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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th May 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 411. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 25th April 1865, No. 4,735.

SIR,

1. The Commander-in-Chief has lately had, under his consideration, the plan of the Hospital to be erected in the old Race Course at Bangalore, and having received the opinion of the Sanitary Commission thereon, he decided that as a Standard Plan was expected from Calcutta, it would be on the whole far better that we should wait for it, rather than proceed to erect so important a building on a plan which was much debated.

2. The Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, was informed accordingly on the 17th ultimo.

3. The Commander-in-Chief now learns that the foundations of one block are completed, and that those of the second are dug; that is, that the work has been and is carried on without a sanctioned plan, and even after it had been communicated that the plan would be awaited from Bengal.

Referred to the Department Public Works, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 529, dated 4th February 1865.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th April 1865.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, for early report. Colonel Foord will explain under what orders the Hospital was commenced before the plan and estimate had been submitted to and received the sanction of Government.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th April 1865.

No. 412. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 12th May 1865, No. 143 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor, with reference to your Endorsement dated 29th April 1865, on letter No. 4,735, dated 25th April 1865, from the Quarter Master General, to state that, the Hospital at the Race Course Barracks, Bangalore, was commenced on the sanction accorded by Government for the execution of "any new work for the Dragoon Barracks which is included in the general outlay already approved by Government, and which is essential to the completion of the works as a whole." *Vide G. O. No. 3,146, dated 2nd November 1864.*

2. The Quarter Master General's letter, requesting the work might be stopped pending the receipt of a Standard Plan from Calcutta, was received in this Office on the 25th March 1865, and the report of the Sanitary Commission, received on the 23rd March, was at once sent to the Executive Engineer, who was requested to alter the plans in accordance with the remarks contained in it. But before either report or letter was received, the foundations of one block had been completed, and of the other dug.

3. The work was, however, stopped before the end of last month.

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No. 413. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1865, No. 1,372.

MILITARY WORK, No. 33.

1. In the first of the foregoing letters the Quarter Master General brings to notice that the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, had been informed on the 17th March last that the construction of the Hospital on the old Race Course at Bangalore should be deferred, pending the receipt of a Standard Plan from Calcutta, but that, notwithstanding the instructions thus given, the foundations of one block had been completed, and those of the second excavated without a sanctioned plan.

2. This letter having been referred to the Superintending Engineer for report, as to the authority under which the building had been commenced before the plan and estimate had been submitted to and received the sanction of Government, that Officer explains, in the second of the letters above recorded, that the work was proceeded with on the sanction accorded in Proceedings No. 3,146, dated 2nd November 1864, "to the execution of any new work for the Dragoon Barracks "which is included in the general outlay already approved by Government, and "which is essential to the completion of the works as a whole."

3. On reference to the correspondence submitted with the Superintending Engineer's Endorsement, No. 1,305, dated 25th October 1864, the Government observe that the several descriptions of work, for the prosecution of which, in anticipation of the submission of regular estimates, authority was applied for and granted,* were the levelling of village

sites, the formation of roads, and the planting of trees and hedges, all of which the Executive Engineer represented to be necessary before the New Dragoon Barracks could be said to be actually ready for occupation.

4. It will thus be seen that no mention whatever was made, either by the Executive or the Superintending Engineer, of their intention to proceed with the erection of so important a building as the Hospital, the plans and estimates of which had never been submitted to Government, and of the constructive details of which they had consequently no means of forming an opinion, and that those Officers committed a serious mistake in construing the order referred to as authorizing them to proceed with the construction of the building.

† No. 1,270, dated 10th May 1865.

5. Strict adherence to the instructions contained in the orders marginally† noted will prevent the recurrence of similar irregularities.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Quarter Master General's Office
Fort Saint George 25th April 1865.
N^o. 4735.

From
Lieutenant Colonel F. H. Scott
Quarter Master General
To
Colonel H. Marshall
Secretary to Government
Military Department
Sir,

The Commander in Chief has lately had under his consideration the Plan of the Hospital to be erected on the old Race Course at Bangalore, and having received the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner thereon, he decided that as a Standard Plan was expected from Calcutta, it would be on the whole far better that we should wait for it, rather than proceed to erect so important a Building on a Plan which was much debated.

2. The Superintending Engineer's 5th Division was informed accordingly on the 17th ultimo.

3. The Commander in Chief now learns that the foundations of one Block are completed, and that those of the Second are dug; that is, that the work has been and is carried on without a sanctioned Plan, and even after it had been communicated that the Plan would

would be awaited from Brugal.

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. Scott, Esq.

Quarter Master General

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Prof. J. Smith George }
28 Feb 1865 }

Referred to the Department Public Works with advice to 3 proceedings of Government No 529, dated 4th February 1865

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to the Secretary of State.

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Reports that the New
Hospital at Bangalore
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 had been submitted to
 and received the sanction
 of Government, and why
 the work was allowed
 to proceed with other
 intimation had been given
 by the Assistant Quartermaster
 that the Standard Plan applied
 from Calcutta should
 be adopted.

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Secretary of State

J. H. Webb,
 Fort Stevens,
 29th April/65-3
 To the duty Engineer
 5th Regt. Ste. Artillery
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5th Dr. De la Tour

To Mr. 1865 Department
Cross of Gold for 1865
The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

To The Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

Dated 12th May 1865
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No 143.
Enclosure 1.

Intimating the authority
under which the new
Hospital on the Race
course at Bangalore
was commenced and pro-
ceeded with.
No. 1372-20th May 1865

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Under date the 20th May 1865
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From the Superintending Engineer
Sth Div

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No 1755

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No 143

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2. This letter having been referred to the Superintending Engineer for report as to the authority under which the building had been commenced before the plan and Estimate had been submitted to and received the sanction of Government, that Officer explains, in the second of the letters above recorded

recorded, that the work was proceeded with on the sanction accorded in No. 3146, dated 2^d Nov/64, "to the execution of any" "new work for the Dagoon" "Baracks which is included in the general" "outlay already approved" "by Government, and which" "is essential to the completion of the work as a whole."

3. On reference to the correspondence submitted with the Superintending Engineer's endorsement No. 1305 dated 25th October 1864, the Govt observe that the several descriptions of work for the prosecution of which in anticipation of the submission of regular Estimates, authority was applied for and granted, were the levelling of

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Strict adherence
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in the orders marginally
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larities.

No 1270 dated 10th
May 1865

The Supg Engr. D. G. ✓
Quartermaster - Lt Col ✓
Military Secretary ✓

Recd 22 May 1865



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No. 1372
Pro. of the Madras Govt
D^y 20 May 1865

Correspondence
relative to the Commence-
ment of the Hospital
on the Race Course at
Bangalore without con-
sultation to the Plan & Estimate
with orders thereon.

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