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11th December 1868.*

No. 251. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 25th November 1868, No. 4,594.

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3. On the completion of the gymnasia, with their fitting, they should be made over to the Barrack Department.

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From the Under Secretary of State for War, to the Military Secretary, India Office ; dated War Office, 6th May 1868, No. ^{24,362}/₉₈₁.

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tor of Gymnastics in India, and requesting to be informed whether these designs for gymnasia and their fittings comprise all that is necessary, or go beyond the requirements of the complete course of gymnastics, and whether any of the articles contained in the designs alluded to are patented, and in reply I am to convey to you the following information regarding the structure, equipment, and furniture of the gymnasia erected by this department.

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Foils, spare blades	...	...	...	...	50	50*	50	25*	50	25*	24	12*	20
Gloves, right hand	...	...	...	...	18	6	25	12	25	12	12	6	10
" left	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	3	6	3	3	1	2
Gymnastic shoes, sizes	...	...	...	...	24	12	200	100	150	75	120	60	100
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Masks, fencing	...	...	...	...	18	2	12	3	12	3	6	2	5
Muskets, with spring bayonet	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	4	...	2	...	2
Pads.	{ Body aprons	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	...	2	...	2
	{ Leg ..	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	...	2	...	2
Plastrons (breast pad)	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	...	4	...	2	...	2
Single sticks	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	3	12	3	6	2	6
" with guards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	{ 20 "	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	{ 26 "	...	...	...	...	10	...	8	...	6	...	5	...
	{ 28 "	...	...	...	2	...	9	...	7	...	5	...	4
Bar bells, single.	{ 30 "	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	6	...	4	...	3
	{ 34 "	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	5	...	4	...	3
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	{ 60 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...

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From the Military Secretary, to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 9th May 1868, ^{452W}_{2,878}.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether any claim of Mr. Maclaren to Royalty, on account of fittings supplied for gymnasia, is recognized by the War Department.

No. ^{24,363}₉₉₁.

From the Under Secretary of State for War, to the Military Secretary, &c., &c., India Office, S. W.; dated War Office, 16th May 1868, No. ^{25,302}_{1,007}.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, No. ^{452W}_{2,878}, and to acquaint you in reply, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that no payment is made to Mr. Maclaren beyond the price of the gymnasia fittings, and five per cent. in addition for superintending their erection.

From the Under Secretary of State for War, to the Assistant Under Secretary, India Office, Downing Street; dated War Office, 30th April 1868, No. ^{21,362}₉₉₇.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the enclosed correspondence and reports received from His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, relative to the establishment of gymnasia in India, and to express the hope of the Secretary of State for War that measures may be taken to provide gymnasia and fencing rooms for the troops in India.

It is requested that the enclosures may be returned.

From Lieutenant-General W. F. FORSTER, K. H., to the Under Secretary of State, &c &c., &c., War Office; dated Horse Guards, 24th April 1868.

Understanding that the question of the establishment of gymnasia in India has been referred by the Secretary of State for India in Council to the War Department, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has directed me to forward, for Sir John Pakington's consideration, the accompanying papers on the subject, which have been received from the Commander-in-Chief in India, together with a report on the same by Lieutenant-Colonel F. Hammersley, Director of Gymnastics.

2. Sir John Pakington will observe from this correspondence that, although the erection of four experimental gymnasia was sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India in August 1866, no progress has yet been made towards their establishment, and that the question has again been referred by the Governor General in Council to the authorities in this country.

3. The Duke of Cambridge attaches the greatest importance to the introduction of the system of gymnastic training in India, and he trusts that Sir John Pakington will urge on Sir Stafford Northcote the necessity for immediate steps being taken with this view.

4. His Royal Highness has desired me to observe that, unless these gymnasia are immediately established, Regimentally if possible, all the good results of our Home training will be lost to the large proportion of the Army stationed in India, and that unless fencing rooms, with all the necessary appliances, are at once made available the advantages resulting from the Royal Warrant which has been promulgated, with reference to the distribution of prizes in the shape of additional pay for the best swordsmen and lancers, will be lost to the Cavalry Regiments serving in that country.

5. The return of the enclosures is requested.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel F. HAMMERSLEY, Director of Gymnastics, to the Adjutant General; dated Gymnasium, Aldershot, 24th March 1868, No. ^{3,204}_{India}.

I have the honor to return the correspondence relative to the establishment of the system of gymnastic training in India, forwarded under your Minute of the 18th instant, which I have carefully perused.

