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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 27th March 1862.

Read the following letters:—

No. 497. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 28th February 1862, No. 191:—

1 Letter from District Engineer Vizagapatam, No. 1,167, dated 11th January 1862.
1 Do. No. 1,219, dated 12th February 1862.
1 Estimate, Rupees 960.
1 Report
1 Plan.
1 Copy of letter No. 75, dated 17th February, 1862.

SIR,

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.

* Enclosure (copy.)
1 Copy of letter from Officer Commanding, No. 75, dated 17th 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 like 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 The Infantry having been withdrawn, their temporary Barracks have been in part dismantled; but a Battery of Artillery being maintained it became necessary to improve the quarters which the men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 shown to be of no better materials.

Enclosure.
1 Letter from District Engineer No. 1,167, dated 11th 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 R. A., 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.

No. 498. Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chepauk, 8th March 1862, No. 196/VI.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General of the Army, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Fort, Saint George, 5th March 1862, No. 1,556.

SIR,

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.

No. 499. 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.

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

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Central Office Y.P.W.
Chepauk, 28th Feby 1862

From Lt.Colonel J. Ouchterlony
Asp. Dept Chief Engr 2d

to Lt.Colonel W.H. Horsley
Secretary to Govt. D.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith an Estimate, amounting to ——— Rs 960/-
accompanied by Plan &c, for a Harness & Saddle room urgently required at Waltair for the safe custody & the accoutrements of the 2d Battery 20th Brigade of the Royal Artillery there stationed; which, in a letter of protest addressed by the Officer Commanding to the Quarter General of the army, × are represented to be in a position of great danger, chiefly, it may be apprehended, from the ravages of white ants.

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 & Artillery at Waltair (Vizagapatam) as a temporary measure, Govt directed the troops to be housed in the most economical manner that should be consistent with the preservation of health; viewing the cause of

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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, 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 & 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 & mud (technically called "wattle and dab"), the roof of Palmyra beams & leaves, supported on logs of the same wood set up in the walls, & the doors & windows of simple wattle & brushwood. The partitions separating the married from the unmarried quarters are stated to be of no better materials.

Enclosure 1 to Genl. R.E. No. 116; of 11th Jany, 62.

5. The D.C. Engineer had been, in the meantime requested to frame an Estimate, with Plan, for a decent building to contain the Equipment of the battery. 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, & submitted that as it was reasonable to conclude both from its strategical position & 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 substantial barracks.

7. In pursuance of this suggestion it was finally decided to seek the sanction of Govt. for the erection of a range of Barracks at Waltair similar to those now in course of construction at Bellary for a Battery R.A. Calculated to last 18 or 20 years. Plans & Estimates were accordingly called for in this office & transmitted to the District Engineer with a view to his revising the Estimates according to the building data prevailing in Waltair; & 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 Govt. ~~& communications have passed~~ ~~with the Govt. of Madras on the subject~~ ~~& the Madras Govt. have consulted with the~~ ~~Commander in Chief~~ ~~& the Commander in Chief has consulted with~~ ~~the Quarter Master General~~ ~~& the Quarter Master General has consulted with~~ ~~the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division~~ ~~in whose jurisdiction the proposed Barracks are to be situated~~.

9. The Saddle Shamess 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 D.P.W.: but as the case is apparently a very urgent one, & as a month's delay would intervene if the Plan & 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 Govt., together with this letter, should His Excellency the Commander in Chief be pleased to approve & countersign them.

11. If the erection of the Rubble Work should be sanctioned I request early intimation of the pleasure of Govt. to that effect to enable me to send in, Sanctions to the Dy. Engineer, by Telegraph, to collect materials without delay to admit of his getting the building roofed in before the rains commence.

12. The amt. applied for — (£3960.) could be allotted from the reserve fund.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most devt. Servt.
Richardson Lt. R.E.
Ag. Dy. Ch. Engr. C.

Central Office P.W.
Chepauk
28 February 1862.

To
Lieut. Colonel Scott Stanley
Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Recd 1862 April
Pay. & Gen. Log Branch
from No. 690
Lieut Colby R.E. Chief
Northern Circle
Re Survey to Government
R.P.Co.
Dated 28 July 1862.
Rec'd 1st March
Ent. Sent to the Military Depôt.

