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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th February 1862.

No. 331. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 15th February 1862, No. 596 :—

Declining to cancel the order withdrawing Military Guard over the Water Cistern in the North Esplanade, and authorizing the entertainment of an establishment of Lascars at 50 Rupees a month if a Police Guard should be found to be more expensive.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 15th February 1862, Nos. 326-327.)

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1862, No. 268.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle who is requested to ascertain from the Commissioner of Police and report without delay whether the Guard referred to can be furnished and at what cost per mensem.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Military.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P. W. D., dated Chepauk, 24th January 1862, No. 9,788 :—

SIR,

Military Department No. 4,712, 20th December 1861, paragraph 3.
1 Letter from the District Engineer Presidency, No. 1,983, dated 14th January 1862, with one enclosure.

1. In the order of Government as per margin, it is observed that the protection of the water cistern on the North Esplanade is not a legitimate duty for the Military force, and the Sepoy Guard is directed to be withdrawn, and the Department concerned required to engage a Police guard, or make other suitable arrangement.

2. The cistern, as a portion of the Seven Wells water-works, is under the charge of the District Engineer of the Presidency, and the order of Government having been communicated to him, he reports that he is unable to make any arrangement as he has no funds for the purpose.

3. The Establishment under his orders consists of Conicopolies and Cock-turners, together with the Pecottah-men for raising the water at the Seven Wells. As a temporary arrangement, a Conicopoly and the Cock-turners are required to take charge of cistern during the day, and three Pecottah-men from the Seven Wells to sleep on the spot at night; but it will be requisite to obtain the sanction of Government to the entertainment of eight Lascars for a permanent guard at a monthly expenditure of Rupees 50 as per margin, the expenses of which would be a permanent extra charge in addition to that reported in letter from the Central Office, No. 6,804, dated 2nd November 1861.

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4. I must observe, however, that it is by no means desirable to entrust the cistern to a guard of the above nature. It would be difficult to prevent collusion for the private sale of the water to unauthorized parties; and the small guard of a Naigue and three Sepoys is such a trifling extra duty for the Troops in Garrison, I am induced to hope that, for the above reason, and because the cistern is maintained for the convenience of Officers and Civil servants of the State, who are not residents in the Fort, the Government may be pleased to rescind the order withdrawing the Military guard.

ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1862, No. 168.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to paragraph 3 of Proceedings in that Department, dated 20th December 1861, No. 4,712.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

To the Military Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 1983 of 1861/62

Presy. Dist. Engr. Office

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From

Lieut. Colo. H. W. Hitchins,
Dist. Engineer Presy.

Immediate

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer,
Central Circle.

Sir,

In forwarding for the orders of the Chief Engineer the accompanying copy of letter from the Brigade Major No. 132 dated 13th Instant intimating to me that Government have directed the Military Guard over the water Cistern at the North Esplanade to be withdrawn and that the Department concerned is to engage Police or make any other arrangement for its protection from the 17th Instant, I have the honor to state that no arrangement can be made by me to relieve the Guard having no funds at my disposal to meet any expenditure on account of these works as already reported to you in my letters as

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Military Department
No. 596.

The Governor in Council is unable to consent to the order withdrawing the Military Guard from the Water Cistern on the North Esplanade. Some other arrangement must therefore be made.

2. It does not appear that the Commissioner of Police has been consulted as to the probable extra a Police Guard in substitution of Military. This Government in Council is of opinion that not only a small daily relief of Police for the large Police Vice-Reg[illegible] would be a risk of collision for the private Tank of water, than with a fixed Guard of the Police would.

3. It proves the employment of the Police would be much more expensive than the Army, more especially because the Police Establishment, relieving the unexpired portion of the year, would be entirely exhausted in a fortnight, and it is certain that the expense of the Police Guard would be greater than the Military. Deputy is directed with all respect to recommend the application to the Board of India under the Resolution in the Public Works Department of the Government in Council to the Town Wells Water Works.

Fort William
15th January, 1862.

J. Macdonald
Secy. to Government

To the Deputy Chief Engr.
with two enclosures
Cmb. Gen. Military Finance
Mily. Secretary
Dept. Engineer Fort Wm.
for information.

Dated 15 Jany.

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her margin I beg therefore to request that steps may be taken to retain the guard

No. 1005 dated 17th September 1861 + 1971 dated 10th Jany/62

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed & Servt

Madras
14th January 1862.

H W Hilchins Lieut Col
Dist. Engineer Presy.

No. 132. The Brigade Office

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To
The District Engineer
Presidency

Sir,

With reference to Orders of Government No. 5,712 dated 2d Ultimo directing the military guard over the Water Cistern North Esplanade, to be withdrawn from the 1st Instant and the Department concerned to engage Police or make any other suitable arrangement for its protection, I am desired to inform you that the Military guard will be withdrawn from Friday morning next the 17 Instant.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Fort St. George
13 January/62

(True Copy) Signed C. Elliot
Brigade Major

H W Hilchins Lieut. Col.
Dist. Engineer Presy

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To Genl 14 Jan^y/62 No 97 8.6

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 596.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

15th February 1862.

Read the following Paper.

Pro. of the Madras Govt: P.W.D.

Referring a letter from the acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, respecting the Guard for the protection of the Water Cistern on the North Esplanade. } Hereunto, 10th February 1862, No. 108

No. 4712 of 20th December 1861 para: 3.

Order. The Governor in Council is unable to rescind the Order withdrawing the Military Guard over the Water Cistern on the North Esplanade. Some other arrangement must therefore be made.

2. It does not appear that the Commissioner of Police has been consulted as to the probable cost of a Police Guard in substitution of Military. His Excellency

Sec. 1924 to 9788.

From [illegible] 1862

The Dist. Engr. Pres.

To The Deputy Chief Engr. CC

Dated 14th

Rec'd 15th January 1862

Enclosure 1.

No. 1983 of 1861/62

Forwards Copy of letter from the Brigade Major intimating that Govt. have directed the Military Guard over the water cistern at the North Esplanade to be withdrawn & that to engage Police & states that no arrangements can be made to relieve the Guard & requesting to take steps to retain them 442

P.W. 29/62

Dr. D. & Bro. to 7/16 of 1861

Excellency in Council is of opinion that with a small, daily relieved party of the large local Police force there would be less risk of collusion for the private sale of water than with a fixed Guard of the class proposed.

3. If however the employment of the Police would be much more expensive than the arrangement suggested by Lieutenant Colonel Carpendale, Government authorize the immediate entertainment of the proposed establishment of Lascars, at a monthly cost of Rupees (50) fifty - chargeable to the Military Department which is credited with all receipts on account of water sold and directs that the item be included in the application to the Government of India under preparation in the Public Works Department for an establishment in connection with the Seven Wells Water Works.

(True Extract)

H Marshall
Secretary to Government

To The Public Works Department

S.S.

10th Feby 1862 No. 131 - 132

Public Works 1862 Dept.
Pro. of Govt. for February

No. 442

Pro. of the Madras Govt.
in the Military Dept.

Dated 15th } Feby/62
Received 17th }

No. 596.

From the Acg. Dy. Chief Engr. Dy.
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Declining to cancel the order withdrawing Military Guard over the water Cistern in the North Esplanade and authorizing the entertainment of an Establishment of Lascars at 50 Rupees a month if a Police Guard should be found to be more expensive —

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Fort St. George
19th February 1862

W. H. H.

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M.S. Copy to the Dy. Chief Engr. C.C. Dep. 19th with Order No. 168.