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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 67. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 28th March 1860, No. 1,216:—

Transferring for disposal paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Quarter Master } (Vide Military Proceedings from 21st
General's letter regarding certain works connected with the con- } to 31st March 1860, Nos. 219-250.)
servancy in Military Cantonments.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1860, No. 758.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 20th March 1860, No. 90; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit the following report to Government, based on the order of Government dated 11th November last, No. 4013, directing that certain minor conservancy measures should be provided for by an Annual Estimate from each station.

2. I have received no reports from the Mysore Division, or the Centre Division, but His Excellency will not detain those that have been received on account of those which ought to have been furnished long ago.

3. Annexed is a table including all those places which are not provided for, which have sent in Estimates to the present time.

4. In the Northern Division the following stations are included.

Masulipatam, (Cantonment.)
Samulcottah,
Dowlaisheram,
Berhampore.

Waltair and Vizagapatam are under the Civil power and cannot be interfered with. But His Excellency begs that Government will nevertheless order similar measures in the Civil Department for those places as are provided for Military Stations. Troops are located at both these places, and ought to be as effectively cared for as any where else. Cuttack is already provided for under Bengal Rules. Vizianagram has sent in Estimates for certain main roads, which have been sent to the Chief Engineer Department Public Works with reference to the second paragraph of the order, but a conservancy estimate shall be called for.

5. Secunderabad has already a grant of 7,000 Rupees allowed annually. But Jaulnah under the same Government, is without, sufficient means of preserving cleanliness in the Cantonment, and His Excellency would therefore strongly recommend that measures be taken in communication with the Resident, for the grant of such annual sum as shall suffice for the purpose of keeping the roads in order, and for maintaining cleanliness. It is reported that to put the roads in order now, will cost 1,200 Rupees. For conservancy purposes, 4 Scavenger's Carts, and one Sweeper, at a total annual cost of 840 Rupees, are stated to be sufficient at present.

6. In the Kamptee Cantonment effective measures have been already taken for doing every thing that can be desired, under the sanction of the Local Government and His Excellency proposes that Government should address the Commissioner with the view to the Cantonment of Hoshungabad being in like manner provided for. It is reported that 1,092 Rupees for this year would be sufficient for that station.

7. In the Pegu Division the following monthly sums have been applied for by Major General Bell, from the Supreme Government.

Rangoon.....	350
Tonghoo.....	300
Thayetmyoo.....	265
Henzadah.....	125
Bassein.....	60

8. In the Ceded Districts, Bellary has already an annual grant of Rupees 2,400 allowed it. An estimate for Cuddapah for Rupees 497 a year is annexed. Kurnool has no Military limits assigned to it as yet. Nothing is required at Ghooty.

9. The Southern Division Estimates are as follows:—

Trichinopoly.....	3090 annually.
Jackatalla.....	1200
Palamcottah.....	804
Quilon.....	288

10. The total sum asked for in this letter is Rupees 7,824-4-0 for expenditure in the year 1869-61 and His Excellency begs that the sanction of Government may be accorded so as to length to dispose of an important subject, which has been for years postponed for future deliberation.

11. His Excellency would suggest for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be preferable to grant a fixed *monthly* sum on the above scale—for each Cantonment instead of calling for annual Estimates from each station. The former course is that adopted in Bengal and elsewhere. The allowance regulated for each station could then be published in G. O. once for all, and correspondence and delay saved.

12. The monthly sum should be drawn by the Station Staff Officer, on abstract countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Station, who should form the Conservancy Committee and an account kept of receipts and expenditure, which should be furnished at the beginning of every month for the previous month; the usual Certificate on honor being attached to the effect, that the whole sum drawn has been bonafide expended for conservancy purposes. The Bills should be forwarded, monthly, by Officers Commanding stations to the Officer of the Quarter Master General's Department in the Division, who should be charged with the duty of checking them and transmitting them to the Head Quarter's Office, at Madras, for the final sanction of the Military Auditor General.

13. It is certain that in many Cantonments, a profit may be realized by the sale of the ordure and sweepings. This source of Revenue to the Cantonment should not, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thinks, be ever allowed to be lost sight of, and while the sum realized on them should be credited in the monthly statement, the expenditure might be allowed to take place at the discretion of the local Military Authorities on works of improvement &c. to the roads or hedges, or planting way-side trees, or on any similar objects.

14. If the above suggestion meet with the approval of Government, His Excellency will submit a draft G. O. for publication by Government in the Gazette.

15. In connection with what has preceded, His Excellency considers that he may at the same time submit to Government his observations on the order of Government dated 2nd instant No. 459, para. 4. That para. directs the Quarter Master General to take steps to bring into operation the various suggestions made by the Chief Engineer. That Officer reiterates, what has been so frequently represented to Government by this Department also, namely, the urgent necessity that exists for the improvement of the sewage in Cantonments, bazars and Native lines by a greater attention to the existing drains and ditches, and by giving to all when a good fall is not obtainable a masonry lining, and that it is most desirable that the means should be provided for the occasional flushing of all the drains with water, and that all European Barracks, Hospitals and such like buildings, should be every where provided with covered drains.

16. The works thus referred to by the Chief Engineer, are that Officer believes, to be executed by conservancy Committees under the orders of Government, which, I have, in the previous part of this letter been considering; but, it is manifest that the works spoken of by him, are works of magnitude and cost; requiring professional supervision, such as no Officer out of the Public Works Department can be expected to undertake or to succeed in. Moreover, the order of Government only commits to the keeping of Cantonment conservancy authority, "the repair of the Bazar Roads, the means of preserving cleanliness, and of making *minor* improvements of various kinds," while, "Main Roads, Bridges, and drains and other *substantial* works" are to be under the Department Public Works. Accordingly the estimates I have herein forwarded for the sanction of Government, comprehend the execution of the "minor" works spoken of only, leaving the substantial works to be executed by the Department Public Works.

