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

No. 72. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 19th April 1859, No. 9701.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter under date 8th April 1859, from Lieutenant Colonel Lawford, Superintending Engineer, Centre Circle, on Special duty at Jackatalla, in reply to the orders of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 793, dated 2nd April 1859, representing that the construction of a weather proof temporary building on walls of brick in mud at a cost of Rupees 200 per 100 square feet, for Divine Service to accommodate 900 persons at that Station will amount to Rupees 15,000, that it cannot be constructed within a shorter period than 3 months, and recommending as it would interfere most materially with the progress of the Barracks, &c., not in a forward state, that the work may not be insisted on for the present.

2. By the end of the current month, the entire Block of No. 3 Barrack will be handed over to the Commanding Officer, for the accommodation of the Troops, and Colonel Bedford has consented to allow one of the Rooms to be converted into a School, Library and Temporary Church, sufficient for 300 persons at Public Worship; not sufficient certainly for the total number of Protestants at the station, the whole of whom however might be accommodated by alternate attendance. I have the honor therefore to recommend that Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford's views may be adopted, and also that his suggestion for the provision of an Iron or Wooden Church from Europe may receive favorable consideration.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, on Special duty; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 8th April 1859.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 793, dated 2nd April 1859, I have the honor to represent that a Temporary Building for Divine Service to accommodate 900 persons cannot be constructed at this Station for less than 15,000 Rupees, nor in a shorter period than three months, and as this work would most seriously interfere with the progress of the Barracks, I trust this arrangement may not be insisted on.

2. Three Rooms of Barrack No. 3 are now added to the Regimental accommodations and the entire Block will be at the Commanding Officer's disposal by the end of the current month, and as Colonel Bedford has distinctly assented to my proposal to convert one of the Rooms into a School, Library and Temporary Church, I hope no change of that plan will be ordered, as nothing tends so much to delay the completion of the permanent buildings as their frequent interruption and the division of the scanty available labour for purposes of a temporary nature.

3. A Barrack Room is capable of holding 300 persons at Public Worship, but though this is far below the number of Protestants at this Station, yet by alternate attendance the whole may be accommodated.

4. It may be stated generally that a weather proof temporary building on walls of brick in mud will cost 200 Rupees per square of 100 feet, and therefore one capable of holding 300 persons would amount to upwards of 5,000 Rupees.

5. On the whole it appears to me that the best plan would be to order out from England an Iron or Wooden Church for 1,000 persons, the basement of which could be prepared while the superstructure is on its passage.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 965; dated 21st April 1859.

Under the circumstances stated, and on the assurance that Colonel Bedford concurs in the proposed arrangement, the Governor in Council accedes to the suggestion of Colonel Lawford supported by the Chief Engineer, that the construction of a place of worship at Jackatalla be for the present postponed; and that accommodation for Divine Service be provided in a portion of the Barracks nearly completed. An Estimate should be submitted for building a permanent Church as soon as the Barracks shall be completed.

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

Sackatulla

8 April 1859

Sir,

Lieutenant Colonel Fairfax

Superintending Eng^r Central Circle

On Special duty

To,

Colonel Faber

Chief Engineer P. W. D.

Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to Ex. Mins. Gen. N^o 793 dated 2 April 1859 I have the honor to represent that a Temporary Building for Divine Service to accommodate 900 persons cannot be constructed at this station for less than 15000 Rupees nor in a shorter period than three months, and as this work would most seriously interfere with the progress of the Barracks, I trust this arrangement may not be insisted on.

2. Three rooms of Barrack N^o 3 are now added to the Regimental accommodations and the entire block will be at the Commanding Officer's disposal by the end of the current month, and as Colonel Bedford has distinctly assented to my proposal to convert one of the rooms into a school Library and Temple Church, I hope no change of that plan will be ordered, as nothing tends so much to delay the completion of the permanent buildings as their

Yours
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frequent interruption and the division of the scanty available
labour for purposes of a temporary nature.

3 A Barrack room is capable of holding 300 persons at
public worship, but though this is far below the number of
protestants at this station, yet by alternate attendance the whole
may be accommodated.

4. It may be stated generally that a weather proof temporary
Building on walls of brick or mud will cost 200 Rs² per square of 100 feet,
wherefore one capable of holding 300 persons would amount to upwards of
5000 Rupees.

5. On the whole it appears to me that the best plan would
be to order out from England an iron or wooden Church for
1000 persons, the basement of which could be prepared while the
superstructure is on its passage.

I have the honor to be &c

Yours faithfully
Signed / E. Lawford. Lieut Col

Superintending Eng^r Central Circle

On Special Duty.

(True Copy)

[Signature] Major

Sup^r Eng^r Central Circle

Comd^r D.W.

Central Office of P.M.
Fort St. George

14 April 1859.

N^o 9701

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government P.M.

Ecclesiastical

Sir, I have the honor to forward
copy of a letter under date 5 April
1859 from Lieut. Colonel Lawford, Super-
intending Engineer, Madras Circle on
special duty at Dacca to the
reply to the order of Government
conveyed in G. O. No. 1199
dated 2nd April 1859. Representing
that the construction of a weather-
proof temporary building on walls
of brick in mud at a cost of
Rupees 200 per 100 square feet for
divine service to accommodate 900
persons at that station will
amount to Rupees 15,000 that it
cannot be constructed within a
shorter period than 3 months, and
recommending as it would interfere
much

In answer to a letter
from the Chief Engineer
to the Secy to Govt. P.M.

P. M. D. 6. 9. 65.

Sent 19th April 1859

N^o 9701

Copy of a letter
from the Secy to Govt.
to the Chief Engineer
concerning the
construction of a
temporary church
at Dacca.

work materially with the progress of
the Barracks for not in a forward
state, that the work may not be
interrupted as for the present.

2. By the end of the current
month, the entire Block of 14.3
Barrack will be handed over to the

Commanding Officer, for the accommo-
dation of the Troops, and Colonel
Bedford has consented to allow
one of the Rooms to be converted
into a School Library and temporary
Church, sufficient for 300 persons
at public worship; not sufficient
certainly for the total number of
Protestants at the Station, the whole
of whom, however, might be accommo-
dated by alternate attendance.

I have the honor therefore to re-
commend that Lieut. Colonel Sawford's
views may be adopted, and also that
his suggestion for the provision
of an Iron or Wooden Church from
Europe may receive favorable
consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. A. Bell Lieut Col

Port of George
14 April 1859
W. B.
S. S. C.
To the Secretary to
Government

The proposed
conversion of
the Barracks
is a very
important
subject and
one which
will require
careful
consideration.

M. J. W.

Wish - Col. Sawford's statement
of Col. Bedford's views is
in accordance with the opinion of
General & the Board of Directors
have been recommended to change his mind.

Col. Bedford is unwilling to
see the Barracks altered in the
of building, but he still needs
a new building.

From the Chief Engineer
to the Hon. Secy of the Interior
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Under the circumstances
stated, and on the assurance that
Colonel Goodford concurs in the prop-
osed arrangement, the Governor in-
cumbent accedes to the suggestion
of Colonel Goodford, and authorized by the
Chief Engineer, that the construction
of a place of worship at the site
be for the present postponed until
that accommodation for divine
services be provided in a permanent
building is nearly completed. As the
mode should be submitted for
building a permanent church at the
site the same shall be completed
first of the year.

San Francisco
April 19/59