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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department
23rd June 1865.

No. 576. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating Statements, submitted }
by the Quarter Master General, show- } (Here enter 16th June 1865, No. 2,257.)
ing the Barrack accommodation for }
European Troops in this Presidency. }

No. 577. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1865, No. 1,752.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 46.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, with reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,158, dated 29th April 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 16th May 1865, No. 5431; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In G. O. C. C. dated 1st December 1864, instructions were, with the sanction of Government, conveyed to the Army for preventing misappropriation of public buildings and for the number of men which each building should contain being marked over the door-ways of each dormitory. The form ordered by the Supreme Government was adopted, and in order to guide Committees in their Proceedings, the instructions of the Royal Commission were quoted in the body of the Order. The Commission ordered that the cubic space should be from 1,000 to 1,500 feet, and the superficial area, from 80 to 100 square feet per man, varying according to the airiness of the position.

- *From Centre Division.
- „ Southern Division.
- „ Mysore Division.
- „ Malabar and Canara.
- „ Ceded Districts.
- „ Nagpore Force.

2. The Proceedings of these Committees have now, for the most part, been received.* Those for Pegu Division and the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force will be submitted hereafter; but it is considered important not to delay the others.

3. Since the Order by the Commander-in-Chief was published, the Supreme Government has ordered additional Quarters to be erected for such number of men as the Barracks are unable to hold, at the rate of 90 square feet each, apparently without reference to climate, elevation, airiness, position, &c.

4. But the Commander-in-Chief thinks that, as the Committees previously ordered have sent in their Reports under the guidance of the opinion of the Royal Commission, it would lose time if they were to be ordered to conform to the one standard for all places of 90 square feet.

5. The Proceedings of the Committees have, therefore, been abstracted with especial view to the immediate construction of additional Quarters at places where they are deficient. The use that will be made of their labors in the other respects referred to in the G. O., will form subject of future correspondence.

6. Form A shows what deficiency would exist if every Regiment was at its full strength, and if family Quarters were built for the full regulated number of married men, viz., 12 per cent Rank and File, and for all Serjeants who are allowed all to be married and to receive all the advantages of additional allowance for his family.

7. Form B shows what the deficiency is in the present strength of Regiments, taking into account the number of family Quarters built, building, or ordered to be built.

8. It will be for Government to decide which number is to be taken. If the last, it will be insufficient whenever the Regiment is filled to its establishment; on the other hand, the monsoon is about to begin beyond the Kistna, and in Burmah, and the Western Coast, and nothing can be done, hardly of a temporary nature at that time. It would seem, therefore, advisable that, whatever is done should be done at once for the whole strength, whenever and as soon as building is possible anywhere.

9. There is hardly a Station occupied by European Troops that is not in a transition state as regards occupation of Quarters, so that it will be very difficult, if not inexpedient, to absolutely fix now the use of every building. Much may be done with great advantage, but still there will remain a great deal that cannot be.

10. In Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1158 dated 29th ultimo, Superintending Engineers were ordered to take the matter of additional accommodation in hand, but it will be seen that it has been done already, and that the sanction of Government to its provision is all that is awaited.

A.
AT ESTABLISHED STRENGTH.
ABSTRACT of Occupation Returns.

Station.	Corps or Detachment.	Number of men Bar- racks should hold as declared by Committee.	Established strength of Regiment or Detach- ment in Non-Commis- sioned Rank and File.	Less regulated percent- age for married Ser- jeants and families.	Number of men for whom Quarters are needed.	Remarks.
Bellary.....	European Infantry.....	954 (Hospital.)	920	*153	Nil.	* Family Quarters are provided.
Do.	Artillery and European Infantry...	140	.....	.....	Nil.	†25 Family Quarters are building, but work stopped for want of wood for the roof.
Do.	D Battery D Brigade Royal Arty.....	114	145	† 24	7	If a Field Battery is sent, Quarters for 87 men will be required.
Do.	No. 5 Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.	34	75	† 13	28	† 25 Family Quarters are building. Work stop- ped for the present under orders of Govern- ment.
Ramandroog...	All European Corps at Bellary and from Secunderabad.	50	.....	\$....	30	The accommodation here is very insufficient. There should be Quarters for at least 30 more men who now are obliged to live in Tents. \$ There are 10 married Quarters built here. 10 should be added.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital) 11	.....	.....	14	|| Addition needed to be in proportion to the number of men sent to the Sanitarium.
Kamptee.....	F Battery 23th Brigade Royal Arty...	80	145	.....	41	} || 42 Quarters are built or building.
Do.	C do. 14th do.	80	145	|| 24 || 24	41	
Do.	Artillery.....	(Hospital.) 54	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	Do.	(Female Hospital.) 9	.....	.....	Nil.	Nil.

