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No. 147. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd January 1862, No. 281 :—

Communicating letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, in view to necessary steps being taken to provide accommodation for the Guard at Arcot, and repair generally the buildings as recommended. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 23rd January 1862, Nos. 448 @ 450.)

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1862, No. 75.

Communicated to the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, for early attention with reference to paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of Government Military Department, No. 281, dated 23rd January 1862.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Read the following letters :—

om the Chief Engineer, Chepauk, 30th November 1861, *No.* 7824 ; *to the Secretary to Govern-ent, Public Works Department.*

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2007, dated 20th October 1861, I have the honor to forward an original letter from the District Engineer North Arcot, whereby it appears that although the

etter from the District Engineer, North Arcot, Vo. 919, *dated 7th November* 1861.

al Civil and Military authorities see no objection to the proposal to locate the Vellore Múnsiff's urt in one of the buildings reported in Lieutenant-Colonel Boileau's Diary as vacant, and ted for that purpose, the Major General Commanding the Division states " that he does not hink it advisable to give over either of the buildings, especially as the arrangement would robably be a permanent one." Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the Civil dge of Chittoor may be moved, through the Sudder Ádálat, at once to fix upon a suitable site the Court House in question, as seven months of the year have now passed, and nothing has n done towards constructing the building, sanctioned by Government in Proceedings, No. 1185, ed 6th June 1860, for a Múnsiff's Court at Vellore on an Estimate of Rupees 2,570.

2. The same observation, as respects the selection of a site, applies to the Court House to constructed at Triputty, sanctioned by Government on the 17th August 1860, No. 1752, on Estimate of Rupees 1,700, and for which there is provision in the Budget of the current year.

ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1861, No. 2392.

1. Paragraph 1 of the Chief Engineer's letter will be referred to the Military Department, ere it will be ascertained whether there is any objection to one of the vacant buildings in the rt of Vellore being made available for the Cutcherry of the District Múnsiff of Vellore.

2. The subject of the non-selection of a site for a Court House for the District Múnsiff of iputty, will be considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department.)
6th January 1862.

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om the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 9th January 1862, *No.* 6 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to subjoin the llowing Report on the various points connected with Military Buildings at certain Stations in the ntre Division, called for by the Order of Government, No. 4109, dated 12th November 1861.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer's Report was sent to the Officer Commanding the Centre vision for remarks. The replies afforded by Major General McCleverty, and the recommenda-n of the Commander-in-Chief on each paragraph ; are, for convenience sake, entered side by side

Remarks by Officer Commanding Centre Division.	*Recommendations of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.*
Vellore.	
The small open space near the Bazar and Hospital was objected to on sanitary grounds as regarded the sick in Hospital. The Hospital being already too much crowded in by surrounding buildings; the Senior Medical Officer objected to the only open space being built on, by which means the Hospital would be still more blocked up; an opinion in which I concurred. I proposed a site at the North-West extremity of the glacis of the Fort at the junction of the Vellore Cantonment road with that leading from Madras to Bangalore. If it is decided not to retain more than two Regiments at Vellore, there can be no objection to the Múnsiff's Cutcherry being in one of the vacant buildings in the Fort on the same terms as in respect to other buildings therein occupied by the Civil authorities, *viz.*, being immediately vacated if the Fort is required for Military purposes and occupation by European Troops.	Eventually there will not be three Regiments at this place. The Cutcherry can therefore be placed in the Fort hereafter.
Buildings in Cantonment.	
With respect to buildings in the Cantonment, I have no observations to make, except to concur with Colonel Boileau.	Repairs to be made.
In Fort.	
The Engineer Officer is the best judge as to the gates, but I am of his opinion.	This measure is not one of necessity.
If a third Regiment is not permanently stationed at Vellore, the house of the Deputy Commissary of Ordnance can be given up with the understanding as noted above.	Certainly.
I concur in the observations of the Engineer Officer as to the other buildings: the old Barracks, by a prompt repair of the roof, may obviate a much heavier future expense, as on an emergency they would afford accommodation for about two hundred men, or either as a place of Arms or Hospital.	Repairs to be made to all, but old European Barracks and Hospital. The buildings will not be needed hereafter, should the Force to be maintained at Vellore be decided to be one Regiment.
Arcot.	
I quite concur in what Lieutenant Colonel Boileau says of the places of Arms, Hospital, Lower and upper Barracks. At the latter a new Guard-room is urgently required, the Guard have literally no place to remain in, except in the open Verandah in hot or wet weather—in case there are any drunken prisoners, it is most advisable to separate these from sober men, who may from various causes be also prisoners.	No remarks except that a new Guard-room should be provided.
Depôt Hospital.	
I also concur in what is stated about the European Depôt Hospital.	Should be done.
Saint Thomas' Mount.	
I would recommend a careful re-distribution of all the Barrack accommodation at the Mount to be made, as it will be the Depôt for men of the Artillery arriving from England and out-stations of the Presidency. The ventilation of the Depôt Barracks may be improved, and I would advocate that an allotment in superficial and cubic feet per man should be made in all the Barrack rooms, the number of men allotted to each room noted on the door or doors. The number should not be increased, by these means crowding, and admitted sanitary objections, would be avoided.	A separate letter to Government will be sent hereafter.
I have no observations to make on the 32nd and following paragraphs of Colonel Boileau's Diary.	No remarks.

3. With regard to the proposition made by the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, that the number of men which each room in a Barrack is calculated to contain, should be noted conspicuously over the door or doors, I have the honor to state, that being a practice which prevails in Barracks in England, it was intended sometime ago to adopt it in the Rules of this Presidency, but the draft of these Rules is not ready for submission, nor may be for sometime longer.

4. The subject of space to each Soldier is however one on which there is diversity of opinion; and as it will still further delay the disposal of the other points adverted to in this letter, the Commander-in-Chief will submit it for the consideration of Government at another time. And until it is decided, the noting over the door-ways of the Barrack rooms how many men can be accommodated in each, must be deferred.

ORDER, No. 281, *23rd January* 1862.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works, in view to the necessary steps being taken to provide the accommodation required for the Guard at Arcot, and the repairs generally of the buildings as recommended.

2. The Governor in Council awaits the further Report promised regarding the Barrack accommodation at Saint Thomas' Mount.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies*
,, Quarter Master General.
,, Barrack Master.

Lxd. T. Stubbs.

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