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

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 31st May 1859, No. 1920.

Calling for a full report of the fall of one of the temporary ranges of Barracks in use with the Detachment 2nd European Light Infantry at Waltair. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 28th to 31st May 1859, Nos. 51-52.)

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1859, No. 1481.

No. 84. Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance, with reference to the order in this Department dated 31st May 1859 No. 1315.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 20th May 1859, *No.* 219; *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 copy of a letter from Major General Tulloch Commanding Northern Division, reporting the fall of one of the temporary Ranges of Barracks in use with the Detachment 2nd European Light Infantry at Waltair, at midnight of 9th instant, during a violent storm.

His Excellency directs me to observe, that it is little creditable to the Officer of the Department Public Works, that better precaution should not have been taken to guard against the possibility of an accident of the kind.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division Head Quarters Waltair, 12*th May* 1859, *No.* 133; *to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.*

I regret to have to report to you for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that a very violent storm which took place here about 12 o'clock on the night of the 9th, and lasted for two hours, has caused the entire destruction of one range of the barracks of the Detachment 2nd European Light Infantry, and I grieve to say, that one man has been most seriously, and 2 or 3 others slightly injured.

2. The Barracks which have been levelled with the ground had only a few days before been entirely re-roofed, and built with pillars on which the roof rested. The other range of Barracks had been unroofed some days before the occurrence of the storm, for the purpose of undergoing the same alterations.

3. The accident that has taken place, I consider, is principally, if not entirely owing to mud, instead of chunam being used in the construction of the pillars, not one of which scarcely stood, and they appeared to be too high and not substantial enough—all of them snapped about the middle. There was no defect in the roof, for that came down almost entire.

4. The men of the Detachment are now all in Tents.

5. The District Engineer has submitted a full report of the circumstances to the Chief Engineer, and is rapidly proceeding with the re-construction of the Barracks, making the pillars more substantial, and re-building them in chunam, and I trust that ere long, the men will be in Barracks again.

ORDER, No. 1920, 31*st May* 1859.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. The Governor in Council awaits a full report of the circumstances connected with the fall of the Barracks in question; which will be called for by the Chief Engineer, and submitted through the Department Public Works.

3. His Honor in Council has learnt with regret, that injuries have been sustained by some men of the 2nd European Light Infantry on this occasion.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. J. Davis.

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Calling for a plan & report
of the fall of one of the Lower
Forage Ranges of Barracks
in connection with the Detachment
2d Europeans Light Infantry
at Hallair.

No 1481. 16th June 1859
Lieut Col Collier

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guidance, with reference to
the order in this Department
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To Capt to the Chief Engr
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