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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department ,
5th Jaunary 1867.*

No. 90. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating certain correspondence, and }
requesting that the subject of providing the } (Here enter 21st December 1866, No. 4,440.)
extra accommodation required by the Medical
Store Department in Fort Saint George may
be enquired into.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1867, No. 40.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 6

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division for
early and full report on the subject
adverted to in paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Military Department.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Secretary to Government, P. W. D. Here enter 3rd July 1866.
 From the Barrack Master, Presidency..... " 19th " " No. 452.
 From the Ag. Inspector General of Ordnance. " 31st Oct. " " 185.
 From the Barrack Master, Presidency..... " 3rd Dec. " " 1470.
 From the Officiating Medical Store-keeper, Fort Saint George, 28th June 1866,
 No. 112; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Dept.

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that an addition is urgently wanted to the accommodation now existing in the Medical Stores.

2nd. At present many articles have to be kept in distant godowns in the walls of the Fort, and under the covered way on the premises, arrangements which are productive of constant inconvenience.

3rd. During the recent inspection of the stores by the Right Honorable the Governor, the Principal Inspector General suggested, that two new rooms should be built at the back of the main building, and His Excellency stated that he would be prepared to consider the suggestion.

4th. The Executive Engineer, as you are aware, yesterday visited the premises, and from a cursory examination stated that he considered these additions practicable, and that they could be executed at a cost of from 4,000 to 5,000 Rs.

5th. I have to solicit therefore that this proposition be submitted to Government, with a view to sanction being obtained, and the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

No. 233.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded for the favorable consideration of Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
 30th June 1866. }

(Signed) J. SHAW,
 Offg. Pl. Insp. Genl. Medl. Dept.

Referred to the Military Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
 3rd July 1866, }

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

Referred to the Barrack Master, for report.

7th July 1866.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 19th July 1866, No. 542;
 to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the enclosed letter from the Medical Store-keeper, forwarded to me for report, I have the honor to state that the invoices shew an increase in the supply of stores when packed, of at least 5,000 cubic feet; and Dr. Bidie informs me, that it is most probable that the supplies will be largely augmented to meet the requirements of the "Preparation Department," the operations in which are to be considerably extended.

2. At present there is no available space for many packages now in the yard, and though I believe no injury is likely to ensue, except to the cases, great inconvenience is felt from their narrowing the passage through the premises.

3. The Executive Engineer, to whom the subject has been referred, considers that the upper stories proposed by Dr. Bidie cannot be raised on their present foundations, and proposes that the adjoining godowns now in use by the Ordnance Department should be placed at the disposal of the Medical Store-keeper.

4. The storeage would then be increased about 4,000 square feet, but no doubt considerable expense will have to be incurred for opening out communications, (ventilation, &c.) to bring it under one inspection and control.

5. I enclose two letters, in reference to the impossibility of erecting upper stories to the godowns below, and to the position of the small arm ammunition magazine in the range of godowns proposed to be given over to the Medical Store-keeper.

From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Northern Range, Presidency, 18th July 1866, No. 292; to the Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.

In reference to your letter, No. 490, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the walls of the southern range of buildings are most indubitably *utterly unfit* to raise a second story on—I have carefully examined them.

2. The roof of the northern range is unfit to be used as a floor for a packing room, or a store-room.

3. I object to raising the buildings in this neighbourhood, as they will seriously interfere with the perflation of wind in the Main Guard, and adjacent quarters, and will completely overlook the quarters in this neighbourhood, and place the occupants in a very undesirable position, not to use any stronger term.

4. I would beg to suggest the desirability of the three magazines lying east of the Main Guard Court yard being vacated by the Ordnance Department, and occupied by the Medical Store Department.

5. I beg to enclose a letter lately addressed to the Superintending Engineer on the subject of these magazines.

From the Executive Engineer, No. 1 or Northern Range, Fort Saint George, 3rd July 1866, No. 219; to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Madras.

I have the honor to report that the magazines indicated by the light blue tint in the accompanying plan is, in my opinion, very ill suited for the use to which it is now put. It was not originally intended to be used as a magazine. The

Enclosure 1 plan.

buildings A A A are cook-houses constantly in use, B B B B B is the Main Guard-room, and C C the yard attached thereto where men are constantly smoking, D D are also cook-rooms—moreover in the upper story of the Main Guard-room are the quarters for the Field Officers and Subalterns of the day and the Court Martial-room. The Court Martial-room being used as a Band practice-room by the Garrison Band. In all these rooms smoking is practised, and the burning remains of cheroots and ashes of pipes are no doubt frequently thrown about near the magazine, and are likely to be carried into undesirable proximity to it by fitful gusts of wind which constantly eddy about the blocks of buildings exhibited in the plan. I have known an officer in guard to walk over F G smoking.

2. Under the above circumstances, I cannot but think that the sooner the building under consideration is abandoned as a Powder Magazine the better.

3. The building is unprovided with a Lightning Conductor.

Referred with letter No. 112 of 1866, to the Inspector General of Ordnance for report.

21st July 1866.

From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 31st October 1866, No. 185; to the Secretary to Government, Military, Department.

I have to acknowledge receipt of correspondence on the subject of additional accommodation required by the Medical Store-keeper, forwarded for report with docket dated 21st July 1866.

2. In returning the correspondence, I beg to observe that the accommodation required involves the surrender of the magazine at present used by this Department, for the stowage of small arm ammunition.

3. I have endeavoured by obtaining returns from the nearest Arsenals to ascertain whether the ammunition in question could not be re-distributed, but I find that the magazines are of a capacity that will not admit of additional supplies being stored.

4. Besides the ammunition referred to is the allotment needed to meet the requirements of the troops in Garrison or for emergent shipment, and no other stowage room can be found within the Fort.

Referred to the Barrack Master, for further report,
6th November 1866.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 3rd December 1866, No. 1470; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to copy of a letter from the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 31st October 1866, No. 185, referred to me for further report, I have the honor to state that as it appears impossible for the Ordnance Department to dispense with the small magazine near the Medical Stores, the increased accommodation required by the Medical Store-keeper can only be afforded by the erection of an upper storied room on the site of the small godowns on the north side of the yard, the Executive Engineer having stated that the walls of these godowns are not strong enough to bear an upper story.

ORDER, No. 4440, 21st December 1866.

There appearing to be so many objections to the proposed mode of increasing the Medical Store accommodation, the Governor in Council resolves to communicate the foregoing papers to the Department Public Works, with a view to the subject of the feasibility of erecting an upper storied room, on the site of the small godowns on the north side of the yard being further enquired into, under special instructions from that Department.

2. The Executive Engineer's remarks about smoking near and on the magazine, will be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Inspector General of Ordnance.

(True Extract.)

W. Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

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To the Public Works Department.
.. Barrack Master, Fort Saint George, with two enclosures.
.. Inspector General of Ordnance.
.. Quarter Master General.
.. Adjutant General.
.. Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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