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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1867.*

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on an application from the Quarter
Master General for the provision of quarters
for the 2nd Captain of the Garrison Battery } (Here enter 26th July 1867, No. 2,745.)
of Artillery in Fort Saint George.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1867, No. 2,336.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

1. Communicated to the Super-
intending Engineer of the 4th Division,
who will report at an early date on the
subject of paragraph 3.

2. The Order in the Military Department of the 19th June 1866, No. 2,068,
was communicated to the Superintending Engineer with Public Works Proceed-
ings No. 1,976, under date the 23rd idem.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R.I.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with No. 2,736 of 1866.
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustia

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

<i>From the Adjutant General</i>	Here enter 28th May 1866, No 3/26.
<i>Memo from the Secy. to Govt., Pub. Works Dept.</i> ..	5th June ,, ,, 5.
<i>From the Barrack Master, Presidency</i>	7th ,, ,, ,, 259.

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 28th May 1866, No. 3/26; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward correspondence as per margin, connected with the provision of quarters in the Fort for the 2nd Captain of the Garrison Battery of Royal Artillery lately ordered into it. This Officer has not been

able to accompany his Battery consequent on the want of accommodation, and His Excellency considers that the second in command of a Battery being thus separated from it is very objectionable.

2. His Excellency intimated to the Officer Commanding the Centre Division his wishes, that the Officer Commanding No. 6/23rd Battery should occupy the quarters which were formerly allotted to the Officer Commanding the Artillery in the Fort, but the Barrack Master states that he is precluded from allotting those quarters, as the Executive Engineer had been placed in them by the Order of Government.

3. I am directed therefore to bring to notice, that the quarters referred to by Colonel Worster, as having been "formerly occupied by the Inspector of Ordnance on the works," were occupied by the Officer Commanding the Detachment of effective Artillery, when such was stationed in the Fort, and were designated his quarters before the appointment of "Inspector of Ordnance on the works" was instituted, or the Veteran Artillery sent into the Fort were placed under the command of the "Inspector of Ordnance on the works."

4. Major Morton now commands a full Battery of Artillery in the Fort, he has also charge of all the Ordnance mounted on the works, all duties which were performed by the "Inspector of Ordnance on the works" devolve on him; and, under these circumstances, His Excellency trusts that Government will recognise the double and strong claim which Major Morton (or any other officer holding his position) appears to have to the quarters now occupied by the Executive Engineer, and that instructions may be given for his being located in them. This arrangement would also allow of the 2nd Captain of the Battery of Artillery being quartered in the Fort.

5. The claim of the Executive Engineer to quarters in the Fort is one of comparatively late date, and His Excellency is of opinion that officers, whose duties are immediately connected with the men under their command, should have a prior claim to quarters in the Fort to any other officers.

6. The provision of quarters for the 2nd Captain of the Battery of Royal Artillery ordered into the Fort, being a matter connected with the discipline of the Battery, it has been referred through this Department.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Fort Saint George, 18th May 1866, No. 395; to the Assistant Adjutant General, Royal Artillery, Head Quarters.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 1-252 of the 9th instant, I regret to find that His Excellency does not approve of my having directed the 2nd Captain of No. 6-23rd Brigade Royal Artillery to remain at the Mount to do duty. His Excellency may rest assured that I should not have taken upon myself to issue this Order, had it been possible to find quarters for Captain Haggard. Agreeably to the instructions contained in your letter, the Barrack Master was called upon to provide quarters for Captain Haggard, and I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Barrack Master's reply.

There are now two Subalterns' quarters vacant, (Lieutenant Woodgate having died since the date of the occupation report referred to by the Barrack Master) one of which can be occupied by Captain Haggard, should His Excellency wish it.

I would however submit that 28 quarters at the least are required for the Infantry Regiment in the Fort, and as a 2nd Captain with a Garrison Battery is a very rare and exceptional occurrence, I would suggest, should His Excellency still decide to bring Captain Haggard into the Fort, that Government be applied to, to provide more quarters for officers.

