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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th January 1869.*

No. 123. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department.—

Requesting the Sanitary Commissioner to inspect
and report on the sites proposed for the new
Horse and Field Artillery Barracks at Kamptee, (Here enter 17th December 1868, No. 4,903.)
and to furnish a copy of his report to the Chief
Commissioner, Central Provinces

No. 124 ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1869, No. 62.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
17th December 1868*

Read the following papers.—
No. 484.

No 1090M
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Military Works

SIMLA, 29th October 1868

Copy of the following letter, and of its enclosure and plan referred to, forwarded to the Government of Madras, in the Military Department, for any remarks that that Government may have to offer on the proposals therein made

(By order.)

(Signed) C H DICKENS, Colonel, R A ,
Secy to the Govt. of India

From the Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Public Works Department, Central Provinces, to the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Nagpore, 7th October 1868, Nos 337-4054.

Military

The Government of India having finally settled that the new barracks for the Artillery shall be erected at Kamptee and not at Chindwarra, as had been proposed by the late Chief Commissioner Mr G Campbell, a Committee assembled on the 17th September last to fix on the best site for the new buildings, and I am now desired to submit the Proceedings

2 It was deemed advisable at first to deal with the Artillery buildings only, but, in so doing, to bear in mind that the Infantry would have also to be provided for, and that ground must be husbanded for that purpose.

3. There was a strong feeling on the part of the Committee that the barracks should occupy the ridge generally known as "Blogg's Drive," and which had previously been selected as the site for the Ordnance Depot

Such an arrangement would, however, have resulted virtually in separating the men and Officers, and in dividing Kamptee into two parts, as it was hardly to be expected that the owners of dwelling houses would remove them in the direction of the new buildings

This did not escape the observation of His Excellency Sir W Mansfield when inspecting the ridge in question, who objected to it on the above grounds, and it was subsequently considered by the Committee as fatal to the occupation of "Blogg's ridge"

In the immediate vicinity of the present Artillery barracks, ground was selected for the Field Battery lines, and along side, but a little thrown back, ground for the Horse Artillery barracks was marked out (see plan, in which these new buildings are marked blue) This arrangement was very compact, but it was thought that the Horse Artillery lines were thrown into somewhat low ground, where damp might lie, and a better site was found towards the S W (see site marked yellow in plan) The aspect of the barracks, as plotted on the sketch map, is one point (11° 15') to south of west

The Chief Commissioner has examined the ground, and can confirm all that has been urged by the Committee He recommends the blue site for the Field Battery, and the yellow for the Horse Artillery He also urges strongly the removal of the cattle sheds and bazaars on the right flank to a less objectionable place, and Mr. Morris trusts that these proposals will meet with the approval of His Excellency in Council

I am to add that the plans and estimates only await the approval of the site. They cannot be completed in anticipation, as the depth of the foundations at Kamptee vary from 4 to 26 feet, and may cause great fluctuations in the cost.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
17th December 1868*

Proceedings of a Committee assembled at Kamptee on the 17th September 1868, by order of Colonel W F PATTERSON, Commanding Nagpore Force, to fix sites for the barracks of one Horse and one Light Field Battery of Artillery

PRESIDENT

Colonel W F PATTERSON, Commanding Nagpore Force

MEMBERS

Surgeon SINCLAIR, Senior Medical Officer, B Troop

F J JOHNSTONE, Esq, Executive Engineer, K D

Lieutenant D. DINWIDDIE, Barrack Master

Read note of the Chief Engineer, Central Provinces, dated Nagpore, 1st August 1868

The Committee having carefully inspected the ground to the southward of the present British Infantry and Artillery barracks, and the existing sites of those barracks, observe that the ridge or rising ground extending along the eastern part of which is the road known as "Blogg's Drive" is abstractedly the best site in the immediate neighbourhood of the Artillery and Infantry end of the Cantonment, as being the most elevated, and as having a clear open space for some miles in the direction of the prevailing winds

The soil is not unobjectionable, but perhaps not altogether unfit for building purposes

To place the Artillery and British Infantry of the Force lower on this ground, indicated on the accompanying sketch by F J. Johnstone Esq, would amount to an abandonment of the existing Cantonment, as regards the two arms named, together with the Officers' houses, some not inconsiderable public buildings, and would entail a considerable outlay for new roads

It would also remove these troops to an inconvenient distance from their existing hospitals, and leave them under that inconvenience until new hospitals were constructed, if such be in contemplation

The sites 1 and 2 on the sketch, on which are traced block plans of barracks for a Horse Battery and a Light Field Battery are respectively about 23 feet and 30 feet lower than the ridge above mentioned, but the upper stories of barracks on the standard plan here situated would get the breeze from south westward. They would to a great extent allow the new buildings to be executed without interfering with the existing ones, or with the Officers' houses, and seem to be unobjectionable, provided that the whole of the Commissariat cattle sheds and the bazaar, which exists in their neighbourhood, which are to windward of the sites be quite removed

The Committee are strongly of opinion that this removal is a *Line qua non* for the healthiness of the Artillery barracks. The cattle sheds and bazaars are further objectionable in their present situations, because their drainage is into the Koolar river, just above its junction with the Kunhan, which, after that junction, flows past the whole of the Kamptee Cantonment

A convenient site for the cattle has been examined and recommended to the south east of the Cavalry Lines

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Chief Engineer's proposals regarding distribution and aspect of the new buildings, as set forth in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 of his note of 1st August 1868

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department)
11th November 1868.

No. 485. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 25th November 1868, No. 8015

In returning the correspondence received under your reference docket, dated 11th instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that the Commander-in-Chief considers that the recommendation of the Kamptee Committee in regard to the sites for new barracks for the Batteries of Horse and Field Artillery may be adopted.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
17th December 1868*

2 His Excellency trusts that the suggestion of the Committee, which is supported by the Chief Commissioner, that the public cattle lines and bazaars should be removed from the neighbourhood of the selected sites, will be carried out.

3 I am to add that the Sanitary Commissioner proposes to leave Madras almost immediately for Kamptee; and it is desirable that he should take the opportunity to inspect the sites proposed, and submit any remarks that he may consider necessary to offer on the subject.

No 486. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1868, No. 4903.

Resolved that the Sanitary Commissioner be requested, to inspect and report on the sites proposed for the new Horse and Field Artillery barracks at Kamptee, and to furnish a copy of his report to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

2. Ordered that the following letter be dispatched.
No 487. To the Secy. to the Govt of India, P W D | Here enter 17th Dec 1868, No 4904.
(True Extract.)

W. S. Smith, Lieut-Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

- TO THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
- .. Sanitary Commissioner, with plan (to be returned)
 - .. Public Works Department *With 20 copies*
 - .. Adjutant General, for information

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DECEMBER.
Nos. 484-487.

to G. J. Lawrence

Requesting the Sanitary Commissioner to inspect and report on the sites proposed for the new Horse and Field Artillery barracks at Kampitee, and to furnish a copy of his report to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces

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Nos. 123-124

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Home & Field Artillery Bar-
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