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2nd October 1888, No. 3084 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers:—

G.O., dated 24th September 1888, No. 6442, Military.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th January 1888, No. 51 A.

With reference to the correspondence regarding the necessity of providing more accommodation for British Infantry in Fort St. George, ending with my letter No. 4874 A of the 13th ultimo, I am desired to say that, although it is decidedly an advantage that a battalion should be kept together under its Commanding officer, still, as in the case of the battalion quartered in Fort St. George, a certain number of companies have throughout a great portion of the year to be detached to St. Thomas' Mount or Pallávaram for rifle practice or military training, and if, as seems probable, it would be cheaper to build new barracks at St. Thomas' Mount than to acquire by purchase either existing buildings in the city of Madras, or land whereon to erect buildings for the Accounts offices, the Commander-in-Chief would be prepared not to press for the evacuation of the buildings in Fort St. George now occupied by those offices, provided that a special grant can be obtained for the erection of barracks for a wing of British Infantry at St. Thomas' Mount next year, *i.e.*, 1888-89.

Memorandum No. 260, Military.

With reference to the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 51 A, dated 6th January 1888, intimating that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will not press for the evacuation, by the Accounts offices, of the buildings now occupied by them in Fort St. George, if a special grant be given, in 1888-89, for the erection of barracks at St. Thomas' Mount for the accommodation of a wing of British Infantry, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to suggest, for the approval of Sir Charles Arbuthnot, the advisability of convening a committee to report in what manner the condemned barracks at that station can be rendered sanitorily satisfactory for the occupation of European troops either by the addition of an upper storey or improvements and additions to existing buildings, the committee being composed of—

An officer of the Public Works Department;
An officer of the Quartermaster-General's Department; and
An officer of the Army Medical Staff.

Fort St. George,
12th January 1888.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 19th January 1888, No. 283 A.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum No. 260 of the 12th instant, I am desired to state that the Commander-in-Chief accepts the suggestions for the assembly of a committee to report on the possibility of altering and improving the old north and south barracks at St. Thomas' Mount either by the addition of an upper storey or in some other way, so as to adapt them for the suitable accommodation of British troops.

2. His Excellency accordingly nominates Colonel Ommanney, Commanding Royal Artillery, Eastern District, as President, and Lieutenant-Colonel Smalley, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, as a member of the committee, and would suggest that the Public Works Department and Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, be desired, under the orders of Government, to nominate officers of their respective departments to sit as members of the committee, the date of assembly of which might be fixed by the General Officer Commanding Eastern District as soon as the names of the Public Works Department and Medical members are communicated to him.

Reference Order No. 508, Military.

Ordered that the Public Works Department and the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, be requested, in accordance with the suggestion in para. 2 of the above letter, to be so good as to nominate, in communication with the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, an officer of their respective departments to serve as members on the committee in question.

Fort St. George,
24th January 1888.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

G.O., dated 31st January 1888, No. 354 W., Public Works.

Read—Proceedings of the Military Department, dated 24th January 1888, No. 508.

Order—dated 31st January 1888, No. 354 W., Public Works.

Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, is nominated as the Public Works member of the proposed committee. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will arrange for making Colonel Ross Thompson's services available, and instruct that officer to place himself in communication with the General Officer Commanding Eastern District in respect to further proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, dated 1st February 1888, No. 266.
Reference Order No. 783, Military, dated 3rd February 1888.

From Colonel M. PROTHEROE, c.b., c.s.i., Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th June 1888, No. 2363 A.

Referring to my letter No. 283 A, dated 19th January 1888, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the committee assembled on the 20th February 1888.

2. From its proceedings enclosed (A) it will be observed that a decided opinion is expressed against the reoccupation of the old barracks even when improved by the addition of an upper storey, it being added that no suitable site existed in the vicinity for the extra barrack building that would be required.

3. As it was suggested to the Commander-in-Chief that possibly the old Parade ground, no longer required for parade purposes, as the Royal Artillery Barracks have been removed to the other end of the station, would be held to be sufficiently removed from the Mount Hill and the Native houses under it, and be large enough to be utilized as a site for the barracks of a Wing British Infantry, His Excellency called upon the General Officer Commanding Eastern District to report upon this suggestion.

4. That officer's reply is enclosed (B) and its terms precluded Sir Charles Arbuthnot from recommending the adoption of the old Parade ground site for the new barracks.

