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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th April 1865.*

No. 419. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Sanctioning, with certain remarks, a Bill
amounting to Rupees 162-9-4, being the
expenditure incurred in the construction
of two Line Houses in the Horse Lines of
the B. Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artil-
lery, Secunderabad. } (Here enter 19th April 1865, No. 1,426.)

No. 420. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1865, No. 1,098.

ACCOUNT, No. 64.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 10th March 1865, No. 3031 ;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government as per margin, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the sanction of Government, the enclosed Bill for Rupees 162-9-4, being the amount expended in the construction of two Line Houses in the Horse Lines of the B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.

2. The Bill is supported by a letter from the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, No. 139, dated 30th January 1865. explaining the circumstances under which the Line Houses were erected.

3. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, I am directed to observe that advances for Horse Lines include Line Houses, as without them the Lines are incomplete. The B Battery was at starting, entitled to have Line Houses provided for it, and though, formally, the charge has been incurred irregularly, previous sanction not having been obtained, His Excellency trusts that Government will now admit the charge

Order of Government, No. 4326, dated 3rd December 1864.

Order of Government, No. 133, dated 15th January 1863.

From the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Secunderabad, 30th January 1865, No. 139 ; to the Quarter Master General, Madras.

In annexing the accompanying extract of letter from Captain Forster, Commanding B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery, requesting me again to submit for the sanction of Government the attached Bill for the construction of Line Houses, I do myself the honor of requesting a favorable consideration of Captain Forster's appeal.

Captain Forster constructed these Line Houses at his own cost, there being no Battery Fund available for the purpose, and I am of opinion that they are a necessity for a Battery whose Horses are picketted in the open.

“*Extract.*”—“With reference to Order of Government, No. 4326, of 3rd of December last, and copies of correspondence attached, received with your Memorandum of the 14th instant, relative to a Report from the Controller of Military Finance disallowing the charges shewn in a Bill submitted by me and for expenses incurred in Building Line Houses, I have the honor respectfully to solicit the Commanding Officer to again submit the Bill in its amended form, the charge for picketting Stones having been omitted.

“The Commanding Officer is well aware that the Battery on arrival was encamped in the open maidan without cover of any kind for either the Horse-keeper Guard, or Line Articles except such as was temporarily afforded by some Tents pitched for that purpose during a few months of last year, and that no assistance of any kind has yet been received from Government on account of Horse Lines.

“Application for Line Houses was not made sooner because there have been constant rumours that the Battery would not remain in its present Lines and it was not until a second rainy season was close at hand, when it was remembered what serious inconvenience had been experienced during the previous rains from the Horse-keeper—Guards being without shelter, which caused them to leave the Horse Lines during heavy rains, the very time they are most required to be present, as it is then Horses are most likely to break loose ; that measures were taken to find cover for them.

"Line Houses were first erected by the Battery Horse-keepers but being badly built and not completely covered in before the commencement of the rains they came to the ground. A Contractor was then engaged to build them, in the hope that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the sanction of Government to the expenditure thus incurred, as by Proceedings of Government quoted by me, (No. 1768 of 13th May 1862) the Batteries at Bellary when similarly circumstanced, had been allowed an advance of Rupees 1,000 each for the building of Horse Lines, Forage-yard, &c., to be afterwards adjusted on Contingent Bill in the usual manner, and though Line Houses are not mentioned in the Order, yet it must be beyond doubt that it was intended that they should also be built.

"The Controller of Military Finance in paragraph 2 of his letter in the attached correspondence, states that the Proceedings of Government had only reference to an advance on account Lines, &c., from which remark it might be inferred that the sums thus expended would afterwards be recovered from the Batteries, but the correspondence published with the Order of Government quoted at page 149 of Royal Artillery Orders Madras Presidency, does not bear this meaning, and the Controller of Military Finance must know whether the advances made have been recovered or merely adjusted on Contingent Bill.

"The Controller further states that the Proceedings of Government do not bear on the present question, but I respectfully submit that, as the Battery under my Command was entirely without Lines or Line Buildings of any description, if expenditure was sanctioned in the one case, I had same ground for supposing that any sums I might expend in constructing Lines so long as they did not exceed Rupees 1,000, would be passed, but considering my present Lines to be temporary (though they have now been occupied for nearly two years) I have not asked for assistance from Government except for the expense incurred in erecting Line Houses which I considered absolutely necessary for the proper performance of duty of Horse-keepers Line Picket, and I trust that, on these particulars being made known, there will be no difficulty in getting the sanction of Government to the expenditure."

Received from the Officer Commanding the sum of (Alli Sicea) Rupees 190, one hundred and ninety, for erecting two Line Houses in the Horse Lines of B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.
SECUNDERABAD, }
13th August 1864. } Signature of Contractor.

Her Majesty's Government of India..... Dr.
To amount of expenses incurred in the building of two Line in the Horse Lines of B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery, authorised in O. G., No. 1768, dated 13th May 1862, vide Bill attached.

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To Building two Line Houses.....	162	9	4			
Total Government Rupees.....				162	9	4

Received the amount, viz., Rupees
SECUNDERABAD, }
20th December 1864. } (Signed) W. D. FORSTER, Captain,
Comdg. B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.
(Signed) J. D. MEIN, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Comdg. Royal Artillery. Hyd. Sub. Force.

To the Paymaster, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.
I do declare upon my honor, that the sums contained in this Bill have been actually and bona fide expended by me for the purpose above specified.

(Signed) W. D. FORSTER, Captain,
Comdg. B Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above charges have been necessarily incurred.

(Signed) J. D. MEIN, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Comdg. Royal Artillery. Hyd. Sub. Force.

(Signed) J. T. GRANT, Brigadier General,
Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 22nd March 1865, F.

ORDER, No. 1426, 19th April 1865.

The Governor in Council specially sanctions payment of the Bill* submitted with the foregoing papers; but observes, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Quarter Master General's letter recorded in Proceedings of Government marginally noted, that the Line Houses in question ought not to have been built without reference to Army Head Quarters.

*For Rupees 162-9-4.

†No. 9679, dated 16th December 1862.

No. 133, dated 15th January 1863.

(True Extract)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts, with Bill.
" Military Accountant.
" Examiner Pay Department.
" Adjutant General, for information.
" Public Works Department.

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