

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd April 1875.*

No. 598. Read the following Circular letter from Colonel W. A. CROMMELIN, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works), to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department; the Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces and British Burmah; the Resident at Hyderabad; the Agents of the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana; the Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands; the Inspector-General of Military Works, dated Fort William, 4th March 1875, No. 24 P. W.:—

I AM directed to forward, for information and guidance, copy of the communications marginally quoted, relating to the size of the building to be provided as a gymnasium in cases where accommodation cannot be set apart for the purpose in the lower floors of double-storied barracks.

2. A plan giving the general dimensions of the building is also forwarded for guidance.

Office Memorandum from Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 29th September 1874, No. 1,587.

Barracks and Buildings
Gymnasias.

IN reply to the memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 1,085 M.—W. "Military Works," dated the 3rd July 1874, requesting further information in connection with the provision of separate gymnasias at stations where lower floor accommodation is not available for the purpose, the undersigned is directed to forward copy of a communication* from the Quarter Master General, and to state that the Military Department accepts the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and concurs with His Excellency that, except in very exceptional cases, one gymnasium will suffice for the troops at a station.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. ROBERTS, Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 15th September 1874, No. 4,337.

Gymnasias.

IN returning, as requested, the enclosures of Military Department endorsement, No. 683, No. 300-C, dated 4th August 1874, from the Inspector of Gymnasias, (Return requested.)

Barracks and Buildings
Gymnasias. dated 10th July 1874, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief to submit, for the consideration of the Government of India, the correspondence noted in the margin, relating to the size of the building recommended to be provided as a gymnasium in all cases where lower floor accommodation cannot be set apart for the purpose.

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2. As the building recommended by the Committee is the smallest compatible with efficiency and the proper adjustment of the authorized apparatus, it appears to His Excellency that no reduction in its dimensions can be effected; and as the number of soldiers attending for practice or instruction does not really affect the question, it is evident that these detached buildings must be the same in size, whether constructed for 2 Batteries, Wings, or complete Regiments.

3. In the Commander-in-Chief's opinion it would not be desirable to provide a number of detached gymnasia at all places where more than one arm of the service may be located, and His Excellency would suggest that the requirements of each station should be considered separately, with special reference to the manner in which the different lines may be situated with respect to each other, and the possibility of constructing a gymnasium in a position sufficiently central to admit of its being conveniently used by the entire garrison.

4. If this could be arranged for, a single gymnasium might, in most cases, suffice, irrespective of the strength of the garrison, but where this is not feasible and the cantonment is straggling, the necessity for detached gymnasia will, it is believed, be inevitable.

From Major R. N. GREAM, Inspector of Gymnasia in India, to the Officiating Deputy Quarter Master General, dated 4th August 1874, No. 300-C.

Barrack
Buildings.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 3,186, "Gymnasia," of 1st instant, enclosing letter, No. 1,085, dated 3rd July 1874, from the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, I have the honor to state that the reason why the same description of building was considered by the Committee, held at Umballa, to be necessary for a Regiment of Infantry, a Regiment of Cavalry, or Wing of a Regiment, or two or more Batteries of Artillery was from the fact that the dimensions given were considered to be the smallest consistent with efficiency. A gymnasium must be of a certain size even for the use of one man, and to contain the apparatus without cramping.

2. The School of Arms and Offices are also absolutely necessary, and of the smallest dimensions consistent with utility.

3. I am of opinion that each Regiment, or Wing or Detachment of two or more Batteries of Royal Artillery should, owing to the heat in the plains, and the distance of the Lines of one Regiment from another, be supplied with a gymnasium.

4. The original intention of Government was to provide 5 first-class gymnasia, only two of which have been built, and in this Office letter, No. B $\frac{85}{4}$, dated 30th January 1873, reasons were stated for considering this number (two) sufficient.

5. I am unable to state accurately, but to the best of my knowledge the provision made for Regimental gymnasia, such as had been provided at Jullundur and other places, in the new double-storied barracks, though reported by me as inefficient, costs nearly four times the amount of one of the gymnasia in question; so that in fact, deducting the expense of providing apparatus and stores, four Regiments, Wings or Detachments of two or more Batteries could be supplied efficiently for nearly the same cost than one Regiment on the plan referred to is now insufficiently supplied.

6. In the stations of Umballa and Lucknow, I would submit that the first-class gymnasium is, in the first-named station, well situated for the European Infantry and Cavalry; and is sufficient for their respective requirements, but not for the Royal Horse Artillery.

In the second-named station the gymnasium is close to the Lines of the two European Infantry Regiments, but too remote to be of use to the Cavalry or Artillery.

7. I further beg to state that no copy of the Proceedings of the Board, held at Umballa, was forwarded with the enclosures herewith returned as requested.

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No. 599. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1875, No. 1147.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to the Military
Department and to District Engineer
concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

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THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BRITISH BURMAH.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE AGENTS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPOOTANA.
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PORT BLAIR, AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY WORKS.

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connected to the Military Dept.
and to Dist. Engrs. concerned.