Revenue Consultations.

No. 615
Dated 4th to 10th May 1859

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 4th to 10th May 1859.

No. 8. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department; dated 27th April 1859, No. 1521.

The erection of a temporary Mess House for the Officers of the 3rd Battalion H. M.'s 60th Rifles at Jackatallah authorized. The Chief Engineer to submit with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief Plans and Estimates necessary for the building, and at the same time to collect the necessary materials for it. The Mess allowance drawn by the said Battalion will be withheld from the date on which the Mess house in question may be reported available for their occupation.

(Vide Military Cons. 29th April 1859, Nos. 44-45.)

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1859, No. 615.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to para. 5 for information, and for communication to the Collector of Coimbatore.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1521.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 27th April 1859.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, 16*th April* 1859, *No.* 180; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request, you will be so good as to lay before Government, the following, in regard to providing a Mess House for the Officers of Her Majesty's 3rd Battalion, 60th Rifles, at Jackatalla.

2. The only house at present in Jackatalla, which could at all accommodate the Officers, belongs to Doctor Macbeth of the 74th Highlanders—on the first arrival of the Regiment, the Parsee Agent in charge of the house, let it to the Officers at a rent of 150 Rupees a month, but only until the 15th June next, and Colonel Bedford regrets to say that Doctor Macbeth has objected to these terms and demands 250 Rupees a month for the building, unfurnished, and at the same time, objects to any additions being made to the house or godowns. The Officer Commanding the Rifles was in hopes that something might have been done, without troubling Government, but such he finds is not likely to be the case, and as a Mess must be kept up, he is anxious that the Officers should have something better than a Tent to cover them when the rains set in, in September and October, as no labour is procurable for private individuals at Jackatalla, and therefore the Officers would be unable to build for themselves, even if the necessary funds were forthcoming, which is unfortunately not the case.

3. Colonel Bedford, in behalf of the Officers, requests that a temporary Mess house may be built for them by Government. His Excellency is aware of the decision of the Government of India, on a reference made on the subject in 1854, (see Resolution of Government 3rd October No. 2612 of that year) but nevertheless, Sir P. Grant ventures to beg favorable consideration to the request of Colonel Bedford, of course the monthly mess allowance of 150 Rupees would cease.

4. The Commander-in-Chief would beg to observe, that an early decision (if affirmative) on His Excellency's proposition to provide Public Quarters for all Regimental Officers, would set this question effectually at rest.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council grants authority for the erection of a temporary Mess House for the Officers of the 3rd Battalion H. M.'s 60th Rifles at Jackatalla, which will be proceeded with on emergency.

2. The Chief Engineer will accordingly be called on through the Department Public Works, to submit without delay, the necessary Plans and Estimates for the sanction of Government, proceeding meanwhile to collect the necessary materials &c. for the Building.

3. The accommodation to be provided will be restricted to a suitable dining Hall, one moderate sized reception room, and the Out Offices indispensably necessary; all on the most moderate scale.

4. The Plans for the above will be submitted for the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, before being forwarded to Government for sanction.

5. His Excellency will be requested to cause the most convenient site available to be selected for the Building, with reference to the future probable circumstances of the Station, and if the ground be not already the property of Government, the necessary steps will be taken in the Revenue Department for its acquirement.

6. The mess allowance drawn by the 3rd Battalion H. M.'s 60th Rifles will be withheld from the date on which the Mess House in question may be reported available for their occupation, for so long as they may continue to be stationed at Jackatalla.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Department Public Works.
" Revenue Department. With 20 Spare Copies
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.
" Dy. Adjutant General H. M.'s Forces, for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Revenue 1859 Dept.
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No. 751

Extract from the Minutes of Cons: in the Military Department.

Dated 27th April 1859
Read 29th
No. 615. 4th May 1859.

The erection of a temporary Mess House for the Officers of the 5th Battalion R. Mrs 60th Rifles at Jacktallah is authorized. The Chief Engr to submit with the Approval of the Commander-in-Chief Plan & Estimate necessary for the building & at the same time to collect the necessary materials for it. The Mess Allowances drawn by the said Battalion will be withheld

With an order

No. 615

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4th May 1859

withheld from the date on which the Mess House in question may be reported available for their occupation.

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