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

No. 120. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 15th March 1859, No. 997.

Communicating correspondence relative to the Barracks in which the late attack of Cholera at Arcot broke out, and directing that necessary orders be issued for removing the Drains therein alluded to. } (Vide Military Consultation, 15th March 1859, Nos. 102-103.)

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, No. 667 ; dated 22nd March 1859.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer ; who will obtain from the District Engineer of North Arcot and submit at an early date a Report on the subject adverted to in para. 3 of the Quarter Master General's letter, with Plans and Estimates for such works as may be considered requisite.

2. Colonel Faber will order the immediate execution of such works as he may consider urgently required, especially for improving the Drains.

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

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Chief Engineer, who will obtain
from the District Engineer of
North West and submit at
an early date a report on the
subject referred to in para 3
of the Quarter Master General's
letter, with Plans and Estimates
for such works as may be
considered requisite.

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to the commandant
of the district

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 997.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 15th March 1859.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 11th March 1859, No. 110; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to request, you will be so good as to lay before Government, the accompanying letter and diagram called for, and received from the Officer commanding Arcot.

The diagram shews the Barracks in which the late attack of Cholera at Arcot broke out the disease first made its appearance in No. 6 of the range—It is believed that in the building marked No. 1, the disease was formerly considered most prevalent.

His Excellency would beg the particular attention of Government, to the fact of there being six drains running under the main Barrack. The Commander-in-Chief thinks it by no means improbable, that these drains may cause disease, and he would strongly urge the necessity of having the subject investigated, and the drains inspected—His Excellency is of opinion, that such drains as are necessary, should be carried outside, and as distant as possible from the building—Sir Patrick Grant would beg, that the Engineer Department may be directed to enquire into the matter immediately.

This Barrack is 17 feet lower than the other buildings to the north of it, used also as a Barrack.

From the Officer Commanding Arcot, 2nd March 1859, No. 119; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a diagram of the lower Barracks at this station.

In No. 6 room, the Cholera first broke out on the 16th February 1859, total number of Cholera cases from 16th to 17th February, in the Barrack room, was 4—No. 7 room was occupied by old soldiers and Recruits, the only case of Cholera amongst the men who occupied this room, was a Private of the 3rd Madras European Regiment.

No. 1 room was under repair and unoccupied—No. 2 was a Mess room—and No. 8 was occupied by the families, in which latter number, no case of Cholera occurred—the men marched into camp on the morning of the 17th idem.

I beg to draw your attention to no less than six drains passing under the Barracks.

I am not aware, that these have been before noticed, but I made a special report on them to the Major General Commanding centre division on the 28th of February last, and I have recommended, that they be first cleaned and then filled up with wholesome materials, substituting open drains to carry the water off by the planks. I have also recommended, that the drains be made where required all over the yard, and kept constantly clean and free from obstruction of every kind, and that the buildings in front be removed to the rear, where they would be useful in keeping off malaria from the Native town.

I regret that this letter with diagram was not ready, but the delay was unavoidable.

Resolved that the foregoing correspondence be communicated to the Public Works Department, that the necessary orders may be issued at once.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Mumtaz Ali
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works, with diagram. 420
„ Quarter Master General.

Exd. J. Davis.

29th March 1839
Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Esq.

29th March 1839

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Esq.

29th March 1839

With an order to

16th April 1839

Communicated to the
Chief Engineer, who will obtain
from the District Engineer of the
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as possible on the subject.
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