From the Barrack Master Presidency, Fort Saint George, 14th May 1866, No 87; to the Brigade Major, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your endorsement on the enclosed letter from the Assistant Adjutant General Royal Artillery, I have the honor to state that of the thirty quarters assigned for the accommodation of officers of the Regiment in the Fort, three have now been appropriated for the Artillery Officers, who have recently joined, leaving but twenty-seven (with one quarter at the General Hospital) available to the Regiment.

2 Eight of these have been allotted as Captains' quarters, but the Paymaster, and in the present instance, two Assistant Surgeons, from length of service, are entitled to Captains' quarters.

3. There are now five Captains with the Regiment, and another may be expected to join immediately, a Paymaster, and one Assistant Surgeon, (the other occupying the Hospital quarter) for the seven quarters remaining to the Regiment after accommodating the Captain of Artillery.

4. A Captains' quarter for the 2nd Captain of Artillery, to which he is entitled, is, therefore, not available, without disturbing Regimental arrangements.

5. By the occupation Returns, ten Subalterns and one Assistant Surgeon are now quartered in the Fort, but two temporarily employed at Palaveram may rejoin in a day or two, leaving but one Ensigns' quarter vacant of the fourteen quarters available to the Regiment.

6. As regards the quarters occupied by the Executive Engineer, (formerly occupied by the "Inspector of Ordnance on the works,") I have to state that as this Officer was placed in possession under the Orders of Government, I am unable to change the allotment without its sanction.

7. In reference to this subject, and to the allotment of quarters in the Fort, I beg to refer you to the Proceedings of Government and Orders thereon, No. 2432, dated 3rd July 1860, and No. 4505, dated 9th December 1861.

Referred to the Public Works Department, with advertence to Proceedings* in that Department, No. 1342, dated 26th June 1860, and Military Proceedings, No. 1449A, dated 24th April 1866—copy of which is herewith communicated.

31st May 1866.

No. 5.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In reply to the endorsement of the Secretary to Government, in the Military Department, on a letter from the Adjutant General No. $\frac{3}{26}$, dated the 20th May 1866, the undersigned is directed to state that, as the duties of the Executive Engineer in charge of the works and buildings of the Fortress, require his constant presence, and as his office and store yard are situated within the fortifications, it is very necessary that he should live in quarters. The advantage of his residence close to his charge, and of his being always at hand to meet requisitions upon him by the Military authorities, was fully recognized by Government in their Orders of the 26th June 1860, No. 1342, and nothing having since occurred to alter the circumstances which then led the Government to order that quarters for the Executive Engineer should be provided in the Fort, any change of the present arrangement is undesirable.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt, P. W. D.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th June 1866.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 7th June 1866, No. 259; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the Orders conveyed in your memorandum of the 6th instant, I have the honor to submit a statement shewing the allotment of officers' quarters within the Fortress, previous and subsequent to the year 1860, about which time the arrangements, as they at present exist, were completed under the orders of Sir Charles Trevelyan.

2. For many years past, the allotment for the Garrison Chaplain and Staff Officer of the Garrison has remained unaltered, but it will be observed, that the accommodation for the Officers of the Regiment has undergone material change; the number of quarters having been reduced from 37 to 30, which is inadequate to meet the requirements of a Regiment with its proper complement of officers.

3. In a letter from the Quarter Master General, dated 8th October 1861, in Proceedings of Government, No. 4505, dated 9th December 1861, thirty-three is the number of quarters deemed necessary for a Regiment, at present, however, there are but twenty-seven available, three having been given up to one Captain and two Subalterns of Artillery.

4. To complete the number, it will be necessary that six quarters in the east face of the Barracks now occupied by the Non-Commissioned Staff, should again be made available as Subalterns' Quarters. With this addition the quarters would stand thus.

