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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

No. 46. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 21st March 1859, No. 1099.

Communicating letters from the Adjutant General of the Army, Magistrate of Coimbatore, and Commissary General, and intimating that the necessary orders will be issued for appointing the Commissariat Officer at Jackatalla, Joint Magistrate at that Station, likewise approving of a Soldier's Garden being formed there, on the site pointed out by Dr. Macpherson.

(Vide Military Consultation, 22nd March 1859, Nos. 69 @ 73.)

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 836; dated 9th April 1859.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested to submit the information called for in Paras. 2, 3 and 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation 14th September 1858 No. 1889 respecting the sewage in the Cantonment of Jackatalla and in all Government buildings, and the formation of Bazars contiguous to the Jackatalla Barracks.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1099.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 21st March 1859.

Mins. Con. Pub. Works Dept. 14th Septr. 1858, *No.* 1889. *From Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army. 2nd October* 1858, *No.* $\frac{2}{4}\frac{5}{7}\frac{3}{0}$. *From the Adjt. Genl. of the Army, 7th Decr.* 1858, *No.* 2397. — *Recorded.* *In Cons. 29th Octr.* 1858. *In Diary to the end of year* 1858. } Read again the papers noted in the margin.

Read letter from the Acting Magistrate of Coimbatore, 13th January 1859, *No. 2; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George.*

1. In reply to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 22nd ultimo No. 4669, I have the honor to report, that I am aware of no objection to the appointment of Captain Campbell to be Joint Magistrate for the Cantonment of Jackatalla. He might I think also dispose of cases from Coonoor and Kotagherry, which will save parties the trouble of proceeding to Ootacamund as they now do—a distance of 10 and 20 miles.

2. I cannot learn from the Government order under acknowledgment, whether the office of the Joint Magistrate to be newly created is to be independent of, and in addition to that of the Superintendent of Police now in existence at Jackatalla, or whether the one is to be concentrated in the other.

3. If the office of a separate Superintendent of Police is considered indispensable in a military point of view, I think that the limits and jurisdiction of both the Joint Magistrate and Superintendent of Police should be clearly defined, as otherwise there will be a clashing of Departments.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief for His Excellency's views on paras. 2 and 3.

22nd January 1859.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 2nd March 1859, *No.* 173; *to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George.*

Stating that there is no objection to the appointment of Captain Campbell, as Joint Magistrate for the Cantonment of Jackatalla, and requesting that the limits and jurisdiction of both the Joint Magistrate and Superintendent of Police there, be defined.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Acting Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated 13th January 1859, No. 2, referred to His Excellency by Memorandum of the 22nd idem.

3rd Battalion Her Majesty's 60th Rifles is now at Jackatalla, and Captain Nicholas the Commissariat Officer at Trichinopoly has been warned for the duty at that station and will shortly proceed thither.

As Joint Magistrate Captain Campbell would be independent of the Commandant of the Station and the Commander-in-Chief deems it sound policy to keep sanitary measures under the latter Officer's control, so that he may take a personal interest in enforcing them by his Superintendent of Police, the local Commissariat Officer. His Excellency considers that Regulation VII of 1832, G. O. G. No. 126 of 1851 and G. O. G. No. 184 of 1851 amply provide for enforcing all that can be required to keep the Cantonment of Jackatalla in a proper and wholesome condition.

The Commander-in-Chief is quite sure that the Executive Engineer can have no time to look after Police and judicial affairs.

It is understood that a former Commissariat Officer at Jackatalla was made a Justice of the Peace, viz. Captain Ogilvie, and as the large body of Soldiers now to be resident there, will no doubt attract many European settlers, His Excellency thinks it very desirable that the Commissariat Officer should be made a Joint Magistrate, as it will strengthen his hands in controlling the sale of liquor and in many other ways tend to the preservation of good order.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 2nd March 1858, *No.* 36; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a report from the Commissariat Officer in charge of the Commissariat and Police duties at Jackatalla, representing the necessity for establishing an efficient bazar there for the convenience of the Troops, their families, and the inhabitants in general—this report I received in July last year, and as the European Troops were then under orders to move from thence, the organization of the bazar was directed to be kept in abeyance.

Dated 8th July 1857.

2. Lieutenant Wyatt who appears to be the Commanding Officer of the Station and the Superintendent of the Military Police, has revived the question, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of his letter, and should His Lordship in Council have no objection to the Establishment of an efficient bazar at Jackatalla, I beg to recommend that the Engineer's Department may be instructed to erect the stalls for the bazars.

