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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th April 1859.

No. 50. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 7th April 1859, No. 1336.

Approving for immediate execution the covered way from
the Barracks of Her Majesty's 66th Regiment at Cannanore, to the Canteen and Library attached thereto. } (Vide Military Consultation, 12th April 1859,
Nos. 15 at 17.)

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, No. 896; dated 15th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will issue orders for the immediate execution of the "covered way" referred to; an estimate of its cost being in the meanwhile prepared and submitted for sanction.

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

No. 1336.

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

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 23rd February 1859, No. 79; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

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 Fives Court, and Guard room, with its Verandah, flagged Granite.

From the Officer Commanding Cannanore, 1st February 1859, No. 100; to the Quarter Master General of the Army.

I. 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 proper 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 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 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 for the Guard room and Verandah instead of the former material.

Referred to the Department Public Works.

25th February 1859.

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, 5th February 1859, No. 161; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request you will bring to the notice of Government the necessity which exists for erecting a covered way from the Barracks of Her Majesty's 66th Regiment at Cannanore to the Canteen and Library attached thereto—On the west coast where the rains last for 6 months and at times without any cessation for many days, it is obvious how necessary such cover becomes for the men.

2. His Excellency would further beg the attention of Government to Brigadier Fitzgerald's letter of 1st February last—forwarded from this Office on the 23rd February last, representing the state of the Fives Court and Skittle Alley, and Guard room of the European Barracks. It appears that the two former are quite useless as places of amusement, and that the men of Her Majesty's 66th Regiment have in consequence, no place of resort for recreation of the kind.

3. Sir P. Grant would beg that immediate orders may be issued for the necessary repairs being carried out.

The Governor in Council approves of the "covered way" for immediate execution.

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Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

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