Do.	C Battery D Brigade Royal Horse Artillery.	104	145	|| 24	17	|| Only 20 are built or building.
Do.	Her Majesty's 1st Royals.....	720 (Hospital.)	920	†153	47	† 92 built or building.
Do.	Do. do.	72 (Female Hospital.)	.....	.....	20	
Do.	Do. do.	14 (Hospital.)	.....	.....	Nil.	
Cannanore... ..	Do. 102nd Fusiliers.....	513	738 (For 8 Cos.)	*123	102	** 101 Family Quarters have been ordered to be built—40 built and 20 building.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 44	.....	.....	30	
Do.	Do. do.	(Barrack Guard.) 10	.....	.....	12	A Bungalow at Rupees 45 a month is to be had at once.
Do.	D Battery 20th Brigade Royal Arty...	90	145	†† 24	31	†† 26 Family Quarters have been ordered to be built.
Malliaipooram....	Her Majesty's 102nd Fusiliers.....	92	91	†† 15	Nil.	There are 113 men now at this place, but a Com- pany is the right strength. All men in excess have been ordered to return to Regimental Head Quarters.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 10	.....	.....	Nil.	†† 24 Family Quarters have been built.
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 5	.....	.....	Nil.	
Calicut.....	Do. do.	47 (Hospital.)	91	§§ 15	29	§§ 16 Family Quarters have been built.
Do.	Do. do.	24	.....	.....	Nil.	
Bangalore... ..	At present occupied by 18th Hussars, but hereafter by Her Majesty's 10th Regiment.	760 (Infantry.)	920	|| 153	7	Alterations or additions made to these Barracks would have to be for Infantry. But this point is already before Government.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 50	.....	.....	40	|| 84 Capital Family Quarters have been built.
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 13	.....	.....	Nil.	Do. do.

Abstract of Occupation Returns.—(Continued.)

Station.	Corps or Detachment.	Number of men Bar- racks should hold as declared by Committee.	Established strength of Regiment or Detach- ment in Non-Commis- sioned Rank and File.	Less regulated per cent- age for married Quar- ters and families.	Number of men for whom Quarters are needed.	Remarks.
Bangalore... ..	Details from Infantry and Artillery in new Dragon Barracks.	400 (Cavalry.)	516	* 97	19	* 60 Family Quarters built or building.
Do.	Her Majesty's 10th Foot... ..	363	920	153	404	A large part of this Regiment is quartered in present Dragon Barracks and in Race Course Barracks; the number now actually in Barracks is 423. These Barracks are only likely to be in occupation by Infantry for another year and no additions need be made to them. There are 60 temporary family Quarters built which are very bad.
Do.	Do. Do.	(Hospital.) 48	.....	.....	Nil.	Sufficient for the Troops in Barracks.
Do.	Do. Do.	(Female Hospital.) 8	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	A Battery D Brigade Royal Horse Ar- tillery.	140	145	† 24	Nil.	† 18 Capital family Quarters have been built.
Do.	Hospital. New one ordered in Race Course.					
Do.	A Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Ar- tillery.	48	145	† 24	73	† There are six temporary Quarters available but very bad.
Do.	A Battery 14th Brigade Royal Ar- tillery.	160	145	§ 24	Nil.	§ There are 14 family Quarters building.
Mount... ..	Head Quarters 17th Brigade Royal Artillery.	338	3 Batteries of 75 each, 225 allotment at present.	.....	Nil.	Four Batteries may hereafter be here for a time.

