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MILITARY.

No 292 of 25 Jan 1883

Communicated to

the Supr Engineer Fift Circle
who will report whether
the work proposed by the
Executive Engineer has
been carried out

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To
THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 23rd.

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Quarters.

Correspondence relating to the proposed
addition to the railings of the fort moat opposite
the quarters occupied by the Governor's Bands-
men at St. George's Curtain in the fort, recorded
with remark.

Sd/- in Receipt Rep.

W. J. Miller

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S. E. Light Circle
26 Feb 26/1/83.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Eastern District, Fort St. George; dated Bangalore, 21st December 1882, No. 4124.

With reference to No. 3220, dated 12th October 1882, and enclosure herewith returned, I have the honor to state that I carefully examined the place where the child fell into the ditch, as the Coroner states (para. 4), "over the wooden railings which run along the western side of the yard in front of his father's house," and "while playing." Also at the same time I spoke to the father of the child, who explained the particulars of the accident, from which it was apparent that what is required is not a "general raising of the whole of the existing railings and erection of others where now there are none at the sides of the fort ditch," but an addition to the existing railing at one point where it runs up to the wall of an out-house, at which it is possible for any child in play to climb up on to the top of the railing and so fall into the ditch, and where the accident inquired into by the Coroner on the 18th September last actually occurred. This addition will be all that is reasonably necessary, and will cost about Rs. 30, and orders have been issued some time since to so protect children from similar accidents in future.

2. It would be a very large and costly work to re-construct a railing or parapet of greater height than the present one, and at those parts of the counterscarp where at present there is no railing at all.

3. The Government having recommended that the outworks should be pulled down, and my having now in preparation, in conjunction with the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, a scheme whereby the Bandsmen will be provided with quarters elsewhere, I thought it useless under these and all the before-mentioned circumstances of the accident to prepare an estimate for a large extension of length and height of the railings.

The correspondence is returned.

No. 5558.

Forwarded to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George, having reference to his endorsement No. 7983 of 5th October 1882, the enclosures of which are herewith returned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd December 1882.

(Signed) R. C. STEWART, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Eastern District.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1883, No. 422.

Recorded, with the remark that it is understood that the necessary measures have been taken by the Public Works Department to prevent the occurrence of a similar accident in future.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Burton Colonel,
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To the Quartermaster-General.

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With order

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5. The jury, uninvited, desired me to represent on their behalf to the Government their unanimous opinion that the wooden railings in that portion of the fort were not of a sufficient height to afford protection to the children who live in that locality; and further that it was highly desirable, in the interests of these and other children, that some sort of railing or parapet should be constructed along the opposite bank of the moat, which at present is destitute of anything in the shape of a barrier.

No. 1011.

Transferred to the Military Department for consideration and disposal.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
25th September 1882.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Under Secy.

No. 5152.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

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No. 363. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 16th January 1883, No. 380.

Having submitted to the Commander-in-Chief the correspondence * received under Military Department No. 5152 of 27th September 1882, I have the

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