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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1865.*

No. 241. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating endorsement by the
Chief Commissioner, Central Pro-
vinces, forwarding certain corres-
pondence relative to the Military
Buildings at Chindwarah and
Moothoor. (Here enter 2nd August 1865, No. 2,858.)

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1865, No. 2,302.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17.

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 Officer Commanding Nagpore Force, Kamptec, 29th April 1865, No. 96 ;
to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, Nagpore.

I have the honor to bring to your notice, points which seemed to me to require the attention of the Public Works Department, both at Chindwarah and Moothoor, and which, I observed on my recent visit to those Stations.

CHINDWARAH.

1. The completion of the lavatory which is still in a very unfinished state.
2. The erection of a prison-room with a solitary cell on either side of it.
3. The erection of a shed for the protection of sick carriage, doolies, &c., &c., now exposed to the weather. The sick carriage, at a Convalescent Depot, is often large; accommodation is required for 2 sick carts and 12 doolies.
4. The drainage of an extensive swamp on either side of the main road leading to the Barracks, a deep cutting and lateral trenches, it is believed, would suffice. To this large swamp the fevers, which prevail at Chindwarah on the drying up of the rains, are, it is conjectured, traceable.

MOOTHOR.

1. The completion of the roof of the principal Barrack and fitting of all doors and windows belonging to it. The roof where completed, is still very leaky.
2. The boarding of the entire floor of the principal Barrack and Serjeant's rooms.
3. The gravelling of the verandahs and a space of not less than 40 yards round the principal Barrack.
4. The gravelling of a space not less than 10 yards round the cook-room, privy and lavatory.
5. The completion of the privy, together with a covered passage leading to it.
6. The erection of a Commissariat store godown.
7. The erection of a ball alley.
8. The completion of the lavatory, gratings for the men to stand on, being also required.
9. The erection of a lightening conductor to the principal Barrack.
10. Some arrangement in regard to fire places is also necessary, the chimnies of the former Building terminate inside the present roof, and are covered by it, they are closed to prevent accidents.
11. The completion of the Officers' Quarters, at present a mere shell.
12. The conversion of the school room into a suitable Hospital with boarded floors, and other necessary arrangements for medicines and patients.
13. The whitewashing inside and outside, if possible, of all the Government Buildings.

II. I consider that all these points are essential, and save the 7th and 13th, cannot be dispensed with, and that until completed, it would be injudicious to send up a party of Soldiers from Kamptec to occupy and make experiment of the proposed Sanitarium at Moothoor.

III. From the great delay which has already occurred, and the difficulty of accomplishing any work at the Station, I would urge the retention there of an Executive Commissioned Officer, till the works are completed.

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, Public Works Department, Nagpore, 14th June 1865, No. 992 ; to the Officer Commanding Nagpore Force, Kamptec.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 96 of 29th April 1865, regarding the Buildings at Chindwarah and Moothoor, and to state as follows :—

1st. Orders have been issued to complete works, Nos. 1 and 4 at Chindwarah, in anticipation of the receipt of estimates which have been called for.

2nd. An estimate for works, Nos. 2 and 3 has been called for.

3rd. Work No. 1 at Moothoor is finished; No. 2 is in hand; Nos. 3 and 4 have been ordered; No. 5 is finished; and an estimate for the covered passage called for; No. 6 has been ordered.

4th. But with reference to No. 7, I am to enquire if a skittle alley is meant; if so, an estimate according to the Standard Plan will be immediately called for; No. 8 will be ordered.

5th. As regards No. 9, lightening conductors, I am to state that temporary thatched Barracks have never been thus protected, and that their cost will be more than the Barracks; if under these circumstances you consider that they should be fixed, a reference on the subject will be made to the Government of India.

6th. As to No. 10, for places to the Barracks—the Buildings being with thatched roof, the Chief Commissioner would suggest, that this point also be postponed until less dangerous habitations are constructed. G. O. C. C., of 9th April 1859, directs that all fires in Barracks shall be extinguished after Tattoo—is it worth while to run the great risk of burning down the Barracks, merely to have fires for a couple of hours between 6 and 8 P. M.?

7th. No. 11 is in hand, and it is expected—finished; No. 12 will be estimated for; No. 13, is finished.

2. I am to add, that Major Saunders, the Executive Engineer of the Division, will remain at Chindwarah to superintend the works at that Station and Moothoor, until such time as Mr. Span, an experienced and able Engineer, is available from other duties to relieve him; it is hoped this arrangement will be all you desire.

From the Officer Commanding Nagpore Force, Kamptee, 19th June 1865, No. 128; to the Chief Engineer, Central Provinces, Nagpore.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter, No. 992, dated 14th instant, relative to the Military Buildings at Chindwarah and Moothoor.

2. I am glad to receive so favorable an account of the general progress of the work at both places.

3. No. 7 work for Moothoor, should have been designated a skittle alley, and not ball alley, I shall feel obliged, if measures are taken, to secure the erection of a skittle alley.

4. With reference to the provision of lightening conductors at Moothoor, as it is stated that they never are put up to temporary thatched Barracks, and that their cost would be more than the Barracks, I do not wish to press the point, nor that of fire places in the present thatched Buildings.

No. 1,900.

*From Brigadier General Commanding Nagpore Force, to Chief Commissioner, No. 96, dated 29th April 1865.

Secretary to Chief Commissioner, in reply, No. 992, dated 14th June 1865.

Brigadier General Commanding Nagpore Force, to Chief Engineer, No. 128, dated 19th June 1865.

Copies of the foregoing correspondence* forwarded to Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, for information, with reference to his letter, No. 2341, dated 22nd June 1865.

(Signed) W. MAXWELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
18th July 1865. Secy. to Chief Commr. C. P., P. W. D.

ORDER, No. 2858, 2nd August 1865.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Dept.)

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Public Works Department, for information. *With 20 spare copies.*

Ed. A. W. Cooke.

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