5. The General Officer Commanding has now been desired to assemble a committee to fix upon a site to the south and west of the cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount for the new barracks if a suitable one can be found there, and a further report shall be made to Government when its proceedings have been received and considered by the Commander-in-Chief.

ENCLOSURES.

(A.)

Proceedings of a Committee assembled at St. Thomas' Mount on the 20th February 1888, by order of Brigadier-General Smart, Commanding Eastern District, for the purpose of reporting on the north and south barracks as to their suitability for the accommodation of a wing of a British Regiment.

President:

Colonel M. W. Ommanney, Royal Artillery.

Member:

Lieutenant-Colonel F. Smalley, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Attending Committee.

Deputy Surgeon-General S. B. Roe, c.b.
Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E.

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to thoroughly examine the north and south barracks, St. Thomas' Mount, and are of opinion that, should the existing buildings be capable of sustaining an upper storey, the accommodation thus obtained would roughly be for 320 men; this estimate includes the accommodation afforded by an upper storey on the gun-sheds as well as on the north and south barracks.

To complete the accommodation required for a wing of British Infantry, a new barrack capable of containing about 100 men would be required, for which there is no suitable site in the vicinity.

The Committee are also of opinion that, even if sufficient accommodation were available, the site is unsuitable for permanent occupation and most objectionable on sanitary grounds owing to "the Mount" hill being immediately in its rear, and theintervening space between it and the barracks being crowded with native houses thickly populated.

(Signed) G. J. SMART, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Eastern District.

(Signed) M. W. OMMANNEY, Colonel, R.A.—*President.*
(„) F. SMALLEY, Lieut.-Col., Dy. Asstt. Quartermaster-Genl., Eastern Dist., } *Member.*
(„) S. B. ROE, m.b., Deputy Surgn.-Genl., M.S., }
(„) ROSS THOMPSON, Colonel, R.E., } *Attending Committee.*

(B.)

From Brigadier-General G. J. SMART, R.A., Commanding Eastern District, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Fort St. George, 9th June 1888, No. G. 233.

I have the honor to inform you that, with reference to your letter No. 1932 A., dated 18th ultimo, the Deputy Surgeon-General of the district reported that the site referred to was not in his opinion suitable for barracks for a wing of British Infantry, for, if placed towards the west and south-west, the buildings would crowd up the station hospital and church, and would probably be found liable to the same objection as that which rendered the old north and south barracks uninhabitable.

I in company with the Deputy Surgeon-General, the Assistant Quartermaster-General and Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division, inspected the ground in question. I am of opinion that there is not sufficient space for the barracks and subsidiary buildings required for a wing of British Infantry.

2. Ground sufficient for the purpose and good is, in my opinion, available on the south and south-west portion of the cantonment.

Reference Order No. 4758, Military.

The further report promised in para. 5 is awaited.

OOTACAMUND,
12th July 1888.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th September 1888, No. 3260 A.

With reference to this office letter No. 2363 A of 29th June 1888, I am desired to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying proceedings of a committee which assembled to select a site to the south and west of the cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount for barracks for a Wing British Infantry, together with a plan of the proposed arrangements of the several buildings.

2. The proposals of the committee include the provision of barracks for four companies in double-storied half-company blocks with subsidiary buildings and the following auxiliary buildings:—

(*a*) Married quarters. | (*b*) Quarter guard.
(*c*) Orderly room.

Of these, the Commander-in-Chief considers (*a*) and (*c*) need not be provided as the few married men that need necessarily be with a detached wing could be suitably housed in the Royal Artillery married quarters which are not distant from the proposed site for the barracks, while an orderly room is not authorized as a separate building, accommodation for it being provided in the lower floors of one of the barrack blocks.

3. No provision has been made by the committee for the buildings enumerated in the margin, items (1) to (5) of which His Excellency considers should be provided for with the barracks, leaving the provision of the remainder for future consideration as the necessity for each may arise.

(1) Wash-houses.
(2) Plunge-bath.
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(4) Magazine.
(5) Bowling and Skittle alley.
(6) Armourers' shop.
(7) Blacksmith's forge.
(8) Religious reading and prayer room.
(9) Ball court.

4. With regard to the refreshment-room or canteen, His Excellency considers that when the new barracks are built, the conditions of an institute ought to be kept in view and accommodation arranged and provided accordingly in the lower floors of one or more barrack blocks, which having been done, a small building for the issue and storage of malt liquor and spirits, and for a bar, should be erected in a situation convenient and adjacent to the building containing the remaining accommodation for the institute.

