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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 11th to 17th June 1859.

No. 53. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 13th June 1859, No. 2074.

Read the following papers.

From the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 9th June 1859, No. 1455.

President's Minute.

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The Governor in Council observes from the foregoing letter from the Chief Engineer, that the sum of Rupees (50,000) fifty thousand, lately sanctioned by the Government of India, is for the provision of Privies, and better drainage to the Barracks in Fort Saint George. His Honor in Council however is of opinion, that the construction of Verandahs is an improvement, equally emergently required, and equally essential, on account of the health of the men, as the former. He accordingly approves of the work being executed on emergency, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India to the Estimate for Rupees (42,220) forty two thousand, two hundred and twenty, which will be immediately applied for in the Department Public Works.

He also desires that copies of the Papers on this subject be reported by next Mail (by Bombay) for Lord Stanley's information.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Ag. Depy. Secy. to Government.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1859, No. 1466.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer in view to the work being proceeded with on emergency.

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

No. 55. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 15th June 1859, No. 1467.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to submit for the consideration of the Government of India the correspondence that has passed on the subject of providing additional accommodation for European Troops within the fortress of Fort Saint George.

From Town Major, 17th January 1859 No. 213.
E. M. C. Mily. Dept, 24th do do do 308.
E. M. C. P. W. Dept, 3rd February do do 302a
From Chief Engr., 9th June do do 1455.
Minute by the Honorable the President 11th June 1859.
Proceedings Mily. Dept. 13th June 1859 No. 2074.

2. A Committee of Engineer Officers assembled under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor on the 17th December 1858 to consider and devise the best means of providing this accommodation. The proposals submitted by the Committee were approved by Government and the Chief Engineer was requested to prepare the necessary Plan and Estimate. Colonel Bell's letter of the 9th June 1859, is the result of this reference and gives cover to an Estimate amounting to Rupees 42,220 for constructing verandahs to the lower and upper stories of the south, east, and part of the west sides of the European Barracks.

3. A Minute recorded by the Honorable the President of which a copy accompanies will inform the Government of India that this is a part and an essential part, of the improvements to the Barracks of this fortress, and that its early completion is so important for the health of the Troops that His Excellency is anxious that the work should be put in hand immediately as an emergent service.

4. Concurring in the views of His Excellency, the Government have granted authority for the work being proceeded with in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, and they now solicit that their proceedings in this respect may be confirmed.

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Military Department

No 2074

Proceedings of the Madras Government

13th June 1859

Read the following Papers

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He also desires that Copies of the Papers on this subject be reported by next Mail, by Bombay, for Lord Stanley's information.

(Signed) R. Hamilton Lieut Col
Ag Dep Secy to Govt

To
The Department Public Works for report
to England with L. 2733 & enclosures as noted
Plan & Estimate to (to be returned)
" Town Major

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Minute by the Honorable the President.
11th June 1859.

The construction of this Verandah is such an essential part of every plan for the improvement of these Barracks and its early completion is so important for the health of the Troops, that I propose that it should be immediately put in hand as an emergent Service and be reported to Calcutta and Leadenhall Street.

The other measures in progress for the improvement of the Barracks are as follows.

1st The Sea Wall of the Fort is being lowered whereby the Sea breeze will be more freely admitted into every part of the Fort.

2ndly Large arches are being made at each end of the Barracks oblong to allow of the free circulation of air within.

3dly Fringes, which may be removed in the day time, are being made for the Punkas, and the Punkas will be pulled by Water power, in order to secure their constant action by night as well as by day.

4thly A cistern, to be supplied by a Steam Engine, is being made above the level of the roof of the Barracks, whereby a constant stream of Water will be sent through the

the drains, and through Urinaries and
water Closets to be constructed in Connection
with both Stories of the Barracks.

5th As soon as the Board of Revenue
and the Department of Works have been re-
moved to Cheapside, the Military Pay Office
will be transferred to one of the houses at present
occupied by the Department of Works— The Mili-
tary Pay Office and the Office of the Board
of Revenue will be given up to the Officers
and the present Officers Quarters and their
Spacious Mess Room will be added
to the accommodation of the Mess.

6th The Cells, Kitchens and Privies on the
North West face of the Barracks will be re-
moved to the first to the top of and adjoining
Bastion— the second to the adjoining Curtain
proofs in Front Walls and the third to the
Berme outside the Wall.

7th The Building called the Cadet
Barracks to the Northeast of the Barracks
will be pulled down, and a Spacious open
Roof on the principals of a first Class
Railway Station, will be erected over
its site and over the adjoining vacant
Space, under which every Kind of amuse-
ment may be enjoyed by the men with-
out their being exposed to the rays of the
sun; and

8th The existing arrangement by
which all the Officers and Men of the Regi-
ment will periodically have the benefit of

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a change to the mount will be maintained;
and it may be hoped that the Committee,
which has been appointed to inquire into
the causes of the recent deaths in the De-
tachments of Her Majesty's 46th Regiment
on their way from the Mount to Madras
and from Madras to the Mount, will be
able to point out the conditions under
which the transit both ways may
in future be safely made.