2. The resumé of correspondence enclosed with Sir William Mansfield's letter, No. 458C, of the 8th February 1868, shows clearly and shortly the position of matters at the present time.

3. Broadly stated it is as follows:—The Government of India refuses to sanction the issue of gymnastic apparatus to Regiments and Corps, in order that the system of training may be introduced Regimentally, until after a trial of it has been made in the experimental gymnasia, and, at the same time, funds for the erection of other gymnasia are withheld.

4. Although the erection of four experimental gymnasia was authorized so long ago as August 1866 nothing has yet been done, and the decision of the Governor General, to make a reference to the Home Government with regard to the fittings, will delay the commencement of them for a further considerable time.

5. On the first proposal to introduce the system Commanding Officers were encouraged to make a trial of it Regimentally. Non-Commissioned Officers were trained as Instructors for each Regiment, and a Director of Gymnastics for India appointed. Commanding Officers, and the Officers generally, zealously supported the proposed wishes of the authorities, by purchasing gymnastic apparatus with their own private funds, and giving the men such instruction as the limited means at their disposal admitted; but it is clear that these efforts cannot be sustained, and that, unless Government assistance is at once given, all the trouble, expense, and time spent will have been so much thrown away.

6. The form in which the assistance should be given is, supplying each Regiment and Corps with a certain proportion of gymnastic articles, and reimbursing Regiments the expense they have hitherto incurred.

7. Lists of the necessary articles, with the estimated cost, and the proportion to be supplied to each Regiment and Corps, were carefully prepared and submitted, the articles were also so designed that they would be available for the regular gymnasia when built. I have examined the lists, and believe them to contain what is necessary.

8. The sum required to reimburse Regiments will not, it is estimated by the Director of Gymnasia in India, exceed 3,500 Rupees.

9. I would, therefore, suggest that the Secretary of State for India should be urged to authorize the expenditure of the sum required to reimburse Regiments their outlay, and the issue of the articles of the apparatus as given in the lists.

10. I would also strongly represent the necessity of at once sending out supplies of fencing materials for Cavalry Regiments. Although repeated and urgent applications have been made for them none have yet been sent. General Order, No. 867, of the 28th June 1865 (Prizes for Swordsmanship) is consequently a dead letter, as far as India is concerned, and the men are deprived of the prizes, and the much coveted badges.

From the Assistant, Military Department, to the Under Secretary of State, War Office; dated India Office, 13th August 1868, No. ⁴¹⁷⁴₇₂₀^W.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April, forwarding correspondence received from India through the Horse Guards, regarding the establishment of

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gymnasia in that country, and expressing Sir John Pakington's hope that gymnasia and fencing rooms may be provided for the troops.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1868, No. 3,863.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers in continuation of G. O., No. 3,001 of the 19th September 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

"Capt. Heineke"

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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2. In reply, I am directed to state that Sir Stafford Northcote observes that a portion of the correspondence in question was received from the Government of India, and forwarded to you with my letter of 26th March last, applying for certain information with regard to plans and fittings for the four experimental gymnasia, the construction of which was sanctioned in a despatch from Lord Cranborne to the Government of India, dated 15th February 1866. The particulars furnished in your letter of 6th ultimo will be communicated to that Government, and I am to request that tracings of the drawings of the buildings for gymnasia (received with your letter, and herewith returned) may be supplied as early as possible to this office, as suggested, for transmission to Calcutta.

3. With this information, Sir Stafford Northcote has no reason to doubt that the construction of the four gymnasia, sanctioned for the Bengal Presidency, will be expeditiously proceeded with, and the experiment fairly tested.

4. With regard, however, to the establishment of Regimental gymnasia, as contemplated by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, I am to state that the proposals for the introduction of the system of gymnastic training for the troops serving in India were carefully considered by Secretaries Sir Charles Wood and Lord Cranborne, by whom it was decided that the system should be introduced experimentally at certain selected stations in the first instance, and Sir Stafford Northcote being of opinion that the English rules may require considerable modifications on account of variations in the climate of that country, does not feel justified in taking an opposite view from that taken by his predecessors, and sanctioning the adoption of gymnastics throughout India as part of the training of the Army, until he has had the opportunity of considering the results of the experience which will be gained at the selected stations, where the trial of the system is to take place.

5. In the meantime, he has consented to the supply of such apparatus as the Government of India may consider suitable for use in the buildings which exist, and in the open yards, which are available for eight months in the year.

