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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1865.*

No. 175. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on the estimates sub-
mitted by the Superintendent Engineer, 3rd Division, for alteration and
improvements to the buildings occupied by the Artillery at Bellary. } (Here enter 27th May 1865, No. 1,970.)

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1865, No. 1,557.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 13.

1. Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 3rd Division for
information and guidance.

Alterations to the Non-Commissioned Officers'
Quarters at Bellary. Estimate Rupees 7,240.

2. The work marginally noted should
be at once undertaken. The cost will

be met from the grant for Minor Works under "Military."

3. The improvements to the buildings occupied by the Artillery at Bellary
should also be proceeded with in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of
India, which will be applied for on the receipt of information as to the amount
which Captain Moberly expects to be able to expend on the work during the current
official year.

4. The Superintending Engineer's particular attention will be requested to
paragraph 2 of the Orders above recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 16th January 1885.

From
Captain J. F. Fischer R.E. 3
Late Lieutenant Engineer
Bellary.

To
Captain A. S. Moberly R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 3rd Division.

Sir,

With reference to Para 3 of G.O. of the 10th inst. No. 66, I beg to report that when these Barracks were ordered for construction I reported to the late Central Office that it was impossible in an island like Bellary to get Palmyra rafters of sufficient length for a span of 20 feet, a few might have been obtained with difficulty but to roof in 3 long ranges of Barracks the trees could not furnish the required number and I then suggested a roofing similar to that recently adopted for the Reading Room and Library attached to the European Regiment should be put up.

2. I was told in reply that no other timber but palmyra would be sanctioned and I was to proceed with the erection of these Barracks without troubling the Central Office again, there was then no alternative but to roof the buildings as well as we could, and the best palmyra was selected for the Barracks. I regret to say I do not agree with you that the chief cause of leakage is that the footings of these rafters rest in the middle of the wall: and I do not find after ^{carefully} looking at several buildings about Saint Thome that the

usual practice, even down here, where palmyra trees are in such abundance and of such superior quality, is to carry the feet of the rafters at all beyond the walls, on the contrary the plan adopted at Bellary is usually practised here as far as I have been able to observe.

Mr. J. F. Fischer
D. No. 157 of 1865.

I have &c.

Sig. J. F. Fischer Captain R.E.

late Ex. Engineer 1st Class.

(New barracks)

A. S. Ashby Captain R.E.

Sup. Engineer

3rd Division.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Camp Madanapalli, 6th April 1865, No. 204; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

I have the honor to submit an Estimate for the alterations and improvements suggested by me in my letter, No. 157 of 15th December last, for the buildings occupied by the Artillery at Bellary, amounting to Rupees 21,980.

Paragraphs 2, 5, 8, 10 and 15.

2. I also beg to submit a Plan and Estimate for alterations to the building used as Non-Commissioned Officers' quarters, referred to in paragraph 22 of my letter, No. 157 of 15th December last. This has been prepared in communication with the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts. The building is at present very low and has no ventilation, as you can see by the Section; and so to admit of ventilation, I propose raising the main walls 3 feet and putting ventilators between the roof of the building and that of the verandah. There is a thatched verandah on the south side which I propose converting into a tiled one.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order, No. 736 of the 16th ultimo, I have the honor to submit an extract of a letter from Captain Fischer. I have sent instructions to examine the records for the correspondence to which Captain Fischer refers, but have not as yet received it.

4. As regards paragraph 2 of the Government Order, I would beg to point out that, in the Order of Government, No. 736 of 16th March 1865. No. 1772 of the 18th June 1864, it was stated that the Governor in Council concurred with the Commander-in-Chief in the opinion, that the Field Battery Quarters at Bellary should be finished in all respects in a permanent manner. I cannot think that any person can call the new buildings, at present occupied by the E. Battery 23rd Brigade, "permanent buildings," as I have mentioned in paragraph 6 of my letter, No. 190 of the 17th February 1865, that they are constructed of undressed stone in mud.

5. Several buildings which I look upon as only temporary, have been constructed for the Artillery, but not one building which, in my opinion, can be called permanent, and as there will always, I believe, be a Battery of Royal Artillery at Bellary, I considered it necessary to bring to the notice of Government, that there were no permanent buildings, and to point out where I would suggest that these permanent buildings, when erected, should be placed.

From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., late Executive Engineer, Bellary, Madras, 16th January 1865; to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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Military Works Public Works Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th June 1865
Read the following

Proceedings Madras Govt
in the military Dept

Issuing orders on the
Minutes submitted by the
Supt Engineer 3rd Division for
alterations and improvements
to the buildings occupied by
the artillery at Bellary.

(Fore cited 27 May 1865
No 1970)

Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer
of the 3rd Division for
information and guidance

The work required
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cost will be met from
the grant for Minor
Works under "Military"

The improvements
to the buildings occupied

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For: II Post in
the Military
Dept

Noted 27th
Re: 1303 May 1865
C. S. H. 1970

Passing order on
the Estimates submitted
by the Supt Engineer 3rd
Div. for alterations and
improvements to the
buildings occupied by
the Artillery at Bellary.

1534-7 June 1865

Attention to the
Hon^{ble} Secy to Govt
at Bellary - Estimate No 260-

by the Artillery at Bellary
Should also be provided
with in anticipation of
the sanction of the Govt
of India, which will be
applied for on the receipt
of information as to the
amount which Capt. Mobley
expects to be able to
expend on the work during
the current fiscal year

The Superintending
Engineer, particular at-
tention will be requested
to give 2 of the copies
above wanted —

W.B.

1/4 The Sup^y by: 3rd Divⁿ
- in (introductory) to the Amd
- Accountant Gen^l
- Military Department

With specification ✓

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Dec^r 8th June

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