No. 497.

Submits Plan & Estimate
amtg to No 960 for
Barracks and Sheds to
accommodate Detachment
at Waltair for the purpose
mentioned in the 2nd Letter
20th Brigade of the R.A.
therein referred to.

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Lieut Colonel

Quarter Master Generals Office
Fort Saint George 5th March 1863

No 1,556

From

Lieut Colonel H. M. Scott
Deputy Quarter Master General
of this Army

To

The Acting Deputy Chief Engineer
Northern Circle

Sir,

I have the honor, by order of His Excell
Lord Commander in Chief, to convey
to you his approval of the Plan of the Nav
Buildings for the Barracks &c. of the Detach
at Waltair, and to return to you all the
papers in the accompanied &c. It would
be well of order after Parent 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 necessa
Papers and the order for the new Barracks

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Until that is fixed, it would be premature to proceed with the Barrack and Store Rooms. The Government may perhaps demur to erecting these more Barracks first that will shortly be required to the Public Works Department first.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Lt Colonel
Quarter Master General
of the Army

Enclosure No. 6

No. V.1. / 196

Endorsement

Submitted to Government in continuation of Letter No. 1888, dated 28th Augt. 1862, with a request that as, apparently, an emergent necessity exists for the erection of a building to protect the property of Govt., convicts employed in Building, Harness Store, Govt. will be pleased to sanction the work, leaving its choice & site to the judgment & discretion of the Officer Commanding the Northern Division acting in concert with the District Engineer.

Lieutenant Colonel
Actg Dy Chief Engr N.C.

Chepauk, 8th March 1862.

To
Lieutenant Colonel W. R. Horsley
Secretary to Government D. O. Fy
Fort Saint George.

To Genl Q. Brackett Washington

Quartermaster's Office
Pittsburg 1862.

Sir.

I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that your proposition to furnish Barracks for the accommodation of Troops at Pittsburg, at the rate of $1.50 per man, has been accepted.

You will proceed with the erection of the Barracks at once, and complete them as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
M. C. Meigs
Quartermaster General
U.S. Army

Brig. Gen. Q. Brackett
Pittsburg
Penn.

Public Works Dept

No 582

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 27th March 1862.

Read the following letters

From the Actg Dep.y Ch.f Engr.
S.C.

Submits Plan and Estimate amounting to Rs. 960 for a Harness and Saddle room urgently required at Wallajahbad for the safe custody of the accoutrements of the 2d Battery 20th Brigade of the Royal Artillery there stationed.

(Here enter 28th Feby 1862 No 194)

From the Actg Dy Ch.f Engr.
N.C.

Submits letter from the Quarter Master General conveying the approval of Commander in Chief to the erection of the abovementioned Saddle and Harness room.

(Here enter 8th March 1862 No 196)

Transferred to the Military Department for

Pub.c Wor.ks 1862 Departt
Proc: of Govt for March
No 868

From,
Lieut.t Col.l J. Ouchterlony
No 2d Chief Engr N. 6.

To
Lieut.t Col.l H. H. Horsley
Secretary to Govt Dep.t P.W.
Fort Saint George.

Dated 8th
Rec.d 10th } March 1862.
No 196

Submits letter No 1556 from the Quarter Master General of the Army, stating that orders have been sent to hold Committee on site for Wallajahbad Barracks, and observing that it would be premature to proceed with the Saddle and Harness room till it is fixed.

No 498.

No 582 - 27 March

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for consideration.

Should the Govt deem it necessary to order the immediate erection of the Harness Room at Wallair, the amount required, viz/ Rupees 960, will be provided by the Public Works Department from the Reverue fund of the current year.

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Public Works 1862 Depts
Prom. of Govt for March
No 582
Prov. of the Nova Scotia
Dr 29th March 1862

New Barracks Accom. for
No 4 Artillery at Halifax

Transferring to the Military Department letter from the District Engineer North Canada submitting an Estimate for a Harness and Saddle room required at Halifax for the safe Custody of the accoutrements of the 2nd Brigade of the Royal Artillery and stating that funds will be

provided should the work be sanctioned —

No 497 at 499.