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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1860.*

No. 205. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 8th December 1860, No. 4,461 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department.

Forwards certain correspondence relative to the construction of the Artillery Barracks at Bellary, and recommends the appropriation of the amount to other buildings there. } (Here enter 16th November 1860, No. 7,063.)

1. In the Chief Engineer's letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings of the Department Public Works, a new arrangement is proposed for providing the Barrack accommodation for the Artillery at Bellary, at an earlier date than could be accomplished, by carrying out the measure ordered in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

2. The plan now suggested by the local Military authorities, and approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, is to adapt the new Hospital as a Barrack for the Artillery, completing at the same time a block of the new quarters for married men, together with temporary auxiliary buildings and offices for their accommodation, and for which funds are available as shown in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's letter.

3. The only objection which occurs to the Governor in Council in reviewing the subject is, that the plan proposed would defer indefinitely the completion of the Hospital for its original purpose, which is to be regretted. His Honor also remarks, that it does not appear what provision has been made for the sick of the Artillery, he will not however withhold his consent on the above account, if no better arrangement can be proposed, but with two blocks of the Barracks now in use with the Regiment at Bellary, apparently available, viz., one appropriated for the sick, who would be accommodated in the Hospital when finished, and the other as a Theatre, for which a temporary building could be erected if necessary hereafter, and the further accommodation of the new quarter for married men, it appears to His Honor, that the completion of the Hospital as such, is the more desirable plan, if it can possibly be accomplished with the funds available—such of the Infantry blocks as may be most conveniently situated for the erection of the proposed temporary out offices, being made over for the use of the Artillery.

4. The Governor in Council considers it desirable, however, that the Chief Engineer should decide on professional grounds, whether the plan recommended by the local authorities as stated in paragraph 2, or that proposed in paragraph 3 of this Order, should be adopted as most beneficial for the public service, communicating without delay his decision to the Quarter Master General for submission to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and directing the District Engineer to proceed with the plan determined on, with all practicable expedition, reporting at the same time for the information of Government.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1860, No. 2,579.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance with reference to his letter dated 16th November 1860, No. 7,063.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 16th November 1860, No. 7,063 :—

SIR,

1. Paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Proceedings of Government No. 2,168, dated 18th ultimo, were communicated to the District Engineer Bellary by Telegraph on the 20th idem with instructions that a site should at once be chosen in communication with the Officer Commanding the Division, and that the character of building laid down in the G. O. should be closely adhered to, and the work at once commenced upon.

- 1 Letter from District Engineer, Bellary, No. 233, dated 29th October 1860.
- 1 Do. from Quarter Master General, No. 2,997, dated 8th November 1860.
- 1 Do. from Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, No. 86, dated 3rd November 1860.
2. Captain Fisher in his letter now forwarded has replied by pointing out that the sanctioned plan contained a basement formed of groined arches, so that "such a work could not possibly be completed in the time contemplated by Government," and he has further showed that as one of the blocks of Barracks is now used as a Hospital and another as a Theatre, and as the new Hospital and one block of the new married men's quarters could be finished by the 1st January 1861 and another block during the current official year, ample accommodation may be found for the Artillery without resorting to the expedient of erecting new Quarters of the character prescribed in the above order of Government.

3. The letter of the District Engineer was laid by me before His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, who has furnished me with a copy of one from Major General Coffin, Commanding the Ceded Districts, supporting the views of Captain Fisher, only adding "that about 5,000 of what was then believed to be the 50,000 Rupees available for the Barracks should be set aside for temporary gun-sheds, store-rooms, &c.," and that if the funds available be expended as recommended by himself and the District Engineer, that "one Troop of Horse Artillery, and a Horse Battery of Royal Artillery, or two Troops of Horse Artillery, might thus be put under cover before next hot season without any additional expense to the State, and no inconvenience felt by any one."

4. The Acting Quarter Master General observes that under the propositions now laid before His Excellency by the local Officers "which he much approves of, the temporary Barrack scheme is abandoned."

5. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request, 1st, that I may consider the Order contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 in Proceedings No. 2,168 dated 18th ultimo as cancelled; and 2nd, that authority may be granted to me for disbursing the sum Rupees 43,090 in adapting the new Hospital to hold the men of the Artillery, in completing a block of the new quarters for married men, and in constructing the requisite temporary auxiliary buildings, such as gun-sheds, store-rooms and out-offices, as recommended by Major General Coffin. The precise sum to be allotted to each purpose can only be stated after communicating with the District Engineer, and this will be reported to Government in due course.

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6. I may observe with reference to paragraph 6 of General Coffin's letter that the Supplemental Estimate, Rupees 34,041, for completing the Hospital was returned to the District Engineer for certain explanation (to be accompanied by plans) on the 4th October 1860.

7. Much of the delay complained of appears to have arisen from its detention for a period of three months in the Estimate department of this office for the purpose of examination.

8. The question of the site for the new Barracks is the only subject alluded to in the accompanying correspondence not yet touched upon. There appears to have been some misapprehension on the part of the District Engineer, but as General Coffin and Captain Fisher have now the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief clearly laid before them, it must be left to them to decide on the locality most suitable for erecting the permanent Barracks for the Artillery. As, however, it is necessary that a good supply of Stone and Timber should be laid in before commencing operations on these buildings, I would suggest, that should the

above sum of Rupees 43,090, be more than sufficient to carry out the arrangements proposed by Major General Coffin to meet the present emergency, the remainder should be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer for the above purpose.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1860, No. 2,431.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration with reference to paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Proceedings in this Department, dated 18th October 1860, No. 2,161.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

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Fort St. George,
8th December 1860

M. M. M. M. M.
By Secretary to Govt.

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