Field Officers' Quarters	4
Captains' "	8
Subalterns' "	22
Adjutant's "	1
Quarter Master's "	1
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5. There would thus be thirty three quarters for the Regiment and three for the Artillery, which however would be still left without a quarter for the 2nd Captain, and the Regiment being already deprived of one Captain's quarters would require an increase of quarters for this grade, as the Paymaster, and occasionally an Assistant Surgeon, are entitled to Captain's quarters.

6. As an instance there are at present with the 60th Rifles.

5 Captains (and a sixth expected by the next Steamer.)

1 Paymaster.

1 Assistant Surgeon, entitled to Captain's quarters.

7. A seventh Captain is also to join during the next month, so that nine Captains' quarters at least are required to meet the claims of the Regiment, while there are only seven available.

8. To meet the requirement for additional accommodation, I would suggest that the six quarters in the east face of the Barrack be again appropriated as Officers' quarters, and that the five Subalterns' quarters, formerly the Civil Auditor's Office, should be converted into three Captains' and one Subaltern's Quarter, leaving eighteen Subalterns' quarters available.

9. The allotment would then be,

Field Officers' Quarter . 4

Captains' " ... 11

Subalterns' " ... 18

Adjutant's " . 1

Quarter Master's " . 1

For nine Captains of the Regiment and two for the Artillery.

For fifteen Subalterns of the Regiment and three for the Artillery.

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10. As quarter for Subalterns may still be required, the present Military Fund Office, opposite the family quarters, and the quarters occupied by the Band Master, might be appropriated for three officers.

11. The buildings are however cut off from the sea breeze, and are otherwise close and confined, and could scarcely be made comfortable for occupation.

12. Two Subalterns' quarters might be built to the north of the late Civil Auditor's which would be preferable, and in the event of officers being unprovided with quarters at any time, lodging money could be allowed for their housing themselves outside the walls of the Fortress.

ALLOTMENT of Officers' Quarters, Garrison Fort Saint George.

Previous to 1860-61.	Number.	Subsequent to 1860-61.	Number.
<i>Staff.</i>		<i>Staff.</i>	
Town Major	1	Brigade Major	1
Fort Adjutant	1	Superintendent of Details... ..	1
Garrison Chaplain.....	1	Garrison Chaplain.....	1
Garrison Assistant Surgeon.....	1	Garrison Assistant Surgeon.. ..	1
Commissary of Ordnance	1	Commissary of Ordnance	1
Inspector of Ordnance on the works ...	1	Executive Engineer	1
Band Master	1	Band Master	1
Total...	7	Total...	7
<i>Regimental Quarters.</i>		<i>Regimental Quarters.</i>	
Officers' quarters in Barrack	1	Subalterns' quarters	1
Two to seven Officers in Barrack.....	6	Six Staff Serjeants' quarters.	
Quarters in Barrack	1	As an Orderly room.	
Do.	1	Subaltern's quarters	1
Ten to twenty-two Officers' quarters in Barrack	13	Converted into Barrack rooms.	
Late Cadets' quarters for three Officers ...	3	Demolished.	
General Gent's, Field Officer's quarters ...	1	Field Officer's quarters.....	1
North Gate street, Officers' quarters ...	3	Subalterns' quarters.....	3
Old Post office building, Officers' quarters.	3	Two Captains' and two Subalterns' quarters.	4
Officer's quarters attached to Main Guard.	1	Captains' quarters	1
Admiralty house, Officers' quarters ...	3	Captain and two Subalterns' of Artillery...	3
<i>Offices converted into Quarters.</i>		<i>Offices converted into Quarters.</i>	
Army Clothing office.		The Commanding Officer's quarters.....	1
Late Pay office.		Field Officer and Captains' quarters	2
Late Judge Advocate General's office.		Field Officer's quarters.....	1
Old Officers' Mess house.		Captains' quarters.....	2
Late Revenue Board office.		One Captain and four Subalterns' quarters	5
Late Civil Auditor's office.		Subalterns' quarters.....	5
Total...	37	Total...	30

(Signed) W. K. WORSTER, Colonel,
Barrack Master.

7th June 1866.

