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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th June 1869.*

No. 116 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department.—

Communicating to the Public Works Department
a letter from the Quartermaster-General, in
view to the preparation of the required estimates
for the construction of new permanent buildings,
both as barracks and family quarters for the
Battery of Royal Horse Artillery at Bellary

(Here enter 26th May 1869, No. 1,979)

No 117. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1869, No. 1,843.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division, who
will submit the requisite plans and
estimates.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department
26th May 1869.

Read the following papers:—

No. 679. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 13th April 1869, No. 144.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that on my inspection, on the 10th instant, of the married quarters of the Royal Horse Artillery at this station, I found that the end gable walls are out of the perpendicular although supported by buttresses, and that cracks are shewing in many parts.

2. These temporary quarters which were constructed in 1864-65, professedly of stone in clay, but really of stone in quartz gravel, which has no adhesive powers, are shewing signs of giving way, besides which the white ants are getting into the roofs. These, as also the Barracks of the Royal Horse Artillery, which are also temporary, have been faced the wrong way, and the consequence is that during the hot weather few of the quarters get any wind, and there are constant complaints about the heat.

3. I beg to forward a copy of a letter* sent by me to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division eight months ago, and submit for the consideration of Government the advisability

No. 1711, dated 11th August 1869.

of taking early steps to construct permanent buildings in place of these rotten temporary structures.

4. For the married men, I would propose semi-detached bungalows on the plan sent with my letter, No. 4218, dated 10th ultimo, and when a few of these had been constructed, a portion of the present ranges might be pulled down, and the necessary accommodation be thus gradually provided.

5. The skittle alley is falling down, and the white ants are in the roof of the school rooms, so Government must be prepared for a call for new buildings in lieu of them.

Copy of a letter No 1711, dated 11th August 1868, from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division.

In returning the letter from the Officer Commanding B Battery D Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, received with your No. 1305 of the 5th instant, I have the honor to draw your attention to my letter No. 2612 of 24th December 1867, attached to G. O. No. 121 of 15th January 1868, in the Public Works Department. As regards the Barracks, the best plan would be, in my opinion, to pull down No 2 Barracks of the Artillery and construct on its site a new permanent Barrack on the standard design for Artillery lately received. When this is completed, I would propose to pull down No 1 Barrack and construct a permanent building on its site.

2. I have carefully considered the matter and do not think it would be advisable to increase the weight of the roof, as I should be afraid of the temporary stone in mud walls giving way

3. All new buildings for the Artillery are being now constructed in a permanent manner, and, as I believe, it has been settled that no better site could be found for the Artillery than the one where they are now located. I would suggest that the construction of permanent Barracks for their accommodation be at once taken in hand. On examining some of these buildings the other day, I found that the white ants are working up through the stone in mud walls, and so I consider that the construction of the permanent buildings should not be put off any longer.

4. As regards the married quarters of the Artillery, which are also constructed of stone in mud, I think they might be made to last for some years by taking off the roof of the main portion, pulling down the walls to the level of the sloping roof of the verandahs (about five feet) re-building with stone in chunam and then covering with the sloping a Bengal roof.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
26th May 1869.*

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
21st April 1869. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

Referred for the consideration and remark of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)

26th April 1869.

No. 680. From the Quarter Master General, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Head Quarters, Coonoor, 8th May 1869, No. ⁵⁹/₈₄₅₁

I have the honor, by order, to return herewith the correspondence from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, received under your reference docket, dated 26th ultimo, and to state that from what the Commander-in Chief himself observed on his inspection of the Barracks of the Royal Horse Artillery at Bellary in January last, His Excellency is satisfied of the necessity of providing new buildings both as Barracks and Family Quarters for the Battery at that station; and he strongly recommends that Major Moberly's suggestion for the construction of new permanent buildings be carried out as soon as possible

No. 681. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1869, No. 1979.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to the preparation of the required estimates for the buildings recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

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Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Quarter Master General.

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To
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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Dated May, 26th.

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Nos. 679-681.

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Communicating to the Public Works Department, a letter from the Quarter Master General, in view to the preparation of the required estimates for the construction of new permanent buildings, both as barracks and family quarters for the Battery of Royal Horse Artillery at Bellary.

with an order

J. J.

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Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer
of the 3rd Division, who
will submit the requisite
plans and estimates.

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W. E.

The Asst Engineer 3rd Div.

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To The Superintendent Engrs.
3rd Division

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G O 5 June 1869, No 1843

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Barracks & Family 2nd Doo.
July Dept requesting the pro-
vision of the necessary
materials for providing building
both as Barracks & Family
2nd for the Battery of Royal
Artillery at Bellary. And
to the Engrs concerned