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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th March 1864.

No. 470. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Forwarding to the Home Government letter from the Quarter Master General reporting on the subject of accommodation for Troops at Secunderabad. } (Here enter 11th March 1864, No. 848.)

No. 471. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1864, No. 841.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 20th February 1864, *No.* 2125 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

In reference to Order of Government, No. 3728 of the 21st November 1863, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to report as follows, on the subject of accommodation for Troops at Secunderabad.

2. The necessary alterations to the Hospital at Trimulgherry, *viz.*, dividing the two large apartments on the upper and lower Stories into five and four Wards respectively, and converting two rooms into Washing-rooms furnished with Basins, &c., were after completion, inspected by Dr. Beatson in September 1862.

3. Regarding the separate Female Hospital, sufficient for the requirements of the European Regiments, the Plans and Estimates which the Resident said should be prepared for submission to the Government of India, could not have been in time for the Budget of 1862-63, which would have been forwarded by the Local Government not later than the 15th February 1862.

No. 95, *dated 7th March* 1862, *to Government of Madras.*

4. A Female Hospital was included in the Budget for 1863-64, and was a subject of reference from the Supreme Government so late as August last, as would appear from the following Extracts from a letter from the Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division. It will be seen that the Quarters for Apothecaries and Hospital Serjeants, were adverted to in the same reference.

No. 616, *dated 24th December* 1863.

"A Female Hospital was entered as an item of the Budget for 1863-64, and the "Supreme Government made enquiry* as to the "necessity for it, Brigadier Apthorp having given "an opinion that it was not required."

* *Letter No.* 2464, *dated* 30*th June* 1862, *from Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

"General Browne who had in the meantime succeeded to the Command of the Hyder-"abad Subsidiary Force replied that the opinion given by Brigadier Apthorp referring as it did "to the erection of a Female Hospital for a Battery of Artillery, could not be held to apply to the "sanction requested, which was for a Hospital "for the females of two Regiments of Infantry.† "This reply of the Officer Commanding Hyder-"abad Subsidiary Force, was forwarded on the "25th of July 1862, and since then no corres-"pondence has taken place respecting it, until "the receipt on 16th of September last, of a "letter‡ sanctioning several items of the Budget "of 1863-64, referring to the Female Hospital as being too small for the purpose and ordering a "fresh Estimate to be sent in."

† *No.* 287, *from Assistant Quarter Master General, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, dated 24th July* 1862.

‡ *No.* 3617, *dated* 13*th August* 1863, *from Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

"The same letter referred to Quarters for Apothecaries and Hospital Serjeants, to the "effect that orders would issue hereafter regarding them, and that the urgent necessity or other-"wise for them did not appear to be determined."

"The reason for indecision as to the necessity for erecting certain Military Buildings, "appears to rest on the fact, that the Budget of 1863-64, for the Secunderabad Division, "amounted to double the sum appropriated for it and peremptory orders were issued for its reduc-"tion within the limits of the sum available for expenditure. Now the Secunderabad Division, "being confined, with trifling exceptions, to the limits of the Military Cantonment, the whole "Budget is composed of projects for Military buildings, such are rarely proposed unless emer-"gently needed, and out of Rupees 5,00,000 of emergent projects, Rupees 2,50,000 had to be cut "out as not so emergent as the rest. In such a case the choice made by any two individuals "would probably be different—that by a Military and a Medical Officers certainly would—the

"Officer Commanding the Force made his choice and the Local Government forwarded the "whole Budget. The copy furnished to me does not contain an appropriation of funds for a "Female Hospital."

5. The Female Hospital has not been entered in the Budget for 1864-65, the Officer Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force having considered the Buildings entered in the subjoined Return as among others the "most emergent," and it will be noticed that the Female Hospital is not among the number. A copy of a supplementary List of works entered in the Budget for 1864-65, is also annexed.

6. The following further extract from the letter, already quoted, from the Executive Engineer, Secunderabad, is submitted in reference to paragraph 13 of the Order of Government under reply.

