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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th April 1864.*

No. 233. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department :—

Requesting the preparation of Plans and Estimates for the
buildings required at Waltair, Vizagapatam District, on
account of the removal of the Ordnance Depot to that
Station. } (Here enter 4th March 1864, No. 1,097.)

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1864, No. 1,006.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with a request that he will place
himself in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines in order to
the preparation of Plans and Estimates required in paragraph 7.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division,

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 22nd February 1864, B; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, a letter from the Examiner Pay Department, relative to the disbursement of the revised salaries to the Ordnance Department.

2. I do not concur with the Examiner in his interpretation of the terms Commissioned grades of the Ordnance Department as applicable only to effective Artillery Officers employed in the Department.

3. It appears to me that the determination of the question whether an Officer belongs to the Commissioned or Warrant grades of the Department must depend on the fact of his holding a Commission in any Arm of the Service or a Warrant only, and that, that consideration also must decide the claim to Presidency house-rent.

4. It is presumed that three Commissaries will be placed in the 1st and two in the 2nd Class. The salary of Deputy Commissary corresponds with that prescribed for the 3rd Class in which they should apparently be ranked.

From the Examiner Pay Department, Fort Saint George, 22nd January 1864, No. 260; to the Controller of Military Finance.

Adverting to G. O. G., No. 25, dated 19th January 1864, publishing a new scale of Staff salary for Officers holding appointments in the Ordnance Department, I have the honor to solicit your instructions as to the manner in which the increased salaries are to be disbursed.

2. The new scale of salaries would seem to apply only to the Commissioned grades of the Ordnance Department," that is, to effective Artillery Officers employed therein, and are therefore apparently restricted to Officers holding the appointment of Commissaries and Deputy Commissaries, the inferior appointments of Assistant and Deputy Assistants Commissary being considered Warrant grades, although Commissions on the Veteran Establishment are usually conferred on promotion thereto, but although these alone are considered Warrant grades, it not unfrequently happens, that Warrant Officers so Commissioned obtain promotion to the superior appointment of Deputy Commissary.

3. There are five Commissaries of Ordnance in this Presidency, and should the foregoing interpretation of the order be correct, these should apparently be designated 1st and 2nd Class Commissaries in the proportion of three of the former, to two of the latter, on salaries of Rupees 500, and Rupees 400, respectively, the Deputy Commissaries forming the 3rd Class on salaries of Rupees 250, which they are at present in receipt of.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance, for report.

3rd March 1864.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 11th March 1864, No. 255; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to letter from the Controller Military Finance, dated 22nd February 1864B, with its enclosure, referred for report on the 3rd March 1864, I beg to observe that paragraphs 19 and 25 of the letter from the Military Finance Department, No. 2175B, dated 23rd January 1862, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 885B, 17th March 1863, seem clearly to determine that the three classes, or grades, proposed to be introduced in the Ordnance Department of this Presidency, can only be held by "Commissioned Officers" from "the Regiment of Artillery," the inferior appointments of Deputy Commissary, Assistant Commissary, and Deputy Assistant Commissary being, as shewn in paragraph 25, borne as "Warrant Grades;" although holding Commission in the Veteran Establishment.

2. The Stations to which Ordnance Officers of the three superior Classes are proposed to

1st Class 2		3rd Class 2	
Secunderabad.....	1	Fort Saint George.....	1
Fort Saint George.....	1	Bangalore.....	1
2nd Class 2		Saint Thomas' Mount, in	
Pegu Division.....	1	abeyance.....	1
Nagpore.....	1		

(a) Paragraph 19.

Deputy Commissaries 2.		Deputy Asst. Commissaries 6.	
Cannanore.....	1	Fort Saint George.....	1
Singapore.....	1	Bullet Factory.....	1
Assistant Commissaries 3.		Camp Equipage Depôt.....	
Trichinopoly.....	1	Bellary.....	1
Vizagapatam.....	1	Secunderabad.....	1
Pegu Division.....	1	Nagpore.....	1

grades above the rank of Conductor being considered "Warrant Grades," and continuing on the same Pay and allowances and terms of service (at the Depôts entered in the margin) as heretofore.

4. In regard to paragraph 4 of the Controller's letter above referred to, I beg to observe that it would be premature to offer any remarks thereon, until the proposed modifications in Ordnance organization now before the Government of India have been determined.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 3rd March 1864, No. 113; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter, No. 1808, of the 2nd June 1863, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the revision of the Ordnance Department of the Madras Presidency, that the Government of India does not consider it expedient to sanction any variation in the number of Officers of each grade, or in the scale of salaries, recently laid down after much careful consideration for the Ordnance Departments in the three Presidencies.

