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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 4th June 1862.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 27th May 1862, No. 1,178 :—

Communicating to the Board of Revenue Proceedings Military Department, on the subject of providing suitable accommodation for the Battery of Artillery stationed at Waltair, with a request to direct the Collector to ascertain the extent, &c, of the land required by the Military authorities } (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 27th May 1862, Nos. 500-501.)

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1862, No. 1,258.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for information.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Depart.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, Chepauk, 28th February 1862, *No.* 194; *to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

1. I have the honor to submit herewith, an Estimate amounting to Rupees 960, accompanied by Plan, &c., for a Harness and Saddle room urgently required at Waltair, for the safe custody of the Accoutrements of the 2nd Battery 20th Brigade of the Royal Artillery there stationed; which, in a letter of protest addressed by the Officer Commanding to the Quarter Master General of the Army,* are represented to be in a position of great danger, chiefly, it may be inferred, from the ravages of white ants.

Letter from District Engineer Vizagapatam, No. 1167, *dated* 11*th January* 1862.
1 *Letter, No.* 1219, *dated* 12*th February* 1862.
1 *Estimate, Rupees* 960.
1 *Report.*
1 *Plan.*
1 *Copy of letter, No.* 75, *dated* 17*th February* 1862.

**Enclosure (copy.)*
1 *Copy of letter from Officer Commanding, No.* 75, *dated* 17*th February* 1862.

2. It will be necessary to explain with brevity, the circumstances under which the want of the Building in question has arisen.

3. It having recently become desirable to canton a Force of Infantry and Artillery at Waltair (Vizagapatam) as a temporary measure, Government directed the Troops to be housed in the most economical manner that should be consistent with the preservation of health; viewing the cause of their location as one not likely to be enduring. The Infantry having been withdrawn, their temporary Barracks have been in part dismantled; but a Battery of Artillery being maintained, it became necessary to improve the Quarters which the men occupied, and which the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army reported to the Quarter Master General to be in a very bad state.

4. The District Engineer having, in due course, been called upon to examine and report upon the actual condition of the Buildings in question, represented† them to be of a "very unsubstantial nature," the walls being composed of brushwood and mud (technically called "wattle and dab,") the roof of palmyra beams and leaves, supported on logs of the same wood set up in the walls, and the doors and windows of simple wattle and brushwood. The partitions separating the married from the unmarried Quarters are shewn to be of no better materials.

†*Enclosure.*
1 *Letter from District Engineer, No.* 1167, *dated* 11*th January* 1862.

5. The District Engineer had been in the meantime requested to frame an Estimate, with Plan, for a secure Building to contain the Equipments of the Battery, and these are the documents now submitted.

6. Acting on the representation above recited, I suggested to the Quarter Master General the inexpediency of attempting to improve Buildings of the character described, and submitted that, as it was reasonable to conclude both from its strategical position and from its healthy climate, that Waltair bid fair to become a fixed station for a Battery of Artillery, it would in all probability be found most conducive to the public interests, to erect at once permanent and substantial Barracks.

7. In pursuance of this suggestion, it was finally decided to seek the sanction of Government for the erection of a range of Barracks at Waltair similar to those now in course of construction at Bellary for a Battery of Royal Artillery, and calculated to last 18 or 20 years. Plans and Estimates were accordingly copied in this Office, and transmitted to the District Engineer with a view to his revising the Estimates according to the building data prevailing in Waltair; and to his suggesting any unimportant alterations in the Plans which local considerations rendered advisable.

8. As soon as these documents are received, they will be laid before Government.

9. The Saddle and Harness store-house to which the present Estimate refers, will, if sanctioned, be so placed as to be in conformity with the more permanent Barrack on the Bellary plan, if ultimately decided on.

10. The District Engineer has unfortunately omitted to obtain the signature of the Officer Commanding the Northern Division, in pursuance of Rule 77, Chapter V of the Code of Regulations, Department Public Works, but as the case is apparently a very urgent one, and as a month's delay would intervene if the Plan and Estimate were sent back to Waltair for this purpose, I shall submit all the documents to the Quarter Master General, with a request that he will be so good as to forward them on to Government together with this letter, should His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief be pleased to approve and countersign them.

11. If the erection of the Saddle room be sanctioned, I request early intimation of the pleasure of Government to that effect, to enable me to send instructions to the District Engineer, by telegraph, to collect materials without delay to admit of his getting the Building roofed in before the rains commence.

12. The amount applied for (Rupees 960) could be allotted from the Reserve Fund.

Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle, dated Chepauk, 8th March 1862, No. 196/VI.

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 5th March 1862, *No.* 1556; *to the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle.*

1. I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to convey to you his approval of the Plan of the new Building for the Harness, &c. of the Artillery at Waltair, and to return to you all the papers which accompanied it. It would be out of order if I were to submit them to Government. This is invariably done by the Chief Engineer after the Commander-in-Chief's approval of the Plan is obtained.

2. I have telegraphed for the necessary Report on the site for the new Barracks, until that is fixed, it would be premature to proceed with the Harness and Store-room. The Government may possibly demur to erecting the new Barracks, but that will shortly be known to the Public Works Department first.

