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10th May 1865.*

Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Salem, 5th May 1865, No. 70 :—

No. 220. Read the following letter from Captain H. TULLOCH, R. E., Executive Engineer, Bangalore, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Bangalore, 1st May 1865, No. 1.

SIR,

1. As Government are anxious that all the buildings in connection with the new Dragoon and Artillery Barracks on the Race Course should be completed with the utmost despatch, I have the honor to lay before you what seems to me very necessary in order to the carrying out of their wishes.

2. The first thing required is a complete list of all the buildings to render each Barrack complete. It is impossible to commence work on any system unless this information is clearly given me. So many new buildings have been called for and erected since the original designs were submitted to the Imperial Government, that at present there seems to be no limit to the requirements of each Barrack. The more we build, the more we have to build. This state of things should not be allowed to continue. It is unsatisfactory both to the Military and Public Works Department. The Military authorities keep applying for more and more work, and the Engineer in Bangalore never can see any end to his work.

3. I very respectfully submit that to put things on a better footing a Committee should be assembled in Bangalore, which should consist of two Military Members, the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of Bangalore, the Secretary to the Sanitary Commission, and the Executive Engineer of Bangalore. The Committee should meet with the object to decide—

1st. What buildings are required for each Barrack to make it complete.

2nd. Where each building is to be erected.

3rd. What arrangements and what manner of construction should be adopted to suit the sanitary requirements of each building.

4. It is only the Military authorities who can give information on the first point. If one of the Military Members is appointed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and the other by the General Commanding the Division, the Committee ought soon to be able to prepare a list of all the buildings which are required. As soon as this is done, the position of each could be fixed by the Members in Committee at the Barracks. The Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General would furnish such information as his Department alone possesses, and the Secretary to the Sanitary Commission and the Executive Engineer could then decide upon the internal arrangements of each building.

5. The advantages of this proposition would be—

1st. Government would have before them, what they have never yet had, a clear account of all that may be proposed to be done.

2nd. Each building could be planned and estimated for in order, according to its importance, the Military authorities deciding what buildings were most urgently required.

3rd. No unnecessary work would be thrown on this office, and no delay would be occasioned by designs having to be altered.

6. Thus every step would be a step in advance. At present it is no unusual thing to prepare a plan and an estimate for a work, and to receive, just as they are given to a contractor, a revised plan to which the original design has to be altered. Days of hard work are thrown away in this manner.

7. Works too, which are in progress, are stopped because the Sanitary Commissioners object to them. As an instance in point, I may mention that the large Hospital, which has been given out on contract for 1,00,000, and on which work to the value of 5,000 Rupees has already been executed, is stopped. I understand that the Sanitary Commissioners propose that the Hospital shall be built on a design very different from the one which has been given to the contractor. If the original design had been prepared in communication with the Sanitary Commission, there would have been no necessity to stop the work.

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8. This constant changing of plans throws an enormous amount of unnecessary work on this office, and it is time to put a stop to it, as Government have to pay a much larger sum for each building than would be necessary under a proper system.

9. I am given to understand that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will shortly be in Bangalore; a very good opportunity, therefore, offers itself, to enable the Committee to sit at once.

10. I beg you will support my proposition in forwarding it, if you should see fit to do so, to Government.

1. Submitted to Government with the Superintending Engineer's recommendation that a Committee composed, as suggested, be at once appointed to determine what buildings are still required at Bangalore.

2. There appears to be great uncertainty on the subject, and, while this lasts, the plans and estimates called for by Government cannot be prepared, and the progress of works is liable to constant interruption.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1865, No. 1,276.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 19.

1. As from this letter it would appear that, notwithstanding that the buildings intended for the accommodation of a Regiment of Dragoons and

Artillery on the Race Course at Bangalore have been for many years in progress of construction, the sites even of some of the buildings are still undetermined, the Government agree with Captain Tulloch and the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, that it would be expedient that a Committee should be assembled to decide—

- 1st. What buildings are required for each Barrack to make it complete.
- 2nd. Where each building is to be erected.
- 3rd. What arrangements, and what manner of construction should be adopted to suit the sanitary requirements of each building.

2. The Committee will be composed as follows:—

The President of the Sanitary Commission.
Two Military or Medical Members.
The Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division.
The Executive Engineer at Bangalore.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested, through the Military Department, to arrange for the nomination of the two Military or Medical Members, and for the attendance of the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ President Sanitary Commission.
„ Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

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