The two most expensive of these arrange-
ments— Viz. the lowering of the Sea face of
Fort St George and the purchase of
St Repauls— have been determined on from
other more general considerations.

As Mr Brierly's letter of the 7th April
last— "It is sufficiently established that
"the Barrack accommodation in Fort St
"George is in many respects defective." "This
"however is no reason why we should relax
"in our exertions to improve the Barracks,
"and I shall be prepared to sanction any
"reasonable outlay which may be found
"requisite to render them more healthy
"and commodious— due regard being had
"to the Comfort and convenience of the
"Married Soldier" justifies me in dealing
with this work is one which ought to be
immediately put in hands.

Received by the Chief Secretary
to Govt. Public Works Dept.
8th March 1869.

No. 1455.

From

The Chief Engineer

Central Office of Public Works

To

The Secretary

to Government Public Works Dept.

Sir,

Brigd. Genl. B.

1st Reference on the
Govt. Engr. to
29.2.69, Published
1869.
1 Plan
1 Abstract Estimate

With reference to Extract
Minutes of Consultation 27.2.69. dated 2d.
February last, I have the honor to forward
for the consideration and orders of Govt.
Government, the accompanying revised
Plan and Estimate prepared by the Garri-
son Engineer, amounting to Rupees ...
(42,220). Forty two thousand two hundreds
and twenty, for erecting a verandah to
the upper and lower stories of the South
East and part of the West sides of the
European Barracks in the Fort.

2 The Work as stated by the Hon-
ourable the Governor on the face of
Captain Rawlins' letter herewith forward-
ed, "is in every sense emergent," and as such
I have the honor to request the early sanc-
tion of Government for the Amount above
mentioned.

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I would in conclusion observe, with reference to the further remarks of His Excellency the Governor on Captain Rawlins' letter before alluded to, that the sum of Rupees 50,000 sanctioned by the Government of India on the 5th May 1859,* was intended for the improvement of the drainage of Fort Saint George, Construction of Privies for the use of the Clerks employed in the Fort, and for the reconstruction of Privies for the Soldiers stationed therein; and as that sum will therefore be required for those improvements (the revised Plans and Estimates for which are under preparation by the Garrison Engineer) especial Sanction must be accorded for the Amount of the present Estimate.

Fort St. George
9th June 1859

(Signed) Sc. Bell Lieut.-Col.
Chief Engineer

Proc. dated Govt. 25th May 1859 No 1225.

No 121.

From
The Assistant Garrison Engineer

To
The Chief Engineer
in the Depart. Public Works.

Sir

With reference to your resolution No 1768, dated 7th February last, on the Extract Minutes of Consultation No 362. of the 2d inst. I have the honor to forward marked the accompanying revised Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees (42,220) Forty two thousand two hundred and twenty for erecting a Verandah to the lower and upper Stories of the South East, and part of the West Sides of the European Barracks in Fort Saint George.

Enclosures 3.

This Work is in every Sense emergent, and I request that the necessary forms of Office may be got through without unnecessary delay. The 50,000 Rupees which have been lately Sanctioned for the improvement of these Barracks are available even if no sum had been passed in the Budget - and there are one large Casing arising from the alteration in the Plan for reforming the Seat faced.

Fort St. George
1st June 1859

(Signed) W. Rowlins Capt.
Assistant Garrison Engr.

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From the Chief Engr
of Public Works
Esqr. June 13th 1840.

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Copy sent to L.H.E. for Info
of 16th June 1859 No 22.

P. Works 1859 Desp to
Pres of Govt 17th June.
No. 1545.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Military Depart.

Dated 13th
Received 13th } June/59

Encls-
From the Govt of India Dept
July 59 No 2002 inclg
The remarks of the Chief Engr on the estimate of Rs 14220 for the construction of a Verandah to certain Wards of the Military Hospital in the Fort assuming as the basis of the transmission to the Home authorities of copies of the Proceedings the subject requested.

No 1466. 15th June 1859. L
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From the Dy. Chief Engr. Dy
13th Augt/59 - C. No. 2139 in
Cons.

From the Chief Engr Dy
26th Sept/59 No 1874
in this

No 53 & 54.

No. 1466

Communicate to the Chief Engineer with a view to the work being proceeded with as emergency.

From Wm. Geo[illegible]
15th June/59.
Wt. 1 Copy to the Chief Engr
Disp. 15th
9 Encls &c to D. No 116