6. I am further to add, with reference to the suggested provision of fencing rooms for Cavalry Regiments in India, that it does not appear from a perusal of the correspondence that rooms are required so much as fencing materials, and that the letter of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, dated 24th February 1868, No. 1,322, which forms one of the enclosures of Sir William Mansfield's letter of 2nd March, sanctions the supply of such materials to gymnasia and Corps with instructors.

7. The enclosures of your letter of 30th April last are returned, as requested.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, THE 27TH OCTOBER 1868.
No. 555.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in continuation of the communication from this Department, No. 43, dated 6th August 1866.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. BROOME, Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned, with reference to Proceedings of Government, 28th August 1866, No. 3,003B.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. S. ELLIOT, Lieut.-Colonel,
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Govt. of Madras 20/11/68.

PUBLIC WORKS

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS

Dated December 11/68

Recd

G. O. No. 101-201

DECEMBER 11/68

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Particulars of Public Works
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Standard for height...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Weighing machine...	...	12	...	10	...	8	...	6	...
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*No excess beyond this number can be allowed, and when it is exhausted, the fencing classes must cease for the remainder of the year, with the exception of the gymnasium at Aldershot, for which 200 spare blades may be allowed.

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From the Military Secretary, to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 9th May 1868, No. 422W.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply to request that you will be good enough to inform me, whether any claim of Mr. MacLaren to Royalty on account of fittings supplied for gymnasia is recognized by the War Department.

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From the Under Secretary of State for War, to the Military Secretary, &c., &c., India Office, S. W.; dated War Office, 16th May 1868, No. 21,362.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, No. 422W, and to acquaint you in reply, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that no payment is made to Mr. MacLaren beyond the price of the gymnasia fittings, and five per cent in addition for superintending their erection.

From the Under Secretary of State for War, to the Assistant Under Secretary, India Office, Downing Street; dated War Office, 30th April 1868, No. 21,362.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the enclosed correspondence and reports received from His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, relative to the establishment of gymnasia in India, and to express the hope of the Secretary of State for War that measures may be taken to provide gymnasia and fencing rooms for the troops in India. It is requested that the enclosures may be returned.

From Lieutenant-General, W. F. FORSTER, K. H., to the Under Secretary of State, &c., &c., War Office; dated Horse Guards, 24th April 1868.

Understanding that the question of the establishment of gymnasia in India has been referred by the Secretary of State for India in Council to the War Department, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has directed me to forward, for Sir John Pakington's consideration, the accompanying papers on the subject, which have been received from the Commander-in-Chief in India, together with a report on the same by Lieutenant-Colonel F. Hammersley, Director of Gymnastics. Sir John Pakington will observe from this correspondence that, although the erection of four experimental gymnasia was sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India in August 1866, no progress has yet been made towards their establishment, and that the question has again been referred by the Governor General in Council to the authorities in this country.

The Duke of Cambridge attaches the greatest importance to the introduction of the system of gymnastic training in India, and he trusts that Sir John Pakington will urge on Sir Stafford Northcote the necessity for immediate steps being taken with this view.

His Royal Highness has desired me to observe that, unless these gymnasia are immediately established, Regimentally if possible, all the good results of our home training will be lost to the large proportion of the Army stationed in India, and that unless fencing rooms with all the necessary appliances are at once made available, the advantages resulting from the Royal Warrant which has been promulgated, with reference to the distribution of prizes in the shape of additional pay for the best swordsmen and lancers, will be lost to the Cavalry Regiments serving in that country.

The return of the enclosures is requested.

From Lieutenant Colonel F. HAMMERSLEY, Director of Gymnastics, to the Adjutant General; dated Gymnasium, Aldershot, 24th March 1868, No. 3201.

I have the honor to return the correspondence relative to the establishment of the system of gymnastic training in India, forwarded under your Minute of the 18th instant, which I have carefully perused.

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The resume of correspondence enclosed with Sir William Mansfield's letter, No. 458C, of the 8th February 1868, shows clearly and shortly the position of matters at the present time.

Broadly stated it is as follows: The Government of India refuses to sanction the issue of gymnastic apparatus to Regiments and Corps, in order that the system of training may be introduced Regimentally, until after a trial of it has been made in the experimental gymnasia, and, at the same time, funds for the erection of other gymnasia are withheld.

Although the erection of four experimental gymnasia was authorized so long ago as August 1866, nothing has yet been done, and the decision of the Governor General, to make a reference to the Home Government with regard to the fittings, will delay the commencement of them for a further considerable time.

