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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th January 1865.*

No. 69. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Directing the preparation of a plan and estimate, in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, for buildings of a semi-permanent nature, for the accommodation of the Millmen and Supervisors attached to the Gun Powder Manufactory. (Here enter 21st December 1864, No. 4,598.)

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1865, No. 34.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Madras, 4th October 1864, No. 3278; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to state, that I find the Quarters proposed to be built for the Millmen and Supervisors employed at the Gun Powder Manufactory, will cost about Rupees 30,000, and as it is contemplated to re-

No 2076, dated 27th July 1863
,, 3136, ,, 28th October 1863.

Enclosure.—1 Plan.

move the Gun Powder Establishment to Saint Thomas' Mount, it appears to me that it would be a simple waste of the public money to incur such a large expenditure for a range of Buildings, which will eventually be abandoned.

2. Under these circumstances. I beg to suggest that the Plan at present adopted for housing the Millmen and Supervisors be continued until the removal of the Factory to the Mount.

3 A Plan of the Buildings is forwarded. If constructed according thereto, the cost would be Rupees 24,000, but Colonel Simpson has objected to this design on the ground of the smallness of the rooms, so that the actual cost would probably be that stated in paragraph 1.

Referred to the Military Department, with reference to the orders in that Department noted below.

No. 2345, dated 18th July 1863.

No. 2349, dated 19th October 1863.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., Pub. Works Dept.

6th October 1864.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance for report on the description of Quarters now occupied by the Millmen and Supervisors.

10th October 1864.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 6th December 1864, No. 247; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Adverting to your Docket, dated 10th October 1864, on letter* from the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, dated 4th October 1864, No. 3278, calling for a

* Herewith returned.

Report on the description of the Quarters occupied by the Millmen and Supervisors attached to the Gun Powder Manufactory, I have the honor to state that, on inquiry from the Superintendent of the Manufactory, I learn that the Millmen, Messrs. Kench and Woolman reside in Vepery. The Bungalow they occupy is small, consisting of a Hall and two Rooms, but otherwise a healthy and comfortable residence. The Supervisors, Messrs. Hill and Stuart live in Black Town, in tolerably clean streets; Supervisor Stuart's house affords but limited accommodation, as he has a family consisting of a wife and three children.

2. Both the above localities are situated at an inconvenient distance from the Factory, the walk occupying fully 30 minutes, and, consequently, subjecting the parties to exposure to weather at all seasons. This is an objection which I apprehend will continue to be felt until Quarters are erected for the Millmen on or near to the Manufactory grounds, as cheap residences are not available in the immediate vicinity of the Mills.

3. The other two Supervisors, Messrs. Luxa, Senior and Junior, with their families, share a small pent roof tiled shed at the South-west corner of the boundary wall of the Manufactory, 11 feet high at the ridge, and 7 feet at the walls, which was originally a Charcoal Store-shed, and consists of five rooms averaging 217 feet square.

4. The above accommodation was afforded the Supervisors with a view to relieve them of house-rent charges, when their Pay, on the old rates, was insufficient for their support, and also to secure their presence at all times at the Mills in case of emergency. The Shed is stated to be totally unfit for the accommodation of the families of the Supervisors, and unsafe in severe weather.

ORDER, No. 4598, 21st December 1864.

The Governor in Council considers it desirable that the Millmen and Supervisors attached to the Gun Powder Manufactory should be accommodated near the Mills, and considering further the removal of the Factory to the Mount to be a remote contingency, and that meanwhile the situation of the men in question, as described in the letter above recorded, from the Inspector General of Ordnance in respect to Quarters, is very objectionable and inconvenient, His Excellency desires that a Plan and Estimate be prepared, in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, to provide Buildings of a semi-permanent nature for their accommodation, for entry in the Budget for 1865-66.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Dept., with a Plan. 4-20-65
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Quarter Master General.

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