5. The plan of placing the barrack blocks in a square does not commend itself to His Excellency, for obviously under it all the blocks cannot benefit equally from the prevailing wind; but the arrangement of the buildings on the site is a detail which can be considered later when the general scheme for the location of a wing of British Infantry at St. Thomas' Mount has been approved and the provision of barracks for it there decided upon.

6. It will be noted that the site selected will necessitate the removal of the Royal Artillery Riding schools, but sufficient ground is available close at hand to the southward for new schools.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of a Committee assembled at St. Thomas' Mount on the 11th July 1888, by order of Brigadier-General G. J. Smart, R.A., Commanding Eastern District, acting under instruction from Army Head-quarters, for the purpose of selecting a site to the south and west of the cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount for barracks for a wing of British Infantry.

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Brigadier-General G. J. Smart, R.A., Commanding Eastern District.

Members:

Colonel Ommanney, R.A., Commanding St. Thomas' Mount.
Lieut.-Colonel F. Smalley, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Eastern District.

In attendance:

Officiating Deputy Surgeon-General Inkson, Eastern District.
C. H. B. Burlton, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division.

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to inspect the ground lying to the south and west of the cantonment and select that shown in the accompanying plan. This site they consider in every way suitable, being very open, naturally well drained and having a good subsoil; it is also conveniently situated as regards the cantonment.

The accompanying plan shows also how the Committee recommend the various buildings should be arranged.

(Signed) G. J. SMART, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Eastern District, } *President.*
(„) M. W. OMMANNEY, Col., R.A.,
Commanding St. Thomas' Mount,
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Asst. Quartermaster-Genl., Eastern Dist., } *Members.*
(„) J. INKSON, M.D.,
Offg. Dy. Surgn.-Genl.,
H.M.'s Forces, Eastern Dist.,
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Executive Engr., Chingleput Divn., } *In attendance.*

Order—dated 24th September 1888, No. 6442, Military.

Ordered that the foregoing papers, together with the plan, be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with the request that the necessary plans and estimates for barracks and buildings for a wing of a British Infantry Regiment on the site at St. Thomas' Mount, selected by the committee, may be prepared with the least possible delay and submitted through the usual channel for the approval of Government in this department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 2nd October 1888, No. 3084 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will arrange for the preparation of the requisite plans and estimates as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with plan.
„ Military Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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Reference Order No. 4758, Military.

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OOTACAMUND,
12th July 1888.

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Secretary to Government.

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Offg. Dy. Surgn.-Genl.,
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 2nd.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 2nd Oct. 1888, No. 3084 W.

OCTOBER.

Barracks and Buildings for a Wing of a British Infantry Regiment at St Thomas' Mount

Instructions to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for the preparation of plans and estimates for — to be constructed on a site selected by the committee.

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No. 266

Surgeon-General's Office, H. M.'s Forces,
Military Department, Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, 1st Febry 1888.

From
J. Irvine Esqre, M.D., Q.H.P.,
SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that, on receipt of G.O. Military Department, No 508 dated 24th January 1888, Deputy Surgeon General S. B. Roe, C.B., was nominated as Member of the Committee to be assembled to report on the possibility of altering and approving the old North and South Barracks at Saint Thomas Mount: It has since been represented to me that this officer is Senior to Colonel

Ommaney

Ommaney appointed to sit as Presi:dent of the Board. I therefore purpose communicating with the General Officer Commanding, Eastern District, with a view to Deputy Surgeon General Roe being permitted to give his opinion under the pro:visions of Article 1137, Army Regu:lations, India, Volume II, Part I.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

M.D.

W.B.

Surgeon General, H. M's. F.

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Refer No. 783

Ordered that the foregoing papers from the Public Works Dept and the Surgeon Genl, Her Ms Forces, Madras, be communicated for the information of the Genl Officer Commanding Eastern Division.

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Fort Saint George
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To
The Genl Officer Comg E.D.
Q.M. Genl for infn

From
THE SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES,

To
THE Secretary to Govt.,
Military Deptt,
Fort St. George

No. 266

Fort St. George, 1st Febry 1888.

Purposes that Dy: Surg Genl Roe be nominated as President to the Committee within referred to as he is Senior to Colonel Ommanney

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Army Form A 2.
(Late W. O. Form 263.)

