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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd July 1865.*

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Observing that orders will be issued in
the Public Works Department relative
to the tiling of two Commissariat
Cattle Sheds at Bangalore. } (Here enter 24th June 1865, No. 2,374).

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1865, No. 1,856.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 4.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer, 5th Division, who will be requested
to submit a plan and estimate for the erection
of the Cattle Sheds adverted to in paragraph
2. and to ascertain and report how much of the sum of Rupees 1,800, paid by the
Commissioner as compensation for the abandoned Cattle Sheds, is available for the
new building.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 6th May 1865, No. 5151; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government, with copy of letter addressed to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, declining to support the proposition of a grant of 1,000 Rupees, for consideration and decision.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 13th April 1865, No. 122; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Fort Saint George.

Letter No. 1915 of the 9th February 1865, from the Assistant Commissary General.

Copy of a letter No. 413 of the 11th February 1865, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division. Estimate for building a tiled house in the new Karkhana, for Rupees 25.

Letter No. 2067 of the 28th February 1865, from the Assistant Commissary General.

Copy of a letter No. 616 of the 3rd March 1865, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

Letter No. 2125 of the 8th March 1865, from the Assistant Commissary General.

Copy of a letter No. 86 of the 10th March 1865, from the Officer Commanding, to the Commissioner of Mysore.

Letter No. ⁴⁸³⁹₆₂₃ of the 21st March 1865, from the Commissioner of Mysore, to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division.

Letter No. 5149 of the 21st instant from the Commissioner of Mysore to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division.

I have the honor to forward the correspondence as per margin, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

It will be seen by a reference to these papers, that application was made to the Commissioner of Mysore for assistance in tiling the Huts of the Commissariat Cattle Followers.

This was done in connection with the recent transfer of these Lines to

fresh ground in a more suitable locality, arranged by the Military Authorities with the Mysore Government, whereby it appears (*vide* General Spencer's letter, No. 86 of the 10th March) that he entertained hopes of receiving further pecuniary aid from the Commissioner, and will explain the circumstances under which delay has arisen in bringing the subject to His Excellency's notice.

I deem it right that Government should be informed of the risk they incur by the construction of thatched Huts, in the immediate vicinity of valuable property, and I would respectfully suggest that they be moved to adopt Major Watts' proposition, and get rid of the present state of insecurity by an absolute donation of Rupees 1,000, towards tiling the Cattle Followers' Huts.

Should this point be ceded, I purpose to direct the Executive Engineer to prepare Estimates for tiling the Government Cattle Sheds, and to submit them for His Excellency's approval.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 22nd April 1865, No. 4641; to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division.

In returning you the enclosure of your letter, dated 13th instant, No. 122, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to inform you, that he considers 25 Rupees for a Hut to be occupied by a public Cattle Follower is an unnecessarily large sum.

The highest rate allowed by Government for a tiled Hut for a Sepoy, is 18 Rupees. By the correspondence it appears that 3,000 Rupees are required to build Huts at the former price, there must therefore be 120 Huts to build. At 18 Rupees, the sum required is Rupees 2,160, of which, 2,000, Major Watts says he can raise among the people. The small additional sum if not raised, can easily be dispensed with by making a trifling diminution in the price of each Hut.

2. The Commander-in-Chief insists upon having the new Lines tiled, and also that all Government buildings connected with the Cattle Lines be tiled likewise.

From the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Bangalore, 25th April 1865, No. 2437; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

In returning the enclosed letter* from the Quarter Master General of the Army, I have the honor to inform you, that the work of tiling the Huts cannot be executed under Rupees 25 for each Hut.

*No. 4641, dated 22nd April 1865.

Major Watts, in the Estimate submitted for the consideration of the Major General Commanding the Division, has calculated according to the size the present Huts require to be raised, to have a proper slope for the tiles; unless some assistance is given, it will not be practicable to complete the 120 Huts required.

It is very doubtful whether as much as two-thirds of the sum can be raised; as I find that the cost of carriage of Bamboos, &c., has not been calculated; I trust that the Government may be solicited to place not less than Rupees 1,000 at disposal, and hope, if this amount be obtained, to have the work properly done. As there is much valuable property belonging to Government in the immediate neighbourhood of these Lines, I do not think the amount now asked for excessive, and request that the subject may again be placed before the Major General for his consideration.

From the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Bangalore, 26th April 1865, No. 2448; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 2437, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Major General Commanding, that I visited the Karkhana Lines this morning, and the Serjeant in charge informs me, that in addition to the Forage already stacked, arrangements have been entered into to bring in 11 lacs straw (value 3,600 Rupees) during the coming month, so as to secure a supply during the rains.

2. I was not aware of this circumstance when I wrote yesterday, but this renders it still more urgent that early steps should be taken to commence tiling the houses.

3. Had no Lines been built, it might have been practicable to build smaller houses at a less cost than Rupees 25, as directed in the Quarter Master General's letter, but under existing circumstances, it would be more expensive to clear away the old houses and build new Huts than to tile the present ones.

4. I can only recover Rupees 1,200 from the Cattle Attendants, and without the assistance asked for, shall be quite unable to begin the work. I hope that, under the circumstances, the Major General will take the matter into further consideration.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 12th May 1865, No. 5320; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government, in continuation of this Office docket, No. 5151, dated 6th May 1865, with the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for the execution of the work.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 9th May 1865. No. 150; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Fort Saint George.

In continuation of my letter, No. 122 of the 13th ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Executive Engineer estimates the cost of tiling the two Commissariat Cattle Sheds at this Station, to be about Rupees 5,000.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 7th June 1865, A.

ORDER, No. 2374, 24th June 1865.

The Governor in Council observes that, under the operation of Act XIV of 1856, Clause XXXVI, which is in force at Bangalore, there is no option as to the description of roof for the Huts in question—Government will accordingly not object to an advance of Rupees 1,000 being made to the Commissariat Officer* on the usual terms, to complete the tiling of the Huts.

*Viz., on his responsibility and re-payable in twelve months.

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2. Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works, regarding the tiling of the Cattle Sheds; to which Department information will be afforded as to the portion of the sum of Rupees 1,800, paid by the Commissioner of Mysore, as Compensation, appropriated for building the Cattle Sheds.

3. The Controller's Report will be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, and special attention called to paragraph 9, in view to Government being kept informed hereafter of any changes contemplated under similar circumstances, and when involving extra expenditure previous sanction obtained.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with Controller's Report and three enclosures.

- " Controller of Military Accounts, with an enclosure.
- " Commissary General.
- " Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies*
- " Military Accountant.
- " Examiner Pay Department.
- " Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
- " Adjutant General, for information.

2nd July 1865
Superintending Engineer S.D. No. 187
20/7/65

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Military Works

No 1836.

Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer S.D.ⁿ, who
will be requested to submit a plan and
estimate for the erection of the
Cattle sheds adverted to in para 2, and
to ascertain and report how much of
the sum of Rs 1800 paid by the
Commissioner as compensation for
the abandoned cattle sheds is available
for the new building.

To J. H. D. George
3rd July 1865
The Superintending Engineer S.D.ⁿ
Camp 4. Calcutta 1865

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Observing that
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in the P. W. Dept. relative
to the hiring of two
Commisariat cattle
Sheds at Bangalore.

No. 47.48.

With an order -
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