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No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st January 1862, No. 258:—

Chief Engineer's letter, stating that an item for the quarters of a Battery Staff Serjeant should be added in the List of Buildings to be provided for the Artillery in the Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore do lie over. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 21st January 1862, Nos. 142-143.)

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1862, No. 58.

Ordered to be communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, for information.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Chief Engineer, Chepauk, Dept. Public Works, 24th December 1861, *No.* 8793; *to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

In continuation of my letter, No. 7784, dated 30th November 1861, I have the honor to state that the Executive Engineer Bangalore, has reported that in the list of buildings to be provided for the Artillery, if quartered in two of the Blocks of the Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, he omitted Quarters for a Battery Staff Serjeant, which are required in addition to Staff Serjeants' Quarters, and therefore it will be requisite to add that item, with the sum of Rupees 1,980 set against it, to the amount of Rupees 40,470 entered in the margin of paragraph 1 of my previous letter, thus making a total of Rupees 42,450.

Enclosure 1.
1 *Letter from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, No.* 268, *dated* 11*th December* 1861, *(vide paragraph* 5.)

From the ExecutiveEngineer, Bangalore, 11*th December* 1861, *No.* 268; *to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, Department Public Works, Madras.*

In reply to your letter, No. 5675, dated 8th October 1861, I have the honor to offer the following remarks and explanation to the points referred to.

2. On reading Major Scott's letter to the Chief Engineer, I observe in paragraph 2, he states, that according to orders of Supreme Government, there are now to be no entrenchments of the description laid down in the Plan forwarded, and that this will probably affect the position of the buildings required for the Artillery, and suggests that hereafter a better site may be found for the Artillery Barracks than can be found in the circumscribed space within the entrenchments, and also mentions that space will be required within the defences for an Arsenal—To this I would observe, that though a continuous entrenchment was objected by the Supreme Government and detached earth-works suggested instead, yet these must be so situated that in the event of a serious disturbance they may be connected with earth-works, and will consequently be very much in the position of the small Towers shewn in the Plan of the originally proposed entrenchment, and the space between these must be left clear, so that any change in the system of the defences will not affect any of the buildings as already proposed—and secondly, the two principal reasons suggested for placing the Artillery in these Barracks were, first, that the Artillery might be situated within, and always near the defences, and secondly, by moving the Dragoon saddles from Verandahs suited to house men in, the Barrack would hold some 200 additional men, and by thus giving up a portion to the Artillery, a saving of some Rupees 70,000 to Government would be effected, both of which desirable objects will be lost if new Artillery Barracks are built elsewhere—Regarding the Arsenal it has never been proposed to place it within the same entrenchments as the Barracks. It was proposed by me, and approved of by the late Commander-in-Chief, that it should be on the site of the present Foot Artillery Barracks, and to act as an outwork of the larger entrenchments, *vide* letter from Colonel Reid, No. 680, dated 3rd March 1860 to Chief Engineer.

3. Regarding the first three omissions noted in paragraph 3 of Major Scott's letter, as remarked in the Chief Engineer's letter to that Officer, it was arranged that two Blocks of Barracks out of eight, with their out-houses complete, should be given up for the men, and for the women married Quarters were provided for in the Estimates, and I cannot understand how His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was misled on this point.

4. As suggested in paragraph 4 of the Chief Engineer's letter to Major Scott, one of the rooms attached to the Sick Stables, was intended for Veterinary Dispensary, which arrangement is carried out in all other sick lines at this Station—For Quarter Master Store, there are four Store Rooms attached to each Block of Barracks, and some of these will be sufficient—Watering Troughs were omitted, but will be provided for in the project for supplying water to the Barracks, as their position will depend on the means of supply—Punishment Sheds are not provided for in any of the Artillery Barracks here, and were not considered.

5. The Battery Staff Serjeant's Quarters are of the same plan as the Staff Serjeant's Quarters, and by oversight it was omitted to enter the sum of Rupees 1,900 a second time in the Estimate.

6. As remarked by the Chief Engineer, the plan was well considered, as I consulted regarding details with Lieutenant Colonel Cadell, Commanding the Battery here, and though not mentioned in my letter, it was shewn to Colonel Burgoyne, then Commanding, who had no alteration to suggest, and the whole was approved of by the Major General Commanding the Division, and with the exception of having omitted from the Estimate the Battery Serjeant's Quarters, every omission complained of, has, I trust, been satisfactorily accounted for, and on re-consideration His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will see that the subject was fully considered before submitting it for his approval.

7. I have again submitted the Plan shewing the proposed arrangements to the Officer Commanding Artillery here, and he approves of it.

ORDER, No. 258, 21*st January* 1862.

Ordered to lie over with the papers recorded in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 4642, dated 18th December 1861.

(True Extract.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

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