"I do not clearly make out whether paragraph 13 of Government Order, now under "reply, refers to the Buildings specifically noticed in the previous paragraph or to the other Mili- "tary Buildings projected since 1861. I may say however that every project which has received "sanction, has either been finished or is in progress, and I subjoin a List of the more important "items under each head."

Commenced and finished.

1 Quarters for Lieutenant-Colonel, Infantry.
1 Do. do. do. (Conversion.)
1 Quarter for Captains do.
1 Do. for Senior Medical Officer, Infantry (Conversion.)
18 Quarters for Subalterns do.
4 Half Company Barrack Ranges for Infantry.
2 Full Company Cook Houses do.
2 Do. Wash Houses do.
2 Do. Privies do.
1 Canteen, Serjeants' Mess, Orderly Room, Guard Room and Harness Room (in one Building) for Artillery.
1 Staff Serjeant's Quarters, Regimental Store-room and Workshop (in one Building.)

Commenced and in progress.

3 Quarters for Field Officers, Infantry.
12 Do. for Captains do.
1 Mess House do.
1 Magazine do.
1 Plunge Bath. do.
48 Family Quarter do.

"The above are Trimulgherry works or such as are required to complete the housing of "the two European Infantry Regiments, Secunderabad works not being included."

"In conclusion, I may safely say that whether the non-erection of female Hospital be "attributed to want of sanction, or to want of funds, it certainly is not due to the Executive "Department, Department Public Works."

"There are no funds available nor has sanction been given, and unless a special grant "for it be made and something else be put aside in its favor, it cannot be commenced until after "the 1st of May 1864."

7. Dr. Beatson's Reports alluded to in paragraphs 11 and 14 of the Government Order, No. 3728, were duly laid before His Excellency. They all referred to Inspections made nearly twelve months before they came under His Excellency's notice. The points adverted to in them had all been considered in separate correspondence with Dr. Beatson, and the evils complained of, remedied as far as practicable. When returning the Reports, His Excellency desired that in future any matter which, in the opinion of the Principal Medical Officer Her Majesty's British Forces, was deserving of notice, should be brought to the immediate attention of the Commander-in-Chief, instead of waiting to embody them in periodical Returns forwarded long after. This course is now followed, and with the best results.

8. On this subject also I am to annex copy of a letter from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to the Quarter Master General, Horse Guards.

Return of Buildings, proposed to be entered in the Budget of 1864-65.

No.	Nature of Buildings.	Remarks.
2	Ranges of Barracks, to accommodate 64 men each, for the Royal Artillery.	These Buildings are required to complete accommodation for (3) three Batteries of Royal Artillery at North Trimulgherry.
2	Ranges of Gun Sheds, with two Store-rooms at one end of each Shed.	
3	Ranges of Harness and Saddle Rooms.	
3	Workshops.	
2	Forges.	
3	Proposed Quarters for six Battery Staff Serjeants.	
3	Do. for Battery Serjeant Farriers.	
1	Do. for a Brigade Serjeant Major.	
1	Do. for a Quarter Master Serjeant and O. R. Clerk.	
1	Do. for a School Master and School Mistress.	
3	Gram Stores.	
3	Picquet Rooms.	
1	Sick Horse Lines for 36 Horses.	
1	Orderly Room (above), Guard Room and Cells (below).	
1	School Room, Reading Room and Library.	
1	Magazine.	
1	Serjeants' Mess.	
1	Canteen.	
1	Officers' Mess.	
1	Plunge Bath.	
1	Skittle Alley.	
	Officers' Quarters for 10 Subalterns.	
	Do. for 7 Captains.	
	Do. for 2 Assistant Surgeons.	
	Do. for 1 Veterinary Surgeon.	
	Do. for 3 Field Officers.	
1	Hospital for the Artillery at North Trimulgherry.	
1	Quarters for an Apothecary for the Artillery Hospital.	
	Ranges of Quarters for the families of the three Batteries Artillery at North Trimulgherry.	These Buildings are required to complete accommodation for the 2nd Infantry Regiment at Trimulgherry.
1	Serjeants' Mess.	
1	Skittle Alley.	
1	Racket and Fives Court.	
	Proposed enlarging of 17th Lancers Library and Coffee Rooms.	
	Improving 3 Wells and constructing Lifts, Conduits, and Reservoirs, for supplying the Regiment with water, at Trimulgherry.	
	Forming New Roads and Tunnels at Trimulgherry.	
	Constructing a Medical Store at Trimulgherry.	
	Constructing a range of family Quarters in the old entrenchment for the Horse Field Battery, Royal Artillery, stationed there.	

