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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd October 1872.

No. 411. Read the following Endorsement of the Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th October 1872: —

From the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd October 1872, No. 513-7,395.

I HAVE the honour by order of the Commander-in-Chief to forward, for the consideration of Government, a copy of the letter marginally noted from the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division requesting consideration as to the state of the Magazine Depôt at Bangalore.

No. 384, dated 27th August 1872.

2. The Government are already aware of the great importance which His Excellency attaches to this question, and Sir F. P. Haines considers that he is bound to take advantage of any opportunity of this nature that offers to impress upon their attention the necessity of remedying this long-standing evil.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, to the Quarter Master General, head-quarters, Ootacamund, dated Bangalore, 27th August 1872, No. 384.

I HAVE the honour to transmit Budget lists as per margin for the year 1873-74.

List of major works.
Supplementary list of do.
List of minor works.
Supplementary list of do.

2. I take this opportunity of earnestly requesting the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to the state of the Magazine at Bangalore, and would solicit that the orders of Government should be obtained for the preparation of detailed plans and estimates for a new Magazine—a project which has been long under contemplation.

3. The present Magazine is not only faulty in position from a Military point of view, but the various buildings composing it are in a very bad state of repair. It is time, in my opinion, that steps were taken to provide a new set of buildings.

4. The laboratory and store for snider ammunition were in so dangerous a building that it was necessary to obtain the loan of a building from the Mysore Government, which is now in course of conversion and is nearly ready for transfer to the Ordnance Officer.

5. I would also solicit a grant for roads at the race-course; at present there is no proper road to the race-course hospital.

6. These two works are entered in the supplemental list of major works, because detailed plans and estimates have not yet been prepared and passed by His Excellency and by Government.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with reference to previous correspondence terminating with Proceedings in that department, No. 157, dated 18th January 1872.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Officiating Secretary to Government, M. D.

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1872, No. 2,497.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

ORDERED that copies of this correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India and that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,498, dated 23rd October 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 23*rd October* 1872.

No. 413. No. 2,498.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17.

SIR,—I am directed, with reference to the accompanying correspondence, to request that this Government may be favoured with early information as to the decision arrived at with reference to the question of provision of funds for a fortified Arsenal and Place of Refuge at Bangalore, stated in your letter No. 1,546-B. M. of 12th December 1871, to have been referred to the Military Department for consideration and report.

2. So far back as July 1868, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council expressed his opinion that the Arsenal should be "removed to some place more easily guarded by the force situated at Bangalore" than its present site, three miles from the nearest European troops at the station, and within a stone's throw of the Native Pettah, and since that date reports on the subject have been submitted to the Government of India under dates the 6th and 8th January 1870; the last reference on the subject dated 22nd November 1871, elicited the reply noted in paragraph 1 of this letter.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is, I am instructed to say, anxious that the subject should be disposed of before final orders are passed on the Budget of 1873-74, as the construction of the Arsenal, etc., will occupy three years and the existing buildings are in bad condition. Moreover, it is decidedly unwise to retain the Arsenal of so large and important a Military Station as Bangalore for years in its present unsafe position.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Head Qrs Mysore Division
Bangalore 27th August 1872

No 384.

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From

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To

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6 These 2 items are entered in the supplemental list of Bijapur works because detailed plans and estimates have not yet been prepared and passed by His Excellency and by Government.

I have &c.

(Sd) A. Norton Major and Comdg. Bijapur Division

(A true Copy)

N. Connell Colonel

Offg. Quarter Master General

Quarter Master Gen's Office
Fort St George 2nd October 1852

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Offg Quarter Master General

To Colonel A C Silver
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* No 384 dy 21st August 1872.

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I have the honble,
Sir,
Your obedt Servant
N. O'Connell Colonel
Offg Qr Mr General.

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Dec. 19/72 To

I have the Honble
the Secretary to the
Government of India
Fort William

Sir—I am directed with
reference to the accompanying
correspondence to request
that this Govt may be favored with
early information as to
the decision arrived at
with reference to the question
of provision of funds for

Public Works Department

No. 2492 of the Proceedings of the Public Department.

Dated the 2nd October 1872.

Endorsement from the E.M.G. No. 2693 dated 1st October 1872.

Forwarded to the Government of India, and that

Ordered that a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India, and that the Secretary to the Government of Madras be requested to favour the Government of India with such information as he may be able to furnish regarding the Observatory at Kodaikanal.

By order of the Governor in Council

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Secretary to Government

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

P.W. Military 1872 Dept.
Pro. for October
No. 1134.

No. 3097.

From
The Secretary to Govt
To
The Secretary to Govt
Mily Dept.

No. 513
7695

Dated 2nd
Recd. 3rd } October
Recd 19th Do.

Forwards for the consideration of Govt Copy of letter from the Offg. Comr. Nilgiris Dated regarding the state of the Magazine at Bangalore with Remarks.

No. 2497-2498-23 dated 1st

Acknowledged 10th Octr 1872

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to previous correspondence terminating with Pros: in that dept: No. 157 dated 18th Jany 1872

Offg. Secy to Govt

No. 1111

Recd 19 Octr 72

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Military Department

Dated

Rec'd. Encl. 17

G. O 23 October 2497-2498.

Nos. 411-412 & 413.

Magazine at Bangalore.

Preserving Corr. Correspondence relating to the Erection of the Magazine at Bangalore.

Furnishing Corr. Correspondence relating to the Erection of the Magazine at Bangalore and Schedule of Instructions issued