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To
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 17th.

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G.O., 17th April 1882, No. 1749.

APRIL.
Nos. 149-156.

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for affording increased stabling accommodation
at Hosur.

Encl. in Receipt Regr.

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No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1882, No. 1749.

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(True Extract.)

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

*Notes of Inspection by Major
H. R. Mead R.E. Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle
for the month of December 1881.*

*Salem District
Salem Division*

22nd and 23rd December/81.

*Remount Buildings
at Ossoor - Sick lines*

*Completed except some
pointing. the work is
good and Satisfactory
and all that is required
is painting the Stair-
case & dark Chocolate
column, altering a half
door of a loose box and
putting another half
door in another, these
petty works are asked
for*

~~Opposed~~

for by the Remount
Agent and should
be done at once and the
accounts of the whole
work closed.

The Remount Depot
consists of 3 sets of
stabling, forage yard
&c. Complete

The Stabling in each is
as follows.

Stud lines New—69
— Do — old. — 79

Total ——— 148

Centre lines. ——— 26

Remount lines ——— 115

40 Horse Stable ——— 40

Total ——— 155

To this has to be added

Sick lines ——— 46

4 Horse Stable used as

Contagious ward ——— 4

Total ——— 50

Grand Total ——— 389
Stables

The strength of the
Establishment

Establishment has been
lately increased as it is
now ordered that a
permanent reserve of
300 Horses shall be kept
and the number of horses
to be supplied to the Army
this year is to be 1140.

The Remount Agent
is anxious that the
stabling should be increased
and with the increased
strength to be maintained
the request seems reasonable.

This can and should be
done by making the Centre
lines which have now only
26 stalls, 160 stalls or about
the same as the other lines
the total number would
be then 463 or with the
Sick stables 513 even this

leaves more than half
the horses for a considerable
time of the year without
shelter.

Should Government agree
to this proposal the
necessary Plans and
Estimates should be
made the present Central
lines 26 stalls are old
in bad repair and incon-
venient, they should be
removed and the new
stabling built on 4 sides
of a Central yard, there
is ample space and a
good site for this.

The present forage yard
is to remain as it is at
present.

The following is the
present state of the
building

buildings.

stall lines.

The upper stable in
very good order the
lower one is now under
repair the South side
is completed. the West
will be begun in a few
days and I hope the
grant for this official
year will enable the
Executive Engineer almost
to complete the whole
of the repairs needed,
they consist of reroofing
with old material with
the couples placed closer
together the work done is
good. Ventilators should
be placed in the floor
of each stall these are
to be $12" \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ inside
measurement with
iron

iron bars but
to have no shutter.

The Cost of this should
be met from Contingencies.

Gran house and hay
shed have been lately repaired
the roofs are not good but
the buildings are fair and
with petty repairs may remain
as they are for some time
longer.

Central lines.

Old and inconvenient,
only necessary petty repairs
should be done as required
from time to time as I
trust these old buildings
will be done away with
soon. Gran and forage
shed in bad order and must
in a year or so be thoroughly
taken up and placed in a
proper state.

Remount Lines.

The 115 horse stable in
very

very fair order but the
following additions should
be made as soon as practica-
ble.

Ground Ventilations in
each stall $12" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ without
shutters. A V shaped stone
drain for urine placed in
near of the stalls.

40 horse stable roof was
repaired last year and is
good.

The V urinary drain should
be removed to the outside
of the stalls in place of
inside as at present the
sloping stones should be
removed but the upright
ones should remain as
they are; The outwall
should be raised 1 ft.
as they ^{allow} are at present too
much wind and rain
to enter the building.

The line house is very
bad indeed it must
be

be rebuilt on the same
site and place as before.

Hay and grass sheds

Roof very bad indeed
and must be removed
entirely the present
pitch is not sufficient
the couples are 3 ft. apart
and weak.

Grain boiling sheds
is similar.

Grain sheds there are
cracks but nothing required
to be done the iron tie rods
put up some years ago
are useless they may be
removed as opportunity
occurs.

White ants have got into
the floor and walls but
to no great extent, the
flooring can be taken
up and replaced 6" of
good concrete will be
the best if not be plastered

plastered the roofs are
good.

The above works must
be all estimated for
as soon as practicable
and carried out as funds
are available It is believed
that the Remount Agent
wishes the works to be
carried out in the following
order.

1st Stud Lines these repairs
will be completed certainly
by the end of April.

2nd Remount lines
40 Horse stable

3rd New Line houses

4th Hay and Grass Sheds

5th Grain boiling shed

6th 115 Horse stable

Central lines.

7th Hay and forage sheds

The Executive Engineer
should arrange for
the allotment of
funds

to the works
next year accordingly -

Camp Osceola
23^d Decr./81.

M. Reed Major R.E.
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