17. Conservancy authorities will of course keep, what the Department Public Works constructs, and His Excellency therefore solicits that Government will direct that Department to take in hand forthwith all the works Colonel Bell refers to, as being so urgently required at every station in the Presidency—an opinion in which His Excellency most fully concurs.

Tabular Statement of Estimates received from the following stations for minor conservancy purposes.

Divisions and Stations.		Particulars of Charges.	Amount of annual Estimate.		
			Rs. A.	Rs. A.	
Northern Division.	Masulipatam.	Taking up the old pot wheels from the ground and putting up again new ones, in lieu of those broken including carriage, length 4 feet diameter height 2½ feet at Rupees 1-4 each.....	5	0	
		Sundry charges.....	0	4	
		To hire of 1 Scavenger's Cart at 16 Rupees per mensem.....	192	0	
		„ hire of 2 Sweepers at 6 Rupees each per mensem	144	0	
	Samulcottah.	For repair to Bridges, Drains, roads &c., within the Cantonment.....	80	0	
		For minor improvements such as extending lines of roads, making new road, road channels &c., now very much required.....	60	0	
	Dowlaisweram.	One Scavenger's Cart complete at 12 Rupees per mensem...	144	0	
		To Scavenger coolies at 5 Rupees each per mensem.....	120	0	
	Berhampore.	Coolies for repairing minor Bazar roads and other sundry expenses at 35 Rupees per mensem.....	420	0	
		2 Scavengers Carts at 8 Rupees each per mensem	192	0	
6 Toties at 4 Rupees each per mensem		288	0		
10 Women Sweepers at Rupees 2-8 each per mensem.....		300	0		
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah.	1 Cart Scavenger at 20 Rupees per mensem	240	0	
		1 Sweeper at 5 „ do.	60	0	
		4 Coolies at 4 „ do.	192	0	
		Brooms, Baskets and Pots, &c.....	5	0	
Southern Division.	Trichinopoly.	10 Carts with 1 pair of Bullocks and Driver each at an average monthly hire of 15 Rupees each.....	1800	0	
		10 Coolies or Sweepers to sweep up dirt and filth, at an average monthly hire of Rupees 7-12 each to load the carts to be taken outside the Cantonment, and to bring material to repair roads &c. and to mend drains and bridges. Their pay to be vouched at the current rates of the market.	930	0	
		To provide Baskets, Tools &c. and material for bridges and drains at 30 Rupees per month.....	360	0	
	Jackattala.	1 Scavenger's Cart at 35 Rupees per mensem.....	420	0	
		2 Toties at 6 Rupees each do.	144	0	
		1 Cooly Maistry at 7 Rupees do.	84	0	
		6 Coolies at 6 Rupees each do.	432	0	
	Palamcottah.	Tools &c. at 10 Rupees do.	120	0	
		2 Carts with Bullocks and Drivers at 15 Rupees each per mensem.....	360	0	
1 Cunganee or Head Cooly at 7 Rupees per mensem.....		84	0		
4 Coolies at 5 Rupees each per mensem.....		240	0		
Quilon...		Materials for Drains, Bridges, Baskets, tools &c. at 10 Rupees per mensem	120	0	
		Hire of 2 Carts, Bullocks, and Drivers at 24 Rupees per mensem.....	288	0	
Total.....			7824	4	

Q.R. MR. GENL.'S OFFICE,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th March 1860.

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Major,
Deputy Quarter Master General.

ORDER, No 1216, 28th March 1860.

The Governor in Council quite concurs with the Commander-in-Chief, that the important subject of conservancy in Military Cantonments should now be finally settled, and fixed allowances for this special purpose sanctioned, as proposed in the foregoing letter. His Honor sees no objection to the payment of the allowance monthly, under the provisions of paras. 11 and 12, but in no case is the aggregate expenditure on the year to exceed the amount of annual grant authorised for the station—the annual estimates will however still be required for entry in the yearly budget.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Trichinopoly.....	3090	0	0	ingly to grant the sums specified for the stations
Masulipatam.....	341	4	0	enumerated in the margin,* for the year 1860-61.
Samulcottah.....	140	0	0	but in the absence of any explanation as to the
Dowlaiswaram.....	264	0	0	requirements of the other three Stations,† also
Quilon.....	288	0	0	marginally noted, His Honor considers that
† Berhampore.				further information is required prior to fixing
Palamcottah.				their allowance, which as now submitted is
Cuddapah.				estimated at Rupees 1,200—804 and 497
				respectively, notwithstanding the strength of the
				Troops is much the same as at other single
				stations.

3. The allowance for Jackatalla will be considered hereafter; the Governor in Council being of opinion that the requirements of this station cannot be fairly estimated until the arrangements for sewage and other works now in progress, have been completed.

4. The suggestions regarding the stations of Jaulnah and Hoossingabad will be forwarded to the Resident at Hyderabad and the Commissioner of Nagpore respectively.

5. The provision for Waltair and Vizagapatam will be considered in the Judicial Department, where such orders as may be required will be passed.

6. Referring to paras. 15 and 16 of the Quarter Master General's letter, the Governor in Council concurs in the Commander-in-Chief's view that the works in question should be undertaken by the Department Public Works, to which Department also the above paras. will accordingly be transferred† for disposal.

7. On receipt of the reports from the other stations, and on a proper amount for each being fixed, the draft G. O. providing for the necessary subsidiary arrangements, including the subject of para. 13, may be submitted for publication as proposed.

(True Extract.)

M. M. H. H. H.
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

- „ Department Public Works.
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Inspector General of Ordnance.
- „ Adjutant General.
- „ Judicial Department.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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