On the first proposal to introduce the system, Commanding Officers were encouraged to make a trial of it Regimentally. Non-Commissioned Officers were trained as Instructors for each Regiment, and a Director of Gymnastics for India appointed. Commanding Officers, and the Officers generally, zealously supported the proposed wishes of the authorities, by purchasing gymnastic apparatus with their own private funds, and giving the men such instruction as the limited means at their disposal admitted; but it is clear that these efforts cannot be sustained, and that, unless Government assistance is at once given, all the trouble, expense and time spent will have been so much thrown away.

The form in which the assistance should be given, is supplying each Regiment and Corps with a certain proportion of gymnastic articles, and re-imbursing Regiments the expense they have hitherto incurred.

Lists of the necessary articles, with the estimated cost, and the proportion to be supplied to each Regiment and Corps were carefully prepared and submitted, the articles were also so designed that they would be available for the regular gymnasia when built. I have examined the list, and believe them to contain what is necessary.

The sum required to re-imburse Regiments will not, it is estimated by the Director of Gymnasia in India, exceed 3,500 Rupees.

I would therefore suggest that the Secretary of State for India should be urged to authorise the expenditure of the sum required, to re-imburse Regiments their outlay, and the issue of the articles of the apparatus as given in the lists.

I would also strongly represent the necessity of at once sending out supplies of fencing materials for Cavalry Regiments. Although repeated and urgent applications have been made for them, none have yet been sent. General Order No. 867, of the 28th June 1865 (Prizes for Swordsmanship) is consequently a dead letter, as far as India is concerned, and the men are deprived of the prizes, and the much coveted badges.

From the Assistant Military Department, to the Under Secretary of State, War Office; dated India Office, 13th August 1868, No. 4174 ⁷²⁰/_W.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April, forwarding correspondence received from India, through the Horse Guards, regarding the establishment of gymnasia and fencing

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gymnasia in that country, and expressing Sir John Pakington's hope that gymnasia and fencing rooms may be provided for the Troops.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that Sir Stafford Northcote observes that a portion of the correspondence in question was received from the Government of India, and forwarded to you with my letter of 26th March last, applying for certain information with regard to plans and fittings for the four experimental gymnasia, the construction of which was sanctioned in a despatch from Lord Cranborne to the Government of India, dated 15th February 1866. The particulars furnished in your letter of 6th ultimo, will be communicated to that Government, and I am to request that tracings of the drawings of the buildings for gymnasia (received with your

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construction of which was sanctioned in a despatch from Lord Cranborne to the Government of India, dated 15th February 1866. The particulars furnished in your letter of 6th ultimo, will be communicated to that Government, and I am to request that tracings of the drawings of the buildings for gymnasia (received with your

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letter and herewith returned) may be supplied as early as possible, to this office, as suggested, for transmission to Calcutta.

3. With this information, Sir Stafford Northcote has no reason to doubt that the construction of the four gymnasia, sanctioned for the Bengal Presidency, will be expeditiously proceeded with, and the experiment fairly tested.

4. With regard, however, to the establishment of Regimental gymnasia, as contemplated by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, I am to state that the proposals for the introduction of the system of gymnastic training for the troops serving in India were carefully considered by Secretaries Sir Charles Wood and Lord Cranborne, by whom it was decided that the system should be introduced experimentally at certain selected stations in the first instance, and Sir Stafford Northcote being of opinion that the English rules may require considerable modifications on account of variations in the climate of that country, does not feel justified in taking an opposite view from that taken by his predecessors, and sanctioning the adoption of gymnastics throughout India as part of the training of the Army, until he has had the opportunity of considering the results of the experience which will be gained at the selected stations, where the trial of the system is to take place.

5. In the meantime, he has consented to the supply of such apparatus as the Government of India may consider suitable for use in the buildings which exist, and in the open yards, which are available for eight months in the year.

6. I am further to add, with reference to the suggested provision of fencing rooms for Cavalry Regiments in India, that it does not appear from a perusal of the correspondence, that rooms are required so much as fencing materials, and that the letter of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, dated 24th February 1868, No. 1322, which forms one of the enclosures of Sir William Mansfield's letter of 2nd March, sanctions the supply of such materials to gymnasia and Corps with instructors.

7. The enclosures of your letter of 30th April last are returned, as requested.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, THE 27TH OCTOBER 1868.
No. 555.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in continuation of the communication from this Department, No. 43, dated 6th August 1866.

(By order.)

(Signed) A. BROOME, Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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