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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18*th May* 1864.

Read the following papers :—

No. 427. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department.

Requesting to be informed whether funds can be allotted for the required alteration to the Light Cavalry buildings at Bangalore, to adapt them for the use of the Sappers. } (Here enter 12th May 1864, No. 1,606.)

No. 428. From Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 16th May 1864, No. 4,902.

SIR,

1. I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to inform the Government, with reference to Order No. 1,606, 12th instant, that money can be made instantly available for the Sapper Barracks at Bangalore, by applying a part of the one lac not now required for the Trichinopoly Barracks.

2. There are only two Companies at Head Quarters, Dowlaishweram, to move. These His Excellency proposes to bring down by land in the cool weather, at the close of the year; meanwhile the alterations to the Barracks can be proceeded with.

3. The Commissariat Store-room can be provided out of the same fund.

4. His Excellency finds some difficulty in suggesting what should be done with the to-be-vacated buildings at Dowlaishweram, as no Department needs them, they might be put up to auction.

Referred to the Department Public Works for report in connection with paragraph 2 of Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 1,606, 12th May 1864.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th May* 1864.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 429. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1864, No. 1,451.

1. The Government are prepared to apply to the Government of India for a grant of Rupees 30,000 for the Sapper Barracks, &c., at Bangalore, from the allotment* for the work marginally noted, but it is necessary that the Estimates should first be prepared and sanctioned, as in their orders on the Public Works Budget for 1864-65 the Supreme Government observed that they could not but regard "any violation of the rule which requires that no work "should be put in hand unless on a sanctioned Estimate as unsatisfactory."

* Rupees 1,00,000. Barracks at Trichinopoly.

2. The Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, will be requested to prepare and submit without delay, in communication with the Quarter Master General, Plans and Estimates for the works referred to in paragraphs 7 and 9 of the letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings of the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
„ Military Department.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 22nd March 1864, No. 3309; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to report to Government that, having inspected both the Stations of Mercara and Dowlaishweram, he is able to afford the information called for by Government* as to the expediency of moving the Head Quarters of the Corps of Sappers and Miners from the latter, back to the former place.

*Order of Government, dated 18th March 1862, No. 996.

2. It is His Excellency's opinion, that neither of these Stations is so well suited as Bangalore is.

3. Government is aware that while at Mercara, the Corps moved Annually to Fraserpett for the purpose of receiving the instruction they could not get at Mercara, on account of the Monsoon, &c. At present the Buildings formerly in use at Fraserpett have almost entirely disappeared. They were ordered to be sold or otherwise disposed of, and being of perishable materials they rapidly went to decay. At Mercara, the Sapper Barracks still exist, but there is no accommodation whatever for the Officers: those of the Regiment of Native Infantry now there, being themselves very insufficiently provided in this respect. To make this place fitted for the Head Quarters of the Corps again, these deficiencies would have to be supplied; and, moreover, the Buildings at Fraserpett would have to be re-built.

4. The advantages that Fraserpett possesses, and for which it was selected, are briefly that it is on the Cauvery; and that the materials required for Sapper instruction are close at hand, the soil being favorable for Field works.

5. From Mercara the Corps was moved to Dowlaishweram on the Godavery, because that post was the nearest to the Coast and therefore convenient for embarkation to Burmah, where we then had four Companies of Sappers. It was, and is the Station, where the Workshops in connection with the Godavery navigation and irrigation are carried on; and from which the Sappers were thought to be likely to derive benefit, and it was thought central for the relief of Sappers in different parts of the Presidency. But His Excellency thinks that whatever advantages were anticipated, they have not been realized. We have now no Sappers on Foreign service to relieve. The Cantonment is situated too far from the banks of the river to be convenient, and the river itself is too broad to serve for instruction in Pontooning, which the Cauvery is so well-suited for. The Officers are very badly off for houses, there being but one house, and that a very bad one for Officers to live in, besides the Mess House. It has been therefore necessary that some Officers should live at Rajahmundry, and some at Samulcottah. It is stated to be feverish, and is besides an extremely hot place, and therefore Europeans cannot perform their duties in the day time in the open air. It is isolated, out of reach of the frequent inspection by a General Officer, which His Excellency considers a very essential requisite. The men and the families, European and Native, are very fairly accommodated, and it has been estimated that the value of the Public Buildings is Rupees 50,000.

6. Under these circumstances, His Excellency had to consider what other place was better adapted for the Sappers, and after the fullest inquiry, he has decided that, as before stated, there is none better than Bangalore.