*N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the Proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Committee

assembled at St Thomas' Mount

on the 20th February 1888

by order of Brigadier General Smith Comdg Eastern District

for the purpose of reporting on the North & South Barracks as to their suitability for the accomodation of a wing of a British Regiment

PRESIDENT.

Colonel M. W. Ommanney Royal Artillery

MEMBERS.

Lt Col F. Smalley D.A.Q.M.G.

attending Committee
Depy Surgn General S. B. Roe C.B.

Colonel Ross Thompson:- R.E.

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J. H. Ommanney Colonel
President

Geo Smalley M.R.A. Member
Dy A.S.M. Genl.

attending Committee

S. B. Roe M.B.
D.S.S., M.S.

Wm Thompson
Col. R.E.

C. Stuart
Brigadier General
Commanding Eastern District

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Quartermaster-General's Department,
Eastern District,

No. C. 233

Fort St. George, 9th June 1888.

From

G. J. Smart Col

Brigadier General ~~A. C. Johnson~~, C. B.,

Commanding Eastern District,

To

The Quartermaster General
Madras Army
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, with reference to your letter No. 1932 A dated 18th Ultimo the Deputy Surgeon General of the District ~~having~~ reported that the site referred to was not in his opinion suitable for Barracks for a Wing of British Infantry, for, if placed towards the West and South west the buildings would crowd up the Station Hospital and Church and would probably be found liable to the same objection as that which rendered the old North and South Barracks uninhabitable -

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2.— Ground sufficient for the purpose and good is, in my opinion, available on the South and South west portion of the Cantonment

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
G. Stewart
Brigadier General
Commanding Eastern District

No. G. 233

From

The General Officer Commanding

Eastern District,

To

The Qr. Mr. General

Madras Army

Dated 9th
Despatched 12th } June 1888.
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Subject.

Relative to the site at the Mount for building Barracks for a Wing of British Infantry

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QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Ootacamund,

6th January 1888.

No. 51 A

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. FAUNCE,

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Ref. [illegible]

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Your obedt. Servant,

Brigr. Genl

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An Officer of the Pub: Works Dept.
An Officer of the Q. M. G's dept; &
An Officer of the Army Med Staff.

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QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Ootacamund,

19th January 1888.

No. 283 A

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From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. FAUNCE,

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your memo No: 260, of the 12th Instant, I am desired to state that, the Commander-in-Chief accepts the suggestions for the assembly of a Committee to report on the possibility of altering and improving the Old North and South Barracks at Saint Thomas's Mount, either by the addition of an Upper storey, or in some other way so as to adapt them for the suitable accommodation of British Troops.

2 His Excellency accordingly nominates Colonel Ommaney, Commanding Royal Artillery Eastern District, as President and Lieutenant Colonel Smalley Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General as a member of the Committee, and would suggest that the Public Works Department and Surgeon General Her Majesty's Forces, be desired under the orders of Government to nominate Officers of their respective Departments to sit as members of the Committee, the date of assembly of

of which might be fixed by the General Officer Commanding Eastern District as soon as the names of the Public Works Department and Medical members are communicated to him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Brigadier General,
Quarter Master General.

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No. 508

Ordered that the Public Works Deptt and the Qua: Genl: H. M's Forces, Madras, be requested, in accordance with the suggestion in para 2 of the above letter, to be so good as to nominate, in communication with the General Officer Commg Eastern District, an Officer of their respective departments to serve as members on the Committee in question.

Fort Saint George
24th January 88

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To The P. W. D.
with copy of M. D.
Memo No. 265 of 88
" Q. G. H. M's For, Do. —
" Offr: Commg Eastern Dn.

Infd 24/1/88

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Military (1888) Department.

No. 495

From

The Quarter Master General,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

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No. 283 A

Dated 19 } January
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Enclosures.

Approving the assembly of the Committee to determine whether the old north and south Barracks at Saint Thomas Mount, with improvements & additions can be rendered fit for occupation by a wing of the British Infantry Regiment —

P.W.D. reply 773 of 88
S.G. 812 of 88

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the
G. O. dated 31 Jany ~~Rev~~ No. 354 W
Read the following

Proceedings of the Military Deptt. No. 508 of 24 January 1888.

Order thereon No. 354 W. of 31st Jany 1888

Colonel Ross Thompson RE Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, is nominated as the Public Works member of the proposed Committee. The Superintending Engineer 1st Circle will arrange for making Col: Ross Thompson's services available, and instruct that officer to place himself in communication with the General Officer Commanding Eastern District in respect to further proceedings.

