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30th June 1863.*

No. 690. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 16th June 1863, No. 5,027 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to address you on the subject of the Budget for 1864-65, in order that timely intimation may be given as to what buildings it will be possible to undertake the construction of, next year.

2. Assuming that the same sums will be voted for 1864-65 for original works, not completed during this year, as were voted in 1863-64, a total of Rupees 1,77,000 will re-appear in the next Budget, and will go far to consume the sum that may be set apart for other original works in 1864-65. His Excellency is therefore anxious to know, if possible, what sum is likely to be granted next Budget for original works, as he will then make a selection of the buildings considered the most emergent.

3. The following are a few of them, and their probable cost :—

	Rs.
Artillery Barracks at Cannanore	1,87,960
Do. at Waltair	80,000
Artillery Hospital at Bangalore	22,000
Additions to European Infantry Barracks at Cannanore... ..	46,722
Barracks for a Wing of European Infantry, a Magazine or Dépôt, &c., at Trichinopoly	6,00,000
Drainage of Fort Saint George	15,000
Total.....	9,51,682

4. Of these none have been formally planned and estimated for, except the Artillery and Infantry Barracks at Cannanore, and my letter dated 8th October 1862 will show you which of them were included for execution this year, though since struck out for want of funds.

5. After the 80,000 Rupees set apart for expenditure on the Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore this year have been exhausted, there will still remain about 3½ lacs to be voted to complete the buildings. This work was commenced in November 1857. His Excellency strongly urges that a much larger sum should be allowed in 1864-65 so as to hasten completion.

6. As it will take time to prepare Plans and Estimates for new works, so as to be in time for the next Budget, it is very desirable that early intimation should be afforded of the sum likely to be voted for use in 1864-65.

No. 691. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1863, No. 1,725.

1. The Quarter Master General of the Army will be informed, through the Military Department, that it is impossible at present to state what will be the allotment on account of Military works for 1864-65.

2. With regard to the Dragoon Barracks referred to in paragraph 5, it will be seen from the Order of the Government of India on the Budget communicated with the Proceedings of this Department, No. 1,492 of the 10th instant, that Rupees 1,00,000 have been allotted for the work and a revised Estimate called for.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No 1725. 3 B
 The Quarter Master General of the
 Army will be informed that the Military Department
 is impossible at present to late in the matter
 that the Government of India has under
 dated 9th May 1863 (which will be forwarded
 communicated) have proposed a grant of Rs
 for Military Buildings in the Presidency in addition
 to the Budget allotment (Rs 2,00,000) for the
 present year. It is not likely that a large
 be the on account of Military works
 allotment than 1 1/2 or 2 and will be passed
 for 1862/63.

I think it would be advisable that
 the Govt should know what the Barracks referred to in para 5 it will be seen
 probable want of the Military and from the order of the Government of India
 be the work would on the Budget communicated with the
 arranged in order Proceedings of this Department. No 1492 of the
 importance & we can then see 10th Instant that Rs 1,00,000 have been allotted
 what we can recommend for the work and a revised estimate called
 for as well as for. If the estimate is required in time, and is
 far better to get the whole of the estimate will be recommended from the
 hand as soon as possible. The Govt has promised to the Govt
 of India for Military Buildings in the Presidency
 & copies of the and the C in Charge to be asked how
 to the Military Dept. he proposes to spend the 4 add Rs
 No 87. with a kind that it is. N.B. to be with
 30th June 1863

Original Budget - 250,000
 Supplemental, Rs - 20,000
 270,000
 I don't see how we can
 take what is likely to be
 12 mil 2 1/2 lakhs and for
 1862/63.
 Why will

to work it toward finishing out
out a few works rather than to spend
it in the partial execution of a poorly
planned building. J.P.

To Wm 1863 Dept
From the Secy for June
The Dr General

To the Secy to Genl.
M. A. G. P.

Dated 16th June
Recd 17th June

No 502 P
M.B. Requests certain
information relative
to the sum to be voted
in the Budget for 1864/5
for the construction of
Public Buildings.

No 691-691.

No 1725-30 June.

With an order.