2. As it appears, however, that the Ordnance Officer in charge of the Arsenal at Fort Saint George has charge of the Stationery Department in addition to the charge of the Ordnance Stores, he might, if it be considered advisable to continue this arrangement, be allowed a separate and special allowance of Rupees (100) one hundred per mensem for this duty.

3. With reference to the Bullet Factory, I am to observe that, if the locality of the Machinery and other circumstances render it desirable, it should remain attached to the Arsenal charge. No additional remuneration can be allowed for the duty, which is a perfectly legitimate one; while the Machinery once set up and in working order, with a Foreman or competent Assistant in Subordinate charge, the actual amount of extra duty involved cannot be very great.

4. The Inspector General of Ordnance, Madras, is in error in supposing that a Deputy Commissary of Ordnance has separate charge of the Bullet Factory at this Presidency. It is attached to the Cossipore Foundry, and no allowance has ever been granted for the charge.

5. As regards the Warrant grades it appears that, under the different systems of Bengal and Madras, corresponding proportions of Warrant Officers are not entirely suitable, and the Government of India does not desire at present to press for any alteration in existing arrangements; but I am to request that the attention of the Government of Fort Saint George may be called to the possibility of future reduction with reference to the increased facilities of transport and the extension of Railway communications.

6. Whatever may be the defects of the Bengal system as regards entrusting the Godowns and Magazine Stores to Native Accountants, it is evident that the Madras plan of despatching all Stores under the charge of Europeans must be a costly one. In time of peace there can be nothing to apprehend from entrusting Native Sirdars or Magazine-men with ordinary Stores in transit; as they give a receipt for the quality and quantity, and must make them over accordingly.

be posted. are shewn in the margin, all of which appointments are now filled by effective Officers from the Artillery.

3. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion, that the revised Staff salaries, authorized by G. O. G., No. 25, dated 19th January 1864, can only be made applicable to "Commissioned Officers" of (a) the one Regiment of Artillery "who may be appointed Commissaries of Ordnance of the first, second and third Classes. All other inferior

7. Some reduction might, perhaps, be effected by the introduction to a certain extent of this part of the Bengal system, which works well here, and I am to request that the Government of Fort Saint George may be moved to take the subject into consideration.

8. With respect to the proposed change of the Depôts from Vizagapatam and Nagpore to Waltair and Kamptee, I am to observe that it has already been determined that the Magazine or Depôt at Nagpore shall be placed at Kamptee when accommodation is prepared for it.

9. The Depôt if removed from Vizagapatam and placed at Waltair, should be on a very small scale; but I am desired to request some information as to the cost of the measure before it is finally sanctioned.

ORDER, No. 1097, 4th April 1864.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India, be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance, Commander-in-Chief and Controller of Military Finance, with reference to Proceedings, 2nd June 1863, No. 1807.

2. The scale of Salaries for the appointments in the Commissioned grades of the Ordnance Department is laid down in G. O. by the Government of India, No. 812 of 1863, published in Madras G. O. G., 19th January 1864, No. 25. The number in each grade will be as follows:—

1 Inspector General of Ordnance.

1 Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance, (in lieu of the Principal Commissary of Ordnance.)

2 First Class Commissaries.

2 Second Class Commissaries.

3 Third Class Commissaries (one of these appointments being kept in abeyance so long as Assistant Commissary Warder is in charge of the Percussion Cap Factory and Laboratory).

The above appointments are to be filled by Commissioned Officers from the Artillery, the Subordinate grades from Sub-Conductor to Deputy Commissary inclusive, being warrant

3. Reductions of salaries effected under these orders are not to affect present incumbents.

4. The 1st class Commissary in charge of the Arsenal at Fort Saint George will, so long as he has charge of the Stationery Department, in addition to that of the Ordnance Stores, receive a separate and special allowance of 100 Rupees per mensem for this duty.

5. The Inspector General of Ordnance will submit, through the Controller of Military Finance draft of a G. O. promulgating the new arrangements and proposing the requisite appointments under the altered designations.

6. The Inspector General of Ordnance will also duly report on the reductions that may be hereafter practicable in the warrant grades of the Department, as suggested in the 5th paragraph of the letter from the Government of India.

7. In regard to the removal of the Depôt from Vizagapatam to Waltair, Colonel Simpson will report what measures are necessary and the scale of establishment that he would propose; and the Public Works Department is requested to cause Plans and Estimates to be submitted, in communication with that Officer, of the buildings required.

(True Extract.)

Thurston
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Finance.

„ Inspector General of Ordnance.

„ Adjutant General.

„ Military Accountant.

„ Examiner Pay Department.

„ Examiner of Ordnance Accounts.

„ Public Works Department.

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