Dated 28th January 1858.

3. I would also recommend that a small sum as rent for each stall, may be fixed upon, which in a few years would return to Government the present outlay.

From the Superintendent of Police, Jackatalla, 8th July 1857, *No.* 36; *to the Commissary General of the Army, Madras.*

1. I hardly know whether from the short time I have been in charge of the Police at this station, the remarks I have now the honor to offer regarding the failure of the establishment of an efficient Bazar (for failure up to this time it certainly has been) will be received as having any weight. I think however I should be wanting in my duty and not doing justice to myself in the position I hold here as Superintendent of Police, did I not at once represent to you the present state of affairs and point out what appear to be the causes of the failure and what I am of opinion would remedy the evil of there being no well supplied Bazar here.

2. The evil is great, for the commonest necessaries the Soldiers and their families have to go a distance of three miles from the Cantonment to the market at Coonoor. To procure a single cooly it is generally necessary to give twenty four hours notice and to send to Coonoor for him, and it is the same with every thing else that is required.

3. The cause of the many inconveniences felt by men of the European Regiment, to say nothing of the other inhabitants of Jackatalla is simply that there are too many Masters, Coonoor is too near this (but just far enough to cause the greatest inconvenience) for the people to have any idea of establishing Shops here unless they receive some encouragement to do so. Up to this time, from my personal observation and all the enquiries I have been able to make, they have been rather discouraged than otherwise. I am quite certain that as long as these conflicting interests exist, Jackatalla can never flourish and there never will be a Bazar adequate to the wants of a European Regiment, and its attendant followers.

4. Hitherto no steps have been taken that I can ascertain beyond putting up a flag and advertising in the Gazette that ground would be given to whoever asked for it. Probably in the plains, the fact of a European Regiment being located at a place would be alone sufficient to cause a Bazar to rise rapidly, for there a native is satisfied to sit down in the open with one cloth over his head as a protection from the sun and there too, one day would be as much a market day as another. Up here, the case is totally different, the climate is uncongenial and the natives cannot come and expose their goods for sale without some shelter, all the supplies are brought up from the low country in one day and it is necessary to lay in the week's supply at once.

5. Another want is with reference to water, there is plenty of it, but no convenience for drawing it, in fact as it now is, I cannot imagine how it would be possible for a native to fill a chatty, a point which we know they much look to.

6. Now as to the remedies, I trust I shall not be thought presuming in suggesting that this place and Coonoor should be put under one jurisdiction, this Colonel MacDuff recommended some time ago, and he has told me that his views are still the same.

7. With regard to the second point, that of affording shelter to the Natives who bring their goods for sale on market days, I would propose the erection with the Executive Engineer on the style of building that would be best adapted for the purpose, and he is of opinion that Rupees 6,000 at the outside would be ample to cover the cost. I refrain from entering into any detail on this point till the sanction of Government shall be obtained, when Captain Campbell the Executive Engineer will furnish me with plans &c.

8. Regarding the water, the supply is not obtained from wells, but brought down from a hill at the back of the proposed Bazar by a water course and all that would be required would be to build a large reservoir or more properly a trough, this the Engineer leads me to believe, would cost about Rupees 500.

9. To one other point I beg to call your attention, I learn that on some occasions, Government have made advances of money to Bazar-men for the erection of houses, recovering the same by instalments, I would strongly urge that this indulgence should be granted to those anxious to build in the Bazar here.

10. I should not having ventured to propose the incurring of this expense, did I not believe that the revenue obtained from the Abkarry Farm about to be established, would cover the amount expended in the course of a couple of years.

11. Before troubling you thus, I have submitted my letter for Colonel MacDuff's perusal, he has been pleased to express his approval of what I have written and his intention of forwarding a copy of this letter, with which I have furnished him, to the Quarter Master General.

From the Acting Superintendent of Police, Jackatalla, 28th January 1858, *No.* 125; *to the Commissary General of the Army, Madras.*

With reference to your *letter, I have the honor to request you will be pleased to inform me, if the building of the new Bazar is to be continued or not.

* *No.* 1391, *dated 21st July* 1857.

Work having ceased since the receipt of the above letter.

I beg to add, that a bridge is now in course of construction, which will render the new Bazar very accessible to the residents here, and should the Bazar not be opened previous to the arrival of any number of Troops, I am of opinion that it will cause great inconvenience.

