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No. 23. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent, Army Clothing, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th April 1870, No. 5.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 127, dated 14th March 1870, relative to the removal of the Army Clothing Department to the Mint buildings, I have the honour to forward the following remarks for submission to Government :—

By the arrangement proposed by the Officiating Superintending Engineer, the only buildings available for the Army Clothing Department are the two long ones on the north and south sides of the square (marked), and a smaller one on the west side (marked). These buildings are only suitable for machinery and for stores. Fourteen new sewing-machines are daily expected from England, which, added to the twenty-two now in use, will fully occupy the building on the south side; the building on the north will be required for the Examining and Stock Departments, and the one on the west would be used for the Packing Department; there then remains to be provided for, the Cutting Department, the Issuing Departments for Her Majesty's and Local Troops, the Superintendent's and Head Assistant's Offices, and an Office for the Manager and eighteen clerks, and to meet these requirements the Officiating Superintending Engineer proposes only to build an office for myself, and one for the Office Establishment.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Officiating Superintending Engineer's letter, I beg to state that, on both occasions of my visiting the Mint buildings, the two rooms in the upper story of the Treasury were *entirely unoccupied*, and only two of the lower rooms were used (leaving two unoccupied) out of six rooms; therefore the Assay Department only requires two, leaving four vacant, which would all be used by the Clothing Department, and which, if not handed over, will have to be replaced by others.

3. The complete isolation of the two departments is certainly necessary, and if the whole of the treasury is handed over to the Army Clothing Department, can easily be effected by walls being built from each end of the building to those adjoining as proposed in my former letter, and by wire-netting being put to the windows, and access to the verandah prevented by wooden or iron rails.

4. It has for several years been felt that the building now occupied by the Army Clothing Department is too small, and by the proposed arrangement a greater number of square feet will no doubt be obtained; but all the buildings, with the exception of those mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter, are in every way unsuitable for the department, many of them being open sheds, and in a most dilapidated condition.

5. I would strongly urge that the arrangement proposed in my former letter (Proceedings of Government, No. 25, dated 9th December 1869,) and acceded to at the time by Dr. Bellew, may be carried out, and that the whole of the Treasury building may be handed over to me, and cellars built for the Assay Department in the room on the south side (marked in the plan) as was originally suggested.

6. At the time of my meeting Colonel Bean and Dr. Bellew at the Mint, I objected to the proposal since submitted to Government by the former on the ground that it was against both the interests of Government and of my department that the Assay Master should be allowed to retain a large building containing six rooms and only occupy two of them, to the exclusion of the Clothing Department, which would require them all, especially as there is an empty building close by in which cellars could be built for the Assay Department.

7. With all deference, I desire to bring to the notice of Government that the present plan if carried out would be nothing less than retaining *all* the best buildings for the Assay Department, and making over the inferior ones to the Clothing Department, and I solicit an equal consideration for both.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th April 1870.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 127, dated 14th March 1870.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th April 1870.

(Signed) A. T. WILDE, Major-General,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1870, No. 179.

The Government resolve to forward these papers to Colonel Orr, R.E., the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, and to request that Officer, after communication with the Assay Master and the Superintendent of Army Clothing, to determine how the Mint premises can best be utilized for the accommodation of the Assay, Currency, and Clothing Departments.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E., with plan and proceedings, dated 9th December 1869, No. 598,
28th January 1870, No. 367, and 14th March 1870, No. 127
To the Military Department.
,, Assay Master.

Ed. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.
FINANCIAL.
To
Colonel C.A. ORR, R.E.
&c. &c. &c.
Dated April 27th.
Recd.
Ans.
G.O. 27th April 1870 No. 1234
APRIL
Nos. 2254
Requisition for Secretary, Public Works Dept.
Fort St. George. Nos. 2254 & 2255 for
Rs. 5, stated for the accommodation of the
Army Clothing Department.

Army Clothing Department.

No. 5 Madras 11th April 1870.

From

The Acting Superintendent
Army Clothing

To. The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort Saint George

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Your most obedt servant
Wm Chrichton Captain
Actg Superintt Army Clothing

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Financial Department

Proceedings of the Treasury Department

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Army Clothing, dated 11th
April 1870 No 5.

Date Treasury 27 April 1870. 1870

To the Secretary of the Treasury
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Extract from Proceedings of Treasury Department
Army Clothing Factory
dated 27th April 1870

Read a letter from the Deputy Adjutant
Military Department
Fort Leavenworth
dated 11th April 1870
Read by Mr Secy.

Ordered No. 5

That a copy be
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Memo for order.

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