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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
5th November 1868*

Read the following papers —

No 86 From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 23rd

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department. —

Sanctioning the repair of the block of the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary, hitherto unauthorizedly used as a Theatre, for the accommodation of the Corps stationed there. } (Here enter 5th November 1868, No. 4,314.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1868, No. 3,593.

MILITARY WORKS, No 27

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, who will take measures for the execution of the repairs in question.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Read the following papers —
No 86. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 23rd July 1868, No. ²⁰⁰/₅₇₂₃.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, forwarding a representation from the Officer Commanding 76th Foot, in regard to a block of the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary, which for some years past has been used as a Theatre by the 74th Highlanders, 21st Fusiliers and 76th Regiment, successively.

2. The Officer Commanding Ceded Districts was directed to call upon the Engineer Officer for an estimate of the probable cost of putting the building in an efficient state for the accommodation of troops. This estimate* amounts to Rupees

* *Herewith forwarded*
1,104, and His Excellency Lieutenant-General McCleverty would recommend that the necessary repairs may be executed at the public cost.

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, dated Head Quarters, Bellary, 29th February 1868, No. 36.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and decision of the Commander-in-Chief, the question of repairs to a block of the European Infantry Barracks, which has been used as a Regimental Theatre.

2. The building has for many years served as a Theatre. It was converted to this purpose while Her Majesty's 74th Regiment was stationed here. The 2nd Battalion 21st Fusiliers took over the building with the property belonging to the Theatrical Company from the 74th, and laid out a good deal of money in alterations and improvements to adapt it, properly, for the object in view. On the relief of that Regiment in January 1866, by the 76th, this Corps purchased the theatrical property for Rupees 500, I imagine without looking at all to the Government fixtures which there should be forthcoming.

3. A Wing of the 60th Rifles only relieving the 76th, the theatrical property was not purchased or taken over. On the march of this Regiment lately, the Barrack Master having to take the building over, found all the old fixtures removed, and alterations made, which the Executive Engineer estimates will require an outlay of Rupees 984 to restore, and render the building complete as a Barrack.

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From the Officer Commanding 76th Regiment, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts, Bellary, dated Camp Royelchervoo, en route to Thyetmyo, 17th January 1868, No 53.

Having been informed that it is the intention of the Barrack Master at Bellary to charge, as Barrack damages against the 76th Regiment, the expense of restoring the Theatre which has existed at that station for many years to its original arrangement, I have the honor to request that you will represent the case to the Major-General Commanding, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

The Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates composing the Theatrical Company in the Regiment under my command purchased the fixtures in the room in question in January 1866, from the 2-21st Fusiliers at a high price, viz. Rupees 500. Our unexpected departure for Burmah, and our relief by a Wing instead of a Regiment of European Infantry, has rendered it impossible for the said Company to obtain any sale whatever for their property, now valued at Rupees 600.

If, in addition to this heavy loss, the Company should be called upon to pay Barrack damages for restoration of the room to its original state, it would be tantamount to absolute ruin, and would too certainly prevent the re-commencement of an amusement strongly recommended by the highest Military authorities, as one deserving of every encouragement.

In conclusion, I would point out that the 74th (Regiment) Highlanders, as well as the 2-21st Fusiliers, are in simple justice equally bound to defray a share of the damages now contemplated if carried into effect, and would beg to suggest that the room be permitted to remain fitted up as at present, until such time as the garrison may be restored to its usual strength, and that the amateurs of the 76th Regiment may then be permitted to dispose of their property at such rates as may be obtainable from the European Regiment then stationed at Bellary.

No 87. Memorandum from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, dated Fort Saint George, 10th August 1868.

The Military Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Quarter Master General will, with reference to his letter No ²⁰⁰/₅₇₂₈, dated 23rd July 1868, favor Government by quoting the authority under which the Barrack at Bellary alluded to, was converted into a Theatre for the recreation of the 74th Highlanders.

No 88. Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 4th September 1868, No ⁵⁰⁴/₆₁₀₅.

With reference to memorandum dated 10th August 1868, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, the undersigned has the honor to state that the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts reports that, so far as can be ascertained, the block of Barracks alluded to was, in the first instance, * made use of as a Theatre by Her Majesty's 74th Regiment, without any special sanction having been obtained, and that it is presumed that the Commanding Officer, considering that there was space enough for the accommodation of the men of the Regiment in the other blocks, allowed the appropriation of the block in question as a Theatre, without reference to the Officer Commanding the District.

2 The records of this office do not show that any authority was given from Army Head Quarters for the Barrack in question being converted into a Theatre.

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5th November 1868.*

No 89. Memorandum from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, dated Fort Saint George, 24th September 1868.

The undersigned has the honor to request that the Government may be informed, whether the block of the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary, referred to in the correspondence marginally noted, is required for the accommodation of the troops, and, if not, if there is any objection to its being retained as a Theatre.

From the Quarter Master General, No ⁵⁰⁰/₅₀₄, dated 23rd July 1868.
From the Quarter Master General, No 504, dated 14th September 1868.

No 90. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 14th October 1868, No ⁵⁰⁰/₅₀₄.

Referring to your memorandum dated 24th September 1868, in regard to the accommodation afforded in the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary, I have the honor to state that Major General Shubrick reports, that according to the present allotment of space per man there is not more than sufficient accommodation for 610 men, and that no portion can be set aside for the purpose of a Theatre.

No 91. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1868, No. 4314.
The repair of the block of the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary, hitherto Theatre, is sanctioned, for the accommodation of the Corps stationed there.

(True Extract.)

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Lieut. Colonel,
Offy. Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Quarter Master General, with three enclosures.
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.
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Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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