M.R.O. 14—10,000—21-4-22

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

[redacted] Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1404 — Press / Mis.

200. 201

Dated 15 - 7 - 1861.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th July 1861.

No. 200. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st June 1861, No. 2,140:—

Requiring the Heads of Departments to afford every assistance and information in their power to the Committee proposed for inquiring and reporting on the measures required to render the Fort fit for Military occupation.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 21st June 1861, Nos. 426—428 A.)

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1861, No. 1,404.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, 16th May 1861, *No. 58; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

. In forwarding the accompanying Plan and Estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,600, for converting the late Revenue Board Office into a Mess House and Officers' Quarters, I have the honor to state, in the event of its being relinquished as a Military building, it would be far better adapted for a Public Office than for Officers' Quarters.

From Mr. P. Walsh, Sub-Engineer in charge of the 1st Assistant District Engineer's Department, Madras, 13th May 1861, *No. 36; to the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency.*

With reference to your Memorandum No. 23, dated 4th instant, giving cover to the Barrack Master's Memorandum No. 1880, and Extract Minutes Consultation dated 29th April, calling for information as to what arrangements would be required to adapt the late Revenue Board Office in the Fort, as a Mess House for the European Regiment in Garrison, and approximately at what expense, as also what use could be made of the Mess House on its ceasing to be occupied for that purpose, I have the honor to state that a Plan was forwarded to you on the 25th April 1861, shewing the proposed alterations in the former, which consist chiefly in converting a portion of the north end of the Lower Story into a Kitchen and Wine Godown and the south portion into two sets of Quarters. The second Story into a Mess and Billiard Room and Quarters, and the Upper Story into Quarters.

2. The approximate expense will be about Rupees 3,600, for which I send herewith a Memorandum shewing the sum for each description of work. A detailed Estimate will be forwarded as soon as it is completed.

3. The Mess House on its ceasing to be occupied for that purpose, can be converted into Quarters for two Officers.

Memorandum shewing the sums for each description of work proposed to be executed to the old Revenue Board Office, in alterations and repair works, &c.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
No. 1.—Lower Story.						
Alterations and repair works, &c.	500	0	0			
Chimney, complete.	300	0	0			
Wood works complete for door, &c.	300	0	0			
Red Serge Screen, &c., complete	100	0	0			
Paint work.	300	0	0			
				1,500	0	0
No. 2.—Upper Story.						
Alterations and repair works.	400	0	0			
Wood works complete for weather board.	600	0	0			
Red Serge Screen, complete.	250	0	0			
Paint work.	350	0	0			
				1,600	0	0
No. 3.—Second Story.						
Repair works	200	0	0			
Wood do	100	0	0			
Paint do	200	0	0			
				500	0	0
Total Company's Rupees three thousand and six hundred.				3,600	0	0

PRESY. DIST. ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, ——May 1861.

(Signed) P. WALSH, Sub. Engineer,
In charge of the 1st Asst. District Engineers Dept

Minute by the President, 13th June 1861.

With reference to the changes to be made in the occupation of the buildings in the Fort, it appears to me that we ought to consider the Fort as the principal Military Depôt in the Presidency, and to provide in the first place for its defence.

When this has been done, we should avail ourselves of the remaining space and buildings to concentrate in the Fort, all the principal Military Establishments.

We shall then be able to ascertain whether any accommodation can be spared for the Civil Departments of Government.

The Military accommodation required will be, for

1st. The Garrison, and this should not consist of less than one European Regiment and one Company of Artillery—a second Company being held in reserve at Saint Thomas' Mount in readiness to move into the Fort at the shortest notice. This arrangement will admit of the Company in the Fort being relieved periodically by that at the Mount, and thus afford to each alternately the benefit of an annual training.

2nd. The Establishments connected with the Troops, such as Hospital, Quarters for Medical Officers, &c.

3rd. The Ordnance Establishments connected with the Arsenal, and Stores.

4th. Offices for Military Staff, &c.

I therefore propose that, with the concurrence of the Members of Government and the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to whom this Minute should be communicated, a Board be convened, consisting of Major General W. A. McCleverty, commanding the Troops in Garrison, as President, with the following Officers as Members, *viz*:—

Colonel Sir A. T. COTTON, Knight,
Commandant of Engineers.
Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON,
Inspector General of Ordnance.
Lieut. Colonel W. K. WORSTER,
Barrack Master.
and
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals G. S. BEATSON, M.D.,
H. M.'s Service.

the latter because the question of the Establishment of the Regimental Hospital within the Fortress will have to be considered. The Board should go fully into the whole subject, and report to Government, through the Military Department, upon the existing appropriation of each building, accompanying their recommendations as to any change of appropriation, with Plans, and such descriptions and explanations, as may enable the Government to decide at once, on the propriety of adopting their suggestions.

Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead, 17th June 1861.

The suggestions contained in this Minute, I concur in. The proposal to have the Hospital in the Fort, is a good and wise arrangement, and I shall be glad to find that the measure can be carried out.

I concur in the appointment of the proposed Committee.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

Order, No. 2140, *21st June* 1861.

The building in the Fort lately occupied by the Board of Revenue being now vacant, the subject of its appropriation for Military purposes has come under the consideration of Government, connected with a suggestion of its possible eligibility as an Hospital for the use of the European Regiment quartered in the Fort; the removal of the Regimental Hospital from the General Hospital being, for obvious reasons, a desirable arrangement.

2. In view to this subject, as well as that of the general allotment of buildings in the Fort for *Military occupation*, being inquired into and reported on, the Governor in Council resolves to communicate the foregoing Minutes to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, with a request, that the proposed Committee may, with the concurrence of the Major General, be directed to assemble as soon after the return of Colonel Sir A. Cotton and Lieutenant Colonel Worster to the Presidency, as may be convenient.

3. In furtherance of the above inquiry, heads of Departments and other authorities holding Offices in the Fort, will be required to afford the Committee every information and assistance in their power.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Dy. Adjt. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
" Revenue Departt. for information.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

(True Copies)
A. Morehead
Secretary to Govt.

Rec'd 1861 Septr.
Pro: of Govt. for July
No 1662

Pro: M. G. in the
Mily. Department

Dated 21st June & July/61
Recd 12th No 2140

Requiring the Heads of Departments to afford every assistance and information in their power to the Committee proposed for enquiring and reporting on the measures required to render the Fonte fit for Military occupation.

No 1404
Recorded
[illegible]
15th July 1862

No 200 & 201.