excel=
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in Chief

Dated 15th } March 1859
Recd 15th }
S. C. ~~R. 622~~ – 17 March

Requesting that an immediate Orders may be issued for the erection of skittle alleys, Schools, reading Rooms prisons &ca for the use of Her M.s 60th Royal Rifles stationed at Jackatallah and also for the Completion of No. 3 Barrack at that place.

Copy to the Govt. of
India – 17 March/59.

No. 35

Public Works Dept

No. 622

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 17th March 1859.

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No. 623

To
Captain H. Yule
Offg Secy to the Govt of India P.W.D.

Copied
19 March

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Fort St. George
17th March /59

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