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No. 107. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 20th February 1860, No. 749.

Authorizing the temporary accommodation required for the Battery of European Artillery sent to Waltair. (Vide Military Proceedings from 11th to 20th February 1860, Nos. 273-274.)

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1860, No. 432.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for guidance.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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, 14*th February* 1860, *No.* 56; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

1. Referring to para. 4 of Order of Government No. 4607, dated 30th December 1859, I have the honor to forward, in original, a letter from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division, on the subject of the accommodation available and required for the Battery of European Artillery sent to Waltair.

2. Owing to the destruction by storm, of a portion of the buildings erected for the three Companies of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment, there is not, it appears, the extent of accommodation for the Battery which was believed to be the case, when my letter to Government dated 28th December last, No. 482, was penned. The destruction of some of these Barracks was overlooked when that letter was forwarded—but it was reported to Government on the 20th May last.

3. The buildings which Major General Tulloch, C. B., states to be necessary are,

Range of Barracks	to cost.....	920
Married men's quarters	,, ...	1,000
Harness room	,, ...	1,150
Gun Shed	,, ...	250
		3,320

4. The construction of a Trough for watering the Horses may be deferred until any inconvenience is ascertained to be suffered from the want of it.

5. It is not at present contemplated to send more Troops to Waltair, and, therefore, the sinking of wells spoken of by General Tulloch, C. B., need not be considered.

6. It is the Commander-in-Chief's opinion that it is quite essential that a Light Field Battery should be placed at the Head Quarters of the Northern Division. At present, with the exception of the Golundauze proceeding to Cuttack from Vizianagram, there is not a single Artillery man in the whole Northern Division; and this is not a state of things which should be allowed to continue.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Head Quarters, Waltair, 31*st January* 1860, *No.* 31; *to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 31st ultimo, number and subject, as per margin, and beg leave to report that there is not the same amount of accommodation in the temporary Barracks occupied by the Detachment 2nd European L. I., as formerly. When the 69th were here, and before the Barracks were blown down in the storm which took place in May last, they were built in two long ranges, whereas there are five separate ranges now, with an interval of 10 feet between each range, making a difference of 50 feet less in the aggregate length.

No. 3251.
Requests he will be good enough to forward a full report of the mode in which he proposes to accommodate the A. Company 4th Battalion Artillery and number 1 Horse Field Battery, ordered to Waltair.

2. Besides this, when the 69th were here, there were two other ranges running at right angles with the others, and only one of these was re-built for the accommodation of the families of the Detachment 2nd European L. I. The 69th, moreover, had no families.

3. The present ranges are not calculated to hold more than 50 men each. Two would, therefore have to be set apart for the men of the 2nd Europeans, and three for the Horse Battery. Two other ranges would then be required—one large enough to contain 11 families of the Battery, and the other to be appropriated and partitioned off as a store-room, reading room and Serjeants' mess room, for the use of the two Detachments together, or as there are so many of the 2nd European L. I. claiming their discharge and very few will be shortly left, one range would be sufficient for them, an arrangement which, of course, would necessitate the erection only of one more range, unless it is proposed to send other men in place of those discharged.

Range of Barracks.....	Rupees	920
Married men's quarters.....	„	1,000
Harness room.....	„	1,150
Gun Shed.....	„	250
Total Rupees		3,320

4. The cost of each new building has been estimated, as per margin, and they could be erected in the same compound as the present barracks. There is sufficient room also in the same compound for the Horses, &c., or in the ground adjacent.

5. The Horses would have to be taken about half a mile off for water to a stream, which flows all the year round from the Simmachellum Hills, and which the Engineer Officer proposes to dam up with solid masonry, so as to form a pool of sufficient size at which the Horses could be watered. The cost of this, and clearing the road &c., to the same, and compensation to the ryots will amount in all to about 500 Rupees.

* A Trough might be built near the pool for watering the horses.

6. I may as well allude to the probability of a Magazine being eventually required.

7. I would beg to urge on Government the necessity of sinking a few good wells if more Troops are sent, and so providing against a scarcity of water, which might otherwise be seriously felt. The water in some of the wells is already failing, owing to the unusually dry season we have had, and it was the same last year.

8. In conclusion, I would beg to add that this report has been delayed owing to the absence of the Engineer Officer on duty in the district, who has only just returned.

ORDER, No. 719, *20th February* 1860.

Ordered to be communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. The Commander-in-Chief having intimated that it is "essential that a Light Field Battery should be placed at the Head Quarters of the Northern Division." The Governor in Council authorises the temporary accommodation proposed in the foregoing letter being provided.

(True Extract.)

A Macmillan Steel
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Department Public Works.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance.

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Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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