Do.	Do. Do.	(Hospital.) 65	.....	.....	Nil.	One Company is periodically absent at Palaveram at Rifle Practice. A new building. These Barracks are sufficient for the Veterans, but there is not space for a Garrison Battery which is much desired, and space cannot be found any where until the Ordnance Establish- ments are moved to the Mount. Abundant space in five detached Company Blocks and old Bombproof Barracks. Buildings for a Wing are contemplated, but nothing to be done till Railway to Erode is finished. This number includes a new dormitory building to contain 20 Cots. || There are 26 family Quarters built or building. ¶ There are 120 family Quarters built, of which 16 are not at present available, being used as Cells.
Do.	Do. Do.	(Female Hospital.) 10	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	2 Batteries Field Artillery... ..	180	290	48	62	
Fort Saint George..	Her Majesty's 76th Regiment... ..	660	829 (for 9 Cos.)	138	31	
Do. do. do.	Do. Do.	(Hospital.) 96	.....	.....	.....	
Do. do. do.	Veteran Artillery.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Trichinopoly... ..	2 Companies Her Majesty's 105th Re- giment.	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Do.	C Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Ar- tillery.	134	145	|| 24	Nil.	
Wellington... ..	Her Majesty's 105th Regiment.....	624	738 (8 Cos.)	¶ 123	Nil.	
Do.	Do. Do.	(Hospital.) 80	.....	.....	Nil.	

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th May 1865. }

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Lieut.-Colonel,
Quarter Master General.

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B.

AT PRESENT STRENGTH.

ABSTRACT of Occupation Returns.

Station.	Corps or Detachment.	Number of men Barracks, &c., should hold as declared by Committee.	Present strength of Regiment or Detachment in Non-Commissioned Rank and File.	Less present number of Sergeants and Families in separate Quarters.	Number of men for whom Quarters are needed.	Remarks.
Bellary.....	European Infantry.....	954 (Hospital.)	942	92	Nil.	
Do.	Artillery and European Infantry....	140	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	D Battery D Brigade Royal Artillery.	114	*153	+ 25	14	
Do.	No. 5 Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.	34	75	+ 13	28	*There are 8 Supernumeraries at present here. †The work of building these Quarters is at a stand for want of wood for the roof. ‡ 25 Family Quarters laid out—but work stopped under orders of Government, No. 1143, of 6th April 1864. § The accommodation here is very insufficient. There should be Quarters for at least 30 more men who now are obliged to live in Tents. There are 10 Married Quarters built here—10 should be added.
Ramandroog.....	All European Corps at Bellary and from Secunderabad.	50	.....	.....	30	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 11	.....	.....	14	
Kamptee.....	F Battery 20th Brigade Royal Arty....	80	\$161	24	57	§ There are 16 Supernumeraries here, and there are 30 families; extra to Regulation, but these are not entitled to Quarters and should provide themselves.
Do.	C Battery 14th Brigade Royal Arty....	80	142	24	38	
Do.	Artillery.....	(Hospital.) 54	.....	.....	Nil.	

Do.	Do.	(Female Hospital.) 9	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	C Battery D Brigade Royal Horse Artillery.	104	142	20	18	
Do.	Her Majesty's 1st Royals.....	720	939	92	127	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 72	.....	.....	20	
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 14	.....	.....	Nil.	
Cannanore... ..	Her Majesty's 102nd Fusiliers.....	513	631	101	17	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 44	.....	.....	30	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 10	.....	.....	12	
Do.	D Battery 20th Brigade Royal Arty....	90	173	26	57	
Mallapooram... ..	Her Majesty's 102nd Fusiliers.....	92	91	24	Nil.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 10	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 5	.....	.....	Nil.	
Calicut.....	Do. do.	47	77	16	*14	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 24	.....	.....	Nil.	
Bangalore... ..	At present occupied by Her Majesty's 18th Hussars, but hereafter by Her Majesty's 10th Regiment.	760	522	84	Nil.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 50	.....	.....	40	
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 13	.....	.....	Nil.	
Do.	Details from Infantry and Artillery in new Dragoon Barracks.	400	517	60	Nil.	