ORDER, No. 2068, 19th June 1866.

The Government having objected in the Public Works Department, to the Executive Engineer, Fort Saint George, being called upon to vacate his quarters, the foregoing letter from the Barrack Master, on the subject of the accommodation available for Regimental Officers within the Fortress, will be referred for any observation His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may desire to offer thereon.

2. It occurs to the Government that the conversion of the Military Fund Office into Officers' quarters, might be thought objectionable, by reason of the proximity of that building to the family quarters which would be overlooked.

3. It is observed that in his letter, recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 1449A, dated 24th April 1866, the Quarter Master General reported that there

was accommodation in the Fort for the officers, men and families of the Artillery—"and to spare"—and it was on this assurance that the Government acquiesced in the proposal that the Battery of Royal Artillery should be located in Fort Saint George.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. Marshall, Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General, with two enclosures.
 .. Public Works Department.
 .. Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.
 .. Quarter Master General.
 .. Controller of Military Accounts.
 .. Brigade Major, Fort Saint George, for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 24th July 1866,
 No. ⁴⁰³₆₃₉₁; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to furnish the following reply to Proceedings of Government, No. 2068, dated 19th June last:

2. In my letter, dated 24th April, it was reported that there was room for the Officers of the Battery in the Fort and to spare. The information on which that statement was based was attached to the letter—8 quarters being reported vacant by the Division. It was lost sight of at the moment that 33 quarters were formerly reported as necessary for the Infantry Regiment alone, though only 22 were now occupied; but it may now be added that since it has been determined to hold Trichinopoly by two Companies from the Regiment in the Fort, 6 Officers at least will hereafter be stationed at Trichinopoly, so that twenty-seven Officers will alone need to be provided for in the Fort.

3. But the Commander-in-Chief cannot think that Government would have objected to the location of the Battery in the Fort, had it then been understood that there would be difficulty in providing quarters for one Officer only. Such a consideration is, in the Commander-in-Chief's estimation, of but slight importance when compared with the absolute necessity that a Garrison Battery should be stationed in the Fort, not only as a proper part of the Garrison, but because of the new Armament placed on the walls of the sea-face.

4. The quarters called the Cadets' quarters, once occupied by three Subalterns, have been demolished, and nothing substituted since my letter of 8th October 1861.

5. The Commander-in-Chief thinks the proposition contained in paragraph 8 of Colonel Worster's letter, will be the best to meet present and future calls. If twenty-seven be taken as the number of quarters required for the Infantry, after supplying the Trichinopoly and Palaveram Detachments, and five for the Artillery, the total will be thirty-two, and any further provision for Subalterns' quarters, referred to in paragraph 10 of Colonel Worster's letter, will be unnecessary as a permanent measure.

ORDER, No. 2736, 6th August 1866.

Ordered to be communicated to the Barrack Master for information and guidance, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2068, dated 19th June 1866.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. Barnilton, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
 .. Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.
 .. Adjutant General.

Brigade Major Fort Saint George (True Copy)

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

R. Barnilton Colonel
Deputy Secretary to Government

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General	Here enter	1st July 1867, No. ⁶⁴³ ₄₃₉₅ .
From the Barrack Master	"	9th " " " 929
From do. do.	"	11th " " " 143.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 1st July 1867, No. ⁶⁴³₄₃₉₅; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the Order of Government, 19th June 1866, No. 2068, I have the honor, by order, to report that the necessity for providing quarters for the 2nd Captain of the Garrison Battery of Artillery in Fort Saint George, has again been brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief, consequent on the arrival from England of Captain Wright, Royal Artillery, for whom no quarters are available.