7. It has been ascertained that the Light Cavalry Public Buildings can be easily altered to suit the Sappers, at a cost of about 20,000 Rupees. The Officers will find accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood. The Ulsoor Tank, though not suited as a river is for Pontooning purposes, can yet be made useful to some extent in Sapper practice: while for river practice, the men may be taken out yearly to some river not far from Bangalore. The climate is such that instruction in the open air can be carried on nearly throughout the year, all day long. The presence of a General Officer will always be available, and according to present distribution it is more central than any other Station. Materials for Sapper use can be had without difficulty directly the Rail is open, which it is expected to be this year; and there is abundant ground for the construction of Field works on the opposite side of the Tank, purchased originally for Cavalry Exercise, but now lying unused.

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8. It is not without reviewing previous correspondence that His Excellency has arrived at this decision. He has seen all the *pros* and *cons* urged by Captain (now Major General) Pears, C. B., in his Report, forwarded to Government by the Quarter Master General, in his letter to Government, dated 9th February 1859, as to the unsuitability of Bangalore, and the advantages of Mercara and Fraserpett, according to which, Government decided on sending the Corps to the latter places. But after communication with the Commissioner of Mysore and the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division, who have been made acquainted with General Pear's views, he is of opinion that the objections urged by that Officer do not now, at any rate, exist. That is to say, that taking all things together at each of the places named in this letter, Bangalore has advantages which the others cannot boast of.

9. It will cost probably 10,000 Rupees to make Mercara and Fraserpett what they were, for the men. For Officers, Quarters would have to be provided by Government at a large expense. To abandon Dowlaishweram, Buildings to the value of half a lac must be quitted, and no Department can be found to occupy them, though it has been suggested that they may be turned to use in connection with the new Jail. In addition to the cost of 20,000 Rupees for adapting the Light Cavalry Barracks, a sum of 8 or 10,000 Rupees must be spent in providing cover for Commissariat Stores, which at present are kept there; and the experimental brewing sanctioned by Government, now in possession of the Hospital, must also be housed elsewhere. The total charge for Buildings incidental to the move of the Corps, may therefore be roughly estimated at 30,000 Rupees.

10. No provision has been made in the Budget for these measures, but His Excellency hopes that some special arrangement can be made to meet them, otherwise they cannot take effect till next year.

With Report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 13th April 1864, B.

ORDER, No. 1606, *12th May* 1864.

The Governor in Council fully concurs in the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, as expressed in the Quarter Master General's letter above recorded, and sanctions the removal of the Head Quarters of the Corps of Sappers and Miners from Dowlaishweram to Bangalore, considering it desirable that the Corps should be located in a Military position of importance, and the latter Station being the most eligible of those, which have been proposed for the purpose.

2. Reference will be made to the Public Works Department to ascertain whether funds can be allotted for the required alteration to the Light Cavalry Buildings at Bangalore, to adapt them for the use of the Sappers, and for the provision of cover for the Commissariat Stores, at present, accommodated in them.

3. The removal of the Corps will be deferred, until the Buildings are ready for their reception, and the cost of the movement will be met from funds, which may be available from the General Estimate under this head in the Budget.

4. The Commander-in-Chief is requested to cause Government to be informed, in what manner it is proposed to dispose of the present Sapper Buildings, at Dowlaishweram.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Mily. Accounts.
" Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies.*
" Commanding Royal Engineer.
" Military Accountant.
" Commissary General, for information.

Exd. W. Regel.

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Quarter. Master General's Office
Fort Monroe Va. 16th. May 1863

No 4902.

From Lieut. Col. Thos. Scott
Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl.

To Lieut. Col. W. Marshall.
Depy. Qr. Mr. Genl. Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor by order of Brig. Genl. Wool Commanding to request that the Commanding General may be informed whether funds can be allotted for the required alteration to the Light Cavalry Building at Bonneau, by which a front of the one here may be furnished for the Richmond Battery.

2. Recent only 2 companies of Rhode Island Cavalry, have been ordered to move to this Department, by the Secretary of War, to build

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I am Sir, very respectfully
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Order No 1606 of 12th May 1863

Requisition under which the amount for the Sappers Barracks at Bangalore is required

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/Signed/ F.W. Holt Sinnott
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Referred to the Department of Public Works for report in connection with Para 2 of Proceedings of Government No. 1606, 12th May 1871.

By Command &c
/Signed/ R Hamilton
Sec to Govt

(True Copy)
Chas Collis
Secretary to Govt

No. 1451 Pol.

Recording Office Madras Government
Bangalore the 18th May 1864

From Major Forbes
Asst. Military Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to move Government to authorize the expenditure of the sum of Rs. 30,000 for the Sappers Barracks at Bangalore, on account of Public Works.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Forbes
Asst. Military Secretary

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Dated 17
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No. 1451 – 18th May 1864

Referring for report, letter from the Dy Master Genl intimating that money can at once be made available for the Sapper Barracks at Bangalore, &c,

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