¶ This is the number ordered to be built, but only 60 are built or building.

** Arrangements have been made which provides for this want temporarily.

Nothing is required here for the Details. The Barracks being temporarily occupied by Infantry and Artillery for whom there is sufficient accommodation. See Form A.

Abstract of Occupation Returns.—(Continued.)

Station.	Corps or Detachment.	Number of men Barracks, &c., should hold as declared by Committee.	Present strength of Regiment or Detachment in Non-Commissioned Rank and File.	Less present number of Sergeants and families in separate Quarters.	Number of men for whom Quarters are needed.	Remarks.
Bangalore...	Her Majesty's 10th Regiment.....	363	952	96	493	A large part of this Regiment is quartered in present Dragoon Barracks, and in Race Course Barracks. The number now actually in Barracks is 423. These Barracks are only likely to be in occupation by Infantry for another year, and no additions need be made to them. There are 60 temporary family Quarters very bad.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 48	.....	.....	NIL.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 8	.....	.....	NIL.	
Do.	A Battery D Brigade Royal Horse Artillery.	140	159	18	NIL.	
Do.	A Battery 23rd Brigade.....	48	147	6	93	* See remark in Return A.
Do.	A Battery 14th Brigade.....	160	155	14	NIL.	
Mount	Head Quarters 17th Brigade Royal Artillery.	338	*5	.....	NIL.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 65			NIL.	No family Quarters Return received from the Centre Division yet—numbers taken from the monthly Return.
Do.	Do. do.	(Female Hospital.) 10	.....	.....	NIL.	
Do.	2 Batteries of Field Artillery.....	180	290	43	67	

Fort Saint George	Her Majesty's 76th Foot.....	660	714	49	NIL.	A new building.
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.)	.....	.....	.....	
Do.	Veteran Artillery.....	69	40	.....	NIL.	
Trichinopoly...	Two Companies Her Majesty's 105th Regiment.	182	137	13	NIL.	Vide remarks in Return A.
Do.	C Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery.	134	149	26	NIL.	
Wellington.....	Her Majesty's 105th Regiment.....	624	508	107	NIL.	
Do.	Do. do.	(Hospital.) 80			NIL.	

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th May 1865.

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Quarter Master General.

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ORDER, No. 2257, 16th June 1865.

The Statements submitted with the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General will be communicated to the Department of Public Works and President Sanitary Commission.

2. The Governor in Council is glad to perceive that, at the "present strength,"

*Form B.

†2.10th—Bangalore excepted.

‡1st Royals.

with one or two exceptions, over-crowding for want of accommodation has not been experienced to any appreciable extent.

The largest number of men for whom accommodation is needed is entered under Kamptee,‡ but it is not stated whether

allowance has been made for the Detachment at Chindwarrah, nor is the accommodation at that out-post adverted to in the papers.

3. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Quarter Master General's letter, the Governor in Council observes that, as under the new Regulations, a very large increase has been made to the accommodation provided for the Soldiers, there can be no necessity to enlarge the buildings to hold an hypothetical number of men who would seldom or never occupy them; it will therefore, in His Excellency's opinion, be desirable, in calculating the number for whom provision is to be made, to deduct from the established strength

1st.—The married men.

2nd.—The minimum number of men in Hospital.

3rd.—The average number of men permanently absent on detached duties, but still borne on the strength; and the accommodation extended to contain the remainder.

4. On the proposals for providing the increased accommodation, called for in Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department being submitted, further orders will be passed, if required.

No. 1153, 29th April 1865.

(True Extract.)

Alm. Ch. C.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Public Works Department. *W. H. C. 20 June 1865*
„ President Sanitary Commission.
„ Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.

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Genl., showing the
small accommodation
for European troops
in this Presidency

With an Order

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reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 158 dated 27th April 1865.

To the Superintending Engineer

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