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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

Read the following papers.

No. 19. Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department, dated 28th March 1859, No. 1183.

Communicating to the Chief Engineer, Extract Minutes Consultation of 17th Instant No. 522, in the Public Works Department, and stating that the Skittle Alleys built by the Officers of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles at Bangalore, should be reported on by the Engineer Officer, and if fit for public use, taken over on account of Government at their valuation. (Vide Military Consultation 1st April 1859, Nos. 104 @ 106.)

No. 20. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th April 1859, No. 9413.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation under date 19th August 1858 No. 1666, conveying the orders of the Government of India, dated 14th July 1858, Nos. 3468, and 3477,

1 Copy of letter No. 362, dated 30th March 1859, from Executive Engineer, Bangalore,
1 Do. from Officer Commanding Mysore Division No. 200, and copy of letter No. 607, dated 6th September 1858, four Commissioner of Mysore.
1 Valuation Estimate.
* No. 200, dated 4th September 1858.

"for the preparation of Skittles and Skittle Alleys" for all European Regiments, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Major General Commanding the Mysore Division, to

the address of the Commissioner of Mysore, recommending that the cost of a Skittle Alley built from the private funds of the Officers of H. M's. 43rd Regiment for the amusement of the men of that Regiment may be refunded.

2. I have the honor also to forward a valuation Estimate of the present condition of the Skittle Alley in question, in the Infantry Barracks now occupied by the Madras Fusiliers.

Letter from Captain J. O. MAYNE, Executive Engineer, Bangalore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 30th March 1859, No. 362.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 4074, dated 28th September last, I have the honor to forward a valuation Estimate of the Skittle Alley in the European Infantry Barracks, built by the Regiment of H. M. 6th Rifles amounting to Rupees 200.

2. The Regiment has now left the Station and the Madras Fusiliers consequently have the use of the Skittle Alley.

3. The correspondence on this subject was forwarded to your office with my letter No. 149, dated 23rd September 1858, in which the Lieutenant General recommends that the cost of this building should be refunded to the Regiment of H. M. 6th Rifles. The building is only a thatched roof, raised on stone Pillars.

Letter from Lieutenant-General BERESFORD, Commanding the Mysore Division; to the Commissioner for Mysore, dated Bangalore, 4th September 1858, No. 200.

SIR,

In reply to your letter as per margin, I have the honor to state, that there are two Skittle Alleys in both the Barracks occupied by Her Majesty's Regiments, but both require some repairs. That in the old Infantry Barracks, needs

but little, that in the King's Dragoon Guards a good deal, I have to observe upon the former that it is a new building, recently built from the private funds of the Officers, having cost them three hundred and ten Rupees. As the Supreme Government have decided on supplying these buildings from the public purse, it will be for your consideration whether this private outlay should not be returned; Officers do not grudge such little sacrifices, but the repayment of this will most probably enable them to do something more for the gratification of their humble comrades. In addition to some trifling repairs to the Buildings, the 60th Rifle Skittle Alleys require following articles.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

New frames	4
Sets of Pins	3
Balls.....	12
Viz. 4 large Cheeses. 4 Round Balls.	

and I am informed these balls should be made of Tamarind wood, as none other will last.

2. The Skittle Alley in the K. D. G. Barracks was built by 15th Hussars, but has been taken up as a public building. It requires considerable repair. The articles for the Game required for it are as follows :

New frames	3
Sets of Pins	3
Large Cheeses.....	3
Small Cheeses	3
Balls	8

3. Major Burgoyne represents that he has one Skittle Alley in his Barracks: which is in good repair, with the exception of the flooring which requires some small repair; all the Pins and Balls require renewing.

4. Government have called for a Plan and Estimate of a great addition and improvement to the Foot Artillery Barracks. I would suggest that the 2nd Skittle Alley should be given to this Barrack. The two Barracks will be far apart, and it seems to me to be within the scope of the kind consideration of the Supreme Government, to give to the inhabitants of each a place for this amusement.

5. If you concur in this view it can be contemplated in the Plan of these improvements, and hereafter constructed by either Captain Wilkieson or Captain Mayne as you deem best.

6. Upon enquiring I find that the expenses of these Alleys of the 2 Queen's Regiments amount monthly to the sum of twenty-six Rupees for each corps, viz., eighteen Rupees for watering and repairs to floor, and right contract, made for renewal of Balls and Pins, and frame repairs.* This sum is bonafide expended upon the Alleys, and both Commanding Officers assure me they have ascertained it is requisite.

May I ask if you consider yourself authorized to supply this also. The Court of the Artillery is much smaller and the players but few. If monthly allowance be recognized, I would suggest that Major Burgoyne may be permitted to send in a monthly account, which will, I know, be very small.

Letter from Lieutenant-General Sir M. CUBBON, K. C. B., Commissioner in Bangalore; to Lieutenant-General M. BERESFORD, Officer Commanding Mysore Division, dated 6th September 1858, No. 607.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 200 of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that Captain Wilkieson, Acting Chief Engineer, has been instructed to arrange for the supply of Skittles, &c., as also for all necessary repairs to the Skittle Alleys at present in existence.

2. Regarding a separate Skittle Alley for the enlarged Foot Artillery Barrack, I concur with you in considering the provision of it within the scope of the letter from the Government of India, and the Acting Chief Engineer will be instructed accordingly.