Submitted to Government in continuation of letter No, 194, dated 28th February 1862, with a request that as, apparently, an emergent necessity exists for the erection of a Building to protect the property of Government, consisting of Saddlery, Harness and Stores, Government will be pleased to sanction the work, leaving the choice of its site to the judgment and discretion of the Officer Commanding the Northern Division, acting in concert with the District Engineer.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1862, No. 582.

1. Transferred to the Military Department for consideration.

2. Should the Government deem it necessary to order the immediate erection of the Harness-room at Waltair, the amount required, *viz.*, Rupees 960, will be provided by the Public Works Department from the Reserve Fund of the current year.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Endorsement by the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, Chepauk, 5th April 1862, *No.* 2431/VI; *to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George.*

Enclosures 2.
1 *Letter from District Engineer, Vizagapatam, No.* 1581, *dated 29th March* 1862, *with one enclosure.*

Department Public Works, Order No. 623, 31*st March* 1862.

Submitting for the early information of Government, a copy of Proceedings of a Committee assembled at Waltair, to select and report upon a site for permanent Artillery Barracks on the 17th March 1862.

2. The Plan referred to therein, has not yet been received, but it will be submitted as soon as it reaches this Office.

3. As soon as the decision of Government upon the measure proposed by the Committee, has been expressed, Estimates will be prepared in detail shewing the probable cost of all Buildings necessary to the permanent cantoning of a Battery of Field Artillery at Waltair. The gross expenditure it will be seen is roughly estimated by the Assistant District Engineer in charge, at Rupees 52,481, including the purchase of the houses approved of by the Committee.

Order of Government, Department Public Works, No. 623, *dated* 31*st March* 1862.

Referred for the consideration of the Military Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, Nos. 922 and 1080, dated 13th and 25th March 1862, respectively.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
8*th April* 1862. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 21*st April* 1862, *No.* 3,050; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for the information of Government, the enclosed papers having reference to the provision of Quarters for a Battery of Artillery at Waltair.

2. The site selected by the Committee is the only one available, and it is pronounced ample and excellent, with abundant water. The cost of the houses (including the ground, with a trifling exception) repairs and alteration to the houses, together with additional Buildings, is roughly estimated at 52,481 Rupees. All the necessary Buildings have not been included, but as Stables are not to be built, though estimated for at the sum of Rupees 5,000, that sum will go towards providing the omitted Buildings. Perhaps if a sum of 60,000 were stated to be the cost of housing the Battery, it would not be short of the mark. But the house owners being unwilling to sell, would have to be purchased out under the Act.

3. Government is already put to the expense of 100 Rupees a month for the rent of one of these houses occupied as a Hospital, and 50 Rupees a month for the rent of the land on which the temporary Barracks are built. The cost of repairs last year of the temporary Barracks was 1,652-14-0, total annual charge 3,604-14-10, say that an annual charge of 3600 Rupees is incurred for rent and repairs, that sum is but the interest at 5 per cent of a capital of 60,000— the per cent of the new Buildings after alteration.

4. The purchase of No. 5 house as an Officer's Mess-house, proposed by the Committee, does not appear necessary and it has not been included, but it might hereafter be found necessary to purchase it for Battery purposes as yet unprovided for.

5. Sir H. Grant desires me to strongly recommend the adoption of these plans. The Troops will be in public Buildings, on an excellent site, and much sooner, than if new temporary Barracks were erected.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 30*th April* 1862, *No.* 3340.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to letter No. 3050, dated 21st instant, from this Office.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Waltair, 21st April 1862, No. 207; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward proximate Estimate for Reading and Smoking room for the Field Battery at this Station. There being no standard Plan for such a Building obtainable, it was obviously necessary to prepare an Estimate for such a Building as was considered most adapted to the purpose required.

ORDER No. 1803, *17th May* 1862.

With the foregoing correspondence, the Commander-in-Chief submits a Plan for providing suitable accommodation for the Battery of Artillery stationed at Waltair, by the purchase of certain houses and lands (private property) at that Station, instead of building new Barracks for the Artillery.

2. The owners of the houses in question being, however, disinclined to sell their property, the propriety of the land being taken by Government for public purposes, under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, remains to be considered.

3. The Governor in Council observes that it will be impossible to estimate the entire cost of the measure until the extent of land to be acquired has been shewn. His Excellency directs that the papers be transferred to the Revenue Department, in view to the necessary preliminary inquiries, in accordance with the terms of the Act, being instituted by the Collector, in communication with the Military Authorities. On the result being reported to Government, further orders will be issued.

4. Meanwhile, the Quarter Master General will report whether the Harness room and other Buildings estimated for, will be required, irrespective of the arrangements above referred to.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
" Quarter Master General.
" Revenue Department.

Order thereon 27th May 1862 No. 1178

Communicated to the Board of Revenue who will issue the necessary instructions to the Ag. Collector to ascertain and report without delay the extent of the land required by the Military authorities its assessment and estimated value.

(True Extract)

Exd T. Stubbs.

Ag Dy Secy to Govt

To
The Public Works Dept

27th March 1862 No. 497-499-
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26th May " " 528-529.

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Pro. Madras Govt. in the
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No. 1178

Communicating to the Bd. of Revenue Pro. Mil. Dept. in the Subject of providing suitable accommodation for the Battery of Artillery stations at Vallair with a request to direct the Collector to ascertain the extent of the land required by Military Authorities.

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