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

No. 96. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 7th March 1859, No. 902.

Intimating that there will be no objection for the alterations } (Vide Military Consultation, 8th March 1859,
and additions proposed to the Horse Artillery Barracks } Nos. 97-98.)
at Saint Thomas' Mount being proceeded with.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, No. 654; dated 19th March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for early attention with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 5th January 1859 No. 34.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 7th March 1859.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, 24th February 1859, No. 81; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the information of Government, copy of a letter as per margin* from the Brigadier commanding the Mount; to the several points wherein contained, His Excellency would beg the favorable consideration of Government.

From the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, 10th February 1859, No. 66; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General Centre Division, Madras.

I have the honor to request, you will bring to the notice of the Major General commanding the division, the very great delay that takes place in carrying out any repairs or alterations that may be required to the public buildings at this station, in the hope that measures may be taken to prevent in future, a recurrence of the evils of which I have to complain.

I submit as examples, the two following cases.

First.—In March 1858, sundry alterations and additions were recommended to the Horse Artillery Barracks, as being necessary for the comfort and health of the men who occupied them.

* *Vide Minutes of Consultation Military Department No. 4590, 21st December 1858.*

† *Vide Minutes of Consultation Public Works Department, Military No. 34, 5th January 1859.*

It was not until the end of last year, when the Horse Artillery had marched, that the sanction* of Government to the works was received, but it was also stated† that owing to the Barracks being no longer occupied, it was unnecessary to carry out the order.

I would however very respectfully submit, that as these Barracks possess so many advantages, it is not likely they will long continue unoccupied, and it appears to me desirable, that the present favorable opportunity of having the alterations made whilst the Barracks are unoccupied, should not be neglected.

Second.—In the Barracks occupied by Captain Desborough's Company, Royal Artillery, the works noted in the margin were recommended in April† 1858, and after numerous delays, it seems that the subject was on the 18th§ Novr. again referred to the Commander-in-Chief, when His Excellency remarked, he considered the additions indispensable, but

§ *Vide Minutes of Consultation Military Department No. 4613 of 21st December 1858.*

For constructing two wooden Verandahs to the Non-Commissioned Officers' Canteen and the Mess Canteen rooms, and throwing additional light into the Canteen Store Room.

Building a Skittle Alley in rear of Royal Artillery Canteen,—a cross wall between Bazaar and Skittle Alley, for a drain to receive and carry off water from area of Canteen and Harness room.

that it was the province of the Department of Public Works, to decide upon the Estimates, these were however sanctioned by Government, and approved for entry in the Budget of 1859/60.

|| *Minutes of Consultation Public Works Department, Military No. 149, of the 17th January 1859.*

But|| this Budget having been already closed, these Estimates were ordered to be included in the Budget of 1860/61.

Meanwhile, the men of the Royal Artillery are deprived of the amusement of a Skittle Alley, and exposed to the various inconveniences set forth—when these alterations were proposed during the last rains, it became necessary to knock down a portion of the outer wall of the compound, to relieve the Store rooms from the flood of water which was running into them.

Under these circumstances, I trust the Major General will give his support to a recommendation, that all the alterations and improvements sanctioned both for the Horse Artillery and north Barracks, should be immediately commenced upon, and paid for out of the fund which is allowed for works of emergency.

The Governor in Council, on the foregoing representation from the Commander-in-Chief, will not object to the works in question being proceeded with.

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Mumtaz Ali
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government

To the Quarter Master General.

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