2. The Barrack Master having been addressed on the subject, Colonel Worster has forwarded the accompanying allotment.

3. The Commander-in-Chief observes that the Quarter Master General's letter dated 24th July 1866, No. 403, intimating His Excellency's concurrence in the Barrack Master's proposition, regarding "the re-appropriation of six quarters 'on the east face of the barracks as officers' quarters, and the conversion of five 'subalterns' quarters into three Captains' and one subalterns' quarter," was duly communicated to the Barrack Master, "for information and guidance," by Order of Government, dated 6th August 1866, No. 2736: but no action seems to have been taken upon it up to this time. Colonel Worster says that "no orders appear to have been communicated to the Public Works Department, regarding the conversion of the quarters in paragraph 8 of my letter" &c.

4. His Excellency begs that Government will be pleased to issue such orders on this matter, as will ensure the due provision of quarters for all the officers of the Artillery without further delay, and he trusts that the arrangements now to be made will prevent further correspondence on the subject and the recurrence of the inconvenience complained of.

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STATEMENT shewing the allotment of quarters for the Regiment and Artillery in Fort Saint George.

Allotment	Number of quarters.	Number of quarters.	How occupied.
Commanding Officer's quarters	1	1	Commanding Officer, privilege leave.
Field Officers' quarters	3	1	Surgeon Major.
		1	Field Officer on passage from England.
		1	Senior Captain
Captains' quarters.	7	5	Captains.
		2	Assistant Surgeons entitled to Captains' quarters.
Subalterns' quarters	16	4	Captains.
		10	Subalterns.
		2	Do on passage from England.
Do do.	6	6	In barracks occupied by Staff Serjeants until required by the regiment.
Quarters allotted to the Artillery.			
Captain's quarters	1	1	Captain.
Subalterns' quarters	2	1	Subaltern.
		1	Vacant.

28th June 1867.

(Signed) W. K. WORSTER, Colonel,
Barrack Master.

Referred to the Barrack Master for early report, as to the most suitable arrangement for the provision of the quarters required.

4th July 1867.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 9th July 1867, No. 929; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to your endorsement on the enclosed letter from the Quarter Master General, I have the honor to state that the arrangement formerly suggested, in my letter, dated 7th June 1866,

No. 259, embodied in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 2068, dated 19th June 1866, may be sufficient for the regiment, although there will still be one Captain's quarter deficient to meet its present requirements, as there are eight Captains, one Paymaster, and two Assistant Surgeons entitled to Captains' quarters.

The addition of a Captain's quarter for the second Captain of Artillery is thus a necessity, and can probably be built on the top of the building occupied by the Artillery Officer. The Executive Engineer, with whom I have been in communication, will examine the foundations to ascertain whether they are sound enough to bear the superstructure.

From the Officiating Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 11th July 1867, No. 943; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In continuation of a letter from this department, No. 929, dated 9th July 1867, I have the honor to state that the Executive Engineer does not think it safe to build a third story on the old Admiralty quarters occupied by the Artillery Offi-

cers, and suggests that a Captain's quarter for the second Captain of Artillery may be erected on the north of No. 1 subalterns' quarters, the site proposed by Colonel Worster to build two subalterns' quarters; in his letter No. 259, dated 7th June 1866, embodied in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 2068, dated 19th June 1866.

ORDER, No. 2745, 26th July 1867.

Government wish to be informed what temporary and immediate arrangements can be made for providing quarters for the second Captain of the Battery of Artillery serving in Fort Saint George.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the suggestion in paragraph 8 of the Barrack Masters' letter, recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 2068, dated 19th June 1866, being carried out, for the reasons stated in paragraph 11 of the same letter, namely, "that the buildings are cut off from the sea breeze, and are otherwise close and confined, and could scarcely be made comfortable for occupation."

3. The Proceedings in question, with those of the 6th August following, No. 2736, will however be communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to instructions being issued to the Superintending Engineer to consider, in communication with the Barrack Master, the best plan for providing the accommodation now required for the second Captain of Artillery.

(True Extract)

Hamilton Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
.. Barrack Master, Fort Saint George
.. Public Works Department, with Proceedings, Nos. 2068 and 2736 of 1866 & 20 spare copies of Order
.. Adjutant General.
.. Controller of Military Accounts.
.. Brigade Major, Fort Saint George.

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