Referred to Department Public Works in order to estimates being called for. *4th March* 1858.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 8th March 1859, *No.* 44; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, referring for my report, that part of the suggestions of the Inspector General of Hospitals, "that the Bazar now in course of formation, contiguous to the Barracks, should be built in regular order and on a fixed plan."

No. 3900, *dated 29th October* 1858.

In the month of June 1856, His Lordship in Council was pleased to sanction the purchase of a piece of ground for a new Bazar at Jackatalla, upon the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, and in my letter to Government, I suggested that if there be no objection, the Engineer's Department may be instructed to erect stalls for the Bazars, and that the cost of the same should be recovered by levying a small fee monthly for each stall.

Mins. of Consultation, dated 2nd June 1856, *No.* 1345.

No. 36 *dated 2nd March* 1858, *para* 2.

With the exception of a Cutwall's Choultry, no buildings would appear, from the accompanying copies of letters* from the Commissariat Officer at Jackatalla, to have been erected at the Government expense, and Captain Brydon is of opinion, that the alterations proposed by Doctor Macpherson could not be carried out, except by knocking down the whole of the buildings which are private property, a measure, he does not consider necessary, as the most glaring faults have been rectified.

* *Dated 24th November* 1858, *and 21st January* 1859.

From the Officer in Charge of Commissariat Department, and Acting Superintendent of Police, Jackatalla, 24th November 1858, *No.* 75; *to the Commissary General of the Army, Madras.*

In reply to your letter, I have the honor to report for your information, that there are no Government buildings whatever, with the exception of the Cutwall's Choultry in the new Bazar.

Dated 12th November 1858, *No.* 3607.

Upon enquiry, it would appear that in the month of June 1856, Staff Serjeant Wood, then of the Commissariat Department at this Station, under the authority of Lieutenant Tireman, Sub-Assistant Commissary General, laid out building sites, and marked off Streets for the new Military Bazar, but unfortunately the builders do not seem to have paid much attention to straight lines, and moreover a sufficient space has not been allowed for Streets, which gives to the Bazar a crowded appearance, nevertheless, to suppose that the Bazar has not been built on a fixed plan, or that the people have erected their houses regardless of regularity is incorrect.

There is no plan of the Bazar to be found in the Office, neither have I been able to ascertain, whether the plan on which the Bazar was laid out was authorised by authority.

The plan of the Bazar will be forwarded to you in due course.

From the Officer in Charge of Commissariat Department, and Acting Superintendent of Police, Jackatalla, 21st January 1859, No. 97; to the Commissary General of the Army, Madras.

No. 4566, dated 14th January 1859.

With reference to your letter, I have the honor to report for your information, that I have been unable to get a plan of the new Military Bazar executed, in consequence of the great amount of work thrown on the hands of the Draughtsman in the Engineer's Office.

With regard to the practicableness, at this period of time, of improving on, and altering the plan of the Bazar, I am of opinion, that no absolute advantage would arise except from knocking down the entire buildings, which of course would greatly distress the people who are owners.

The most glaring faults have already been rectified, and I am further of opinion, that no evil effects can result by allowing the buildings now finished, to remain as they are.

Ordered that the foregoing letters from the Adjutant General of the Army, Magistrate of Coimbatore and Commissary General, be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 14th September 1858, No. 1889.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the Commander-in-Chief in the desirableness of the Commissariat Officer at that Station being appointed Joint Magistrate, and resolves that the necessary orders be accordingly issued in the Judicial Department.

3. His Lordship in Council approves of a Soldiers' Garden being formed at Jackatalla, on the site pointed out by Dr. Macpherson, Inspector General of Hospitals, if considered the most suitable.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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- „ Quarter Master General.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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Communicating Letters from the Adjt Genl of the Army, Magistrate of Coimbatore, & Commissary Genl, & intimating that the necessary Orders will be issued for appointing the Commissarial Officer at Jacketalla Joint Magistrate at that Station, & Reviewing Despatching of a Soldiers Garden being formed there, and the Site selected &c by Dr Maclean No. 836: 9th April 59:
Write an order.

No 46 + 47.

Fort St George
9th April 1859 —
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836 No. 836

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested to submit the information called for in Paras 2, 3 and 4 of Consult Minutes in Consultation 16th September 1858 No. 1889 respecting the Sewerage in the Cantonment of Jacketalla and in all Government buildings and the formation of Bazars contiguous to the Jacketalla Barracks.