SECUNDERABAD, *24th July* 1863.

(Signed) S. MAINWARING, Major,
Ag. Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl., Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

Supplementary List of Military Works, proposed to be included in the Budget of 1864-65.

No.	Nature of Buildings.	Remarks.
1	House for the Provost Serjeant.	
2	Rooms (3) for Warders and for Stores (Hand Cuffs, &c.)	
3	A Well with Channels to supply the Quarters of the Officers 108th and family Quarters with water.	
4	A Main Guard Room at Secunderabad.	
5	Quarters for a Surgeon Major 108th Regiment.	
6	Quarters for Assistant Surgeon 108th Regiment.	
7	Additional Store Room for stowage of Porter, &c., the present accommodation being altogether insufficient.	
8	Orderly Room and Adjutant's Office, 103th Regiment.	

HEAD QRS., HYD. SUBSIDIARY FORCE, SECUNDERABAD, *5th Decr.* 1863.

(Signed) J. T. GRANT, Brigadier Genl.,
Comdg. Hyd. Subdy. Force.

From Lieutenant General Sir James Hope Grant, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army, Head Quarters, Madras, 9th December 1863, *No.* 9590; *to the Quarter Master General of the Forces, Horse Guards, London.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 17th August last, with its enclosures, calling on me for such observations as I may have to make on the representations made by the Medical Authorities regarding the Barracks occupied by Her Majesty's 69th in Fort Saint George and the lighting of the Barracks of the 1st Battalion 18th, at Trimulgherry, and of the 74th Highlanders at Bellary.

2. I would observe in the first place that there is nothing in any of these papers of a description which cannot readily be remedied by representations made in this country to me or the local Government; and I am very glad to find from the letter from the India Office, that it is only considered necessary by Sir Charles Wood that such subjects as do not meet with due attention from this Government, should be referred to England by me.

3. In regard to Dr. Beatson's four first paragraphs, respecting the Quarters, then occupied by Her Majesty's 43rd at Fort Saint George, three only need reply; of these I am not aware whether two and three have been previously brought to notice. But they shall be immediately attended to—since paragraph 4 was written, a large Building for Recreation and Games has been provided, and the ventilation spoken of in paragraph 5 has been already completed.

4. The lighting of Barracks has already previously engaged my attention, and I have given orders that better oil should be provided. But as the lighting of Barracks depends also on the number of lamps, and as the proportion of Barrack articles of all sorts issuable to a certain number of Rank and File, is, and has been for a length of time, under the consideration of the Government of India, to be made applicable to all the Presidencies, I fear I cannot do more at present than wait to see what the result of these deliberations may be.

5. Dr. Beatson who has made these representations to the Director General Medical Department, accompanied me in my inspection of the Buildings at Bellary and Trimulgherry last year, and must have been aware that the lighting of the Barracks was a subject I had paid attention to; a reference to England on this or on the Barracks of the 69th Foot was, I am sure, His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief will think, unnecessary.

6. I request you will inform His Royal Highness, that there is no representation ever made to me specially in the matter of Barrack accommodation that does not meet with prompt attention, and whenever there is money to carry it out, Government is always ready to sanction it.

ORDER, No. 848, 11*th March* 1864.

Forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.
(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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