3. As I cannot myself decide the question of a permanent allowance for the maintenance in repair of the Skittle Alleys, and for the regular supply of Skittles, &c., I shall have the honor of submitting this point, together with the other point of repaying to the Officers of the 43rd Regiment, the expense incurred by them in building a Skittle Alley, for the instructions of the Government of India.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 939; dated 20th April 1859.

The Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for paying to the Officers of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles a sum of Rupees (310) three hundred and ten, being the cost of the Skittle Alleys built by them at Bangalore for the use of the men of the Regiment.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1183.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 28th March 1859.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, 14th March 1859, No. 113; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

As it appears that the completion of the Military Prison and Solitary Cells at Jackatalla has been suspended by order of the Government of India, probably under the impression, that the station would not be occupied as it is at present by a Regiment, above (even) its regulated numerical strength—I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request, you will be good enough to submit to Government, the absolute necessity that exists for these buildings to be provided at once. The case is an emergent one, for not only is the Regiment very strong, but the fact of its being composed almost entirely of mere lads renders it if possible doubly imperative, that the means of enforcing discipline should be at hand, under these circumstances, His Excellency would urge on Government the propriety of sanction being granted to complete the buildings on emergency.

Such arrangements as can be readily made for Sewerage and the Privies, are being carried out by the Executive Engineer.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department, under date the 17th March 1859, No. 622.

Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated the 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 Jackatalla. 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.

From the Officer Commanding 3rd Battalion H. M.'s 60th Royal Rifles, Jackatalla, 11th March 1859; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

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.

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 1860-61, and consequently that SPECIAL sanction is now necessary.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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 Consultation, 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.

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

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the above Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department, be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion, that the Skittle Alleys built by the Officers of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles at Bangalore, should be reported on by the Engineer Officer, and if fit for public use, taken over on account of Government at their valuation.

(True Extract and Copies.)

J. Hamilton
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Department Public Works. With 20 spare copies.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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N^o 362.

Executive Engineer's Office 7*

From

Captain S. O. Mayne

Executive Engineer Bangalore

To.

The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Madras.

Sir.

With reference to your letter N^o 4074 dated 28th September last, I have the honor to forward a Valuation Estimate of the Shuttle alley in the European Infantry Barracks built by the Regiment of H. M. 3/60th Rifles amounting to Rspees 200.

The Regiment has now left the station and the Madras Fusiliers consequently have the use of the Shuttle alley.

The correspondence on this subject was forwarded to your office with my letter N^o 449 dated 23rd September 1858, in which the Lieutenant General recommends that the cost of this building should be refunded to the Regiment of H. M. 3/60th Rifles. The building is only a thatched roof raised on stone pillars.

I have very

Signed S. O. Mayne Capt.
Exec Engineer Bangalore

Three Copies

Major

Superintending Engineer S. C.

Longwell

Bangalore }
30th March 59

From 23rd March 1859 - 185-36.
" 25 January - 18-17
" 27 July 1858 - 27-28
" 23 Decr 1857 - 183-134

Public Works 1859 - 1860
Do to 29th April

Rs 783.

Extract from the statement of cost in the Military Department.

Notes 28 March 59
Rs 1st April 1859

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a view to his obtaining and furnishing the report required in para 3.

W. L. Lawrence

6 April 1859

N^o 19.

Communicating to the Chief Engineer the amount of 17th August 1858 in the P.M.D. and stating that the estimate of Rs 783 by the Officer of the Bangalore, should be refunded on by the Engineer, viz for for public use. Taken over on account of cost at the valuation of Rs 783. 20th April 1859.
W. L. Lawrence

From Lieutenant General Bampfden
Commanding the Mysore Division

To The Commissioner for Mysore
Bangalore 1st September 1858.

Sir,

In reply to your letter as per margin I have the honor to state, that there are two Kettle alleys in both the Barracks occupied by Her Majesty's Regiments, but both require some repairs. That in the old Infantry Barracks, needs but little, that in the King's Dragoon Guards a good deal I have to observe upon the former that it is a new building, recently built from the private funds of the officers, having cost them three hundred and ten Rupees. As the Supreme Government have decided on supplying these buildings from the public purse, it will be for your consideration whether this private outlay should not be returned; Officers do not grudge such little sacrifices, but the repayment of this will most probably enable them to do something more for the gratification of their humble Commodities. In addition to some trifling repairs to the Buildings, the 60th Regt. Kettle alley requires following articles.

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Sets of Pins	3
Bails	12
1/2 doz Large Cheeses	}
2 Round Bails	

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P. 535 11th August
1858

Enclosed in letter

from the Chief Engineer

To

The Deputy Commr. Mysore

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Dated 8th

Received

11th August 1858

Copy of letter from
the Executive Engineer Bangalore
for forwarding a statement
of the estimate of the cost of
the Barracks, Infantry Barracks
communicated to the Deputy Commr.

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Little Alley of Banquetting

a Valuation Estimate of the present
condition of the Shuttle Alley in question
in the Infantry Barracks now occupied
by the Marine Fusiliers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant
8th April 1855
W.B.
S. J. C.
W. B. Lister Col.
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to
Government P. B. D.

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No 939

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under dated the 20th April 1859
Read the following paper.

Extract from the Mins.
of Cons: in the Military
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(Here enter 28th March 1859
No 1183)

From the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 8th April 1859 No 94113)

The Honorable the
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for the use of the men of
the Regiment

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10. Copy to the Chief Eng^r Dtd 21st
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24th 28th 1859
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No 94113

No 939-20th April 1859.

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