(True Extract)

~~Captain~~ Col RE
~~Under~~ Joint Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

To The Mily: Deptt.

Former papers.

MILITARY (1888) DEPARTMENT.

No. 773

P.G.

From

THE Public Works Departt

No. 356 / W

Dated 30th January.

Recd. 1st February.

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ENCLOSURES.

P. G., No. , dated

Intimating that Col: Ross Thompson R.E. Ex: Engr:, Pres: Divn, is nominated as the Public Works members of the committee proposed for extra accommodation in Fort St George for the British Troops.

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Quarter Master General's Office
Ootacamund 29 June 1888.

No. 2363. A.

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From

Colonel M. Protheroe C.B. C.S.I.
Offg. Quarter Master General.

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

Sir,

Referring to my letter No. 283 A dated 19th January 1888, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that the Committee assembled on the 20th February 1888.

2. From its proceedings enclosed (A) it will be observed that a decided opinion is expressed against the re-occupation of the old Barracks even when improved by the addition of an Upper Storey, it being added that no suitable site existed in the vicinity for the extra Barrack building that would be required.

3. As it was suggested to the Commander-in-Chief that possibly the old Parade ground, no longer required for parade purposes, as the Royal Artillery Barracks have been removed to the other end of the Station, would be held to be sufficiently removed from the Mount Hill and the Native houses under it, and be large enough to be utilized as a site for the Barracks of a Wing British Infantry, His Excellency called upon the General Officer Commanding Eastern District to report upon this suggestion.

4. That Officer's reply is enclosed (B) and its terms precluded Sir Charles Arbuthnot from recommending the adoption of the old Parade Ground site for the new Barracks.

5. The General Officer Commanding has now been desired to assemble a Committee to fix upon a site to the South and West of the Cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount for the new Barracks if a suitable one can be found there, and a further report shall be made to Government when its Proceedings have been received and considered by the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

M. Protheroe Colonel,
Offg. Quarter Master General

N.B. 550 of the 65 will be required

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The further report promised in para 5 is awaited.

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12th July/88

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12.7.88

Q. M. G. ~~with despd 12/7~~ p.r.o. Madras

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Military (1888) Department.

No. 4816

From
The Quarter Master General,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

No. 2363-A

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Dated 29th June
Received 2nd July 88

Enclosures. 2.

Forwdg. Procdgs. of Comttee reporting on the unsuitability of the N & S Bks. St. Thomas' Mt for reoccupation by B. Troops even if improved & stating that orders have been issued to fix a site to the S & W of Cantonment for erection of entirely new Buildings.

P.W.D. 6639 of 88

D. Ref. O.

Form No. 20 A. / 7 B.

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Quarter Master General's Office,
Ootacamund,
7th September 1888.

No. 3260-A

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From
Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I.,
Quarter Master General,

To
The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Military Department,

Sir,

With reference to this Office letter No. 2363-A of 29th June 1888, I am desired to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the accompanying Proceedings of a Committee which assembled to select a site to the South and West of the Cantonment of Saint Thomas Mount, for Barracks for a Wing British Infantry, together with a plan of the proposed arrangements of the several buildings.

2. The proposals of the Committee include the provision of Barracks for 4 Companies in double storied half Company blocks, with subsidiary

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buildings and the following auxiliary buildings:-

(a) Married Quarters,
(b) Quarter Guard.
(c) Orderly room.;

Of these the Commander-in-Chief considers (a) and (c) need not be provided as the few married men that need necessarily be with a detached Wing could be suitably housed in the Royal Artillery Married Quarters which are not distant from the proposed site for the Barracks, whils an Orderly room is not authorized as a separate building, accommodation for it being provided in the lower floors of one of the Barrack Blocks.

3. No provision has been made by the Committee for the buildings enumerated in the margin, items one to five of which His Excellency

(1) Wash houses
(2) Plunge bath
(3) Refreshment Room (or Canteen.)
(4) Magazine.
(5) Bowling and Skittle alley.
(6) Armourer's shop.
(7) Blacksmith's forge
(8) Religious Reading & Prayer Room
(9) Ball court.

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considers should be provided for with the Barracks leaving the provision of the remainder for future consideration as the necessity for each may arise.

4. With regard to the Refreshment Room or Canteen, His Excellency considers that when the new Barracks are built the conditions of an Institute ought to be kept in view and accommodation arranged and provided accordingly in the lower floors of one or more Barrack blocks, which having been done, a small building for the issue and storage of malt liquor and spirits, and for a bar, should be erected in a situation convenient and adjacent to the building containing the remaining accommodation for the Institute.

5. The plan of placing the Barrack Blocks in a square does not commend itself to His Excellency for obviously under it all the blocks cannot benefit equally from the prevailing

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wind, but the arrangement of the buildings on the site is a detail which can be considered later when the general scheme for the location of a wing of British Infantry at Saint Thomas Mount has been approved and the provision of Barracks for it there decided upon.

6. It will be noted that the site selected will necessitate the removal f the Royal Artillery Riding Schools, but sufficient ground is available close at hand to the southward for new schools.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedt. Servant,

Brigr. Genl.
Quarter Master Genl.

P.G. 27.2.88 No. 1382 A
" 19.12.87 No. 8835 A
Cy: 6639 of 88 papers

Military (1888) Department.

No. 6701

From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Cd 9867/88

No. 3260. A.

Dated 7th } Septr. 88
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ENCLOSURES. 2.

Submits for consideration with remarks Proceedings of a Comttee for selection of a site to the S & W of Cantt. of St. Thomas' mount for Bks. for a Wing B. I.

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W. O. Form 263.
(Army Form A 2.)

* N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the Proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a * Committee

assembled at Saint Thomas mount

on the 11th July 1888

by order of Brigdr. General C. J. Smart Rd. Cmdg. E.D. acting under instruction from Army Head Quarters

for the purpose of Selecting a site to the South and west of the Cantonment of Saint Thomas mount for Barracks for a Wing of British Infantry

PRESIDENT.

Brigadier General C. J. Smart R.A.
Commanding Eastern District

MEMBERS.

Colonel [illegible] R.A.
Commanding St. Thomas mount
Lieut Colonel H. Smalley
Asst. Qr. Mr. General E.D.
In Attendance
Offg. Dy Surgeon General Dickson. Eastern District
C. H. G. Boulton Esqre.
Exec. Engineer Chingleput Division.

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to inspect the ground lying to the South and west of the Cantonment and Select ~~that~~ that shown in the accompanying plan. — This site they consider in every way suitable being very open naturally

naturally well drained and having a good subsoil; it is also conveniently situated as regards the Cantonment.

The accompanying plan shows also how the Committee recommend the various buildings should be arranged. —

C. Stewart
Brigadier General
Commanding Eastern District
President

E. W. Cumming Col R.A.
Commanding Saint Thomas Mount

Fred Smalley Col
Asst. Quartermaster General
Eastern District
Members

Offg. Dy. Surgeon General
Her Majesty's Forces
Eastern District

C H B Burlton
Exve. Engineer – Chingleput Dn
10. 8. 88
In attendance

Military Buildings

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Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Ootacamund the 24th September 1888.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS. 5 SEP. 88

From the Quarter Master General No. 51 Q. dated 6th January 1888.

Reference Memorandum No. 260, dated 12th January 1888.

From the Quarter Master General No. 283 Q, dated 19th January 1888.

Reference Order No. 508. dated 24th January 1888.

G. O. Public Works Department, N

W. dated 31st January 1888.

From the Surgeon General Her

Forces, No. 266, dated 1st February 18

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Reference

10 Reference Order, No. 783, dated 3rd February 1888.

From the Quarter Master General No. 2363. A, dated 29th June 1888 (with two enclosures).

Reference Order No. 4758, dated 12th July 1888.

From the Quarter Master General No. 3260. A, dated 7th September 1888 (with enclosure and plan).

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Order:— Ordered that the foregoing papers together with the plan be forwarded the Public Works Department with the uest that the necessary plans and ates for barracks and buildings for a f a British Infantry Regiment on at St Thomas' Mount selected by the

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the Committee may be prepared with the least possible delay and submitted through the usual channel for the approval of Government in this Department.

(True Extract)

A. Kenney Herbert Brigdr. Genl.
Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department, with papers.

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No. 3084 W.d/ 22nd October 1888

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer V Circle who will arrange for the prepara of the requisite plans and estima as soon as possible —

J.W.
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Supdg. Engr. V Circle
with plans.

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G.O., 2d Octr 1888, No. 3084 W

Barracks & Buildings for a wing of a British Infantry Regt. at St Thomas' Mount

Instructions to the Supdg Engr V Circle, for the preparation of plans & Ests ~~of~~ for to be constructed on ~~certain~~ a site selected by the Committee.

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