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22nd August 1866.*

No. 473. Read the following Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1866, No. 423-6,745 :—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, dated Trichinopoly, 23rd July 1866, No. 284.

1. I deem it my duty to bring to your notice, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the following correspondence which has extended over a period of one year, having reference to the repair of the Military buildings marginally noted. A precis of the correspondence which has taken place is subjoined.

Station Quilon.

1. General Hospital now used by the 17th Regiment Native Infantry.
2. Powder Magazine.
3. Staff Serjeant's Quarters.

2. The necessity for repairing the buildings was brought to notice by the Officer Commanding Quilon, on the 15th July 1865, and again on 15th July 1866.

References.

I. Memorandum No. 831, dated 19th July 1865, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Forwarding list of buildings at Quilon which require repair, and calling for estimates for their thorough repair.

II. Memorandum No. 614, dated 12th October 1865, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, informing that, that the state of the Hospital at Quilon has been remarked upon in the Quarterly Sanitary Report, and drawing attention to Memorandum No. 831, dated 19th July 1865, again requests to submit the estimates therein called for without delay.

III. Memorandum No. 980, dated 16th December 1865, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, furnishing copy of letter from Officer Commanding Quilon, dated 9th December 1865, No. 391, bringing to notice again the state of the Hospital and Serjeant's Quarters, and again requesting to submit the estimates called for in Memorandums, dated 19th July 1865, No. 831, and 12th October 1865, No. 614, and requests explanation as to cause of delay.

Replies.

No reply.

No reply.

1. Superintending Engineer in a letter No. 2,009, dated 23rd December 1865, states that he is unfortunately unable to comply with the Major General's request for immediate furtherance of estimates for repair of Military buildings at Quilon, and can only offer the following explanation. After receipt of Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General's Memorandum No. 831 of 19th July 1865, correspondence took place as to the work of the Department Public Works at Quilon being done by the Civil Engineer, Travancore, as suggested in Order of Government, 6th September, No. 2,602, and on 12th idem a reference was made to the Resident at Travancore. On 2nd October 1865, the Civil Engineer there, stated that he would undertake the work and inspect the buildings on a visit to Quilon, and furnish report of their state to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

2. States that he has no authority over the Civil Engineer, Travancore, but has again written to him to furnish estimates as soon as convenient.

3. States that Government preferred this method of carrying out the work to entrusting it to the Staff Officer, and that while he regrets being unable to carry out the Major General's orders at once, he can fix no probable date when the estimates will be received and forwarded.

It is to be understood that

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IV. Letter from Officer Commanding Southern Division, to British Resident, Travancore.

Furnishes him with copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 2,009, dated 23rd December 1865, and of letter No. 391, dated 9th idem, from Officer Commanding Quilon, and requests to do him the favor of causing the Civil Engineer, Trevandrum, to take early measures to examine and submit, through Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, estimates for thorough repair of the Military buildings at Quilon.

V. Letter No. 523, dated 19th March 1866, from Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Enquiring result of his reference to the Civil Engineer, Travancore, referred to in his letter No. 2,009, of 23rd December, and what has been done in respect to repairing the Military buildings at Quilon.

VI. Letter No. 1,000, dated 5th June 1866, from Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, furnishing extract from letter dated 14th May 1866, No. 159, from Officer Commanding Quilon, stating that an estimate of Rupees 3,000 has been framed and approved of by him, and submitted for sanction, and informing that the estimate in question has not reached Division Head Quarters.

VII. Memorandum No. 1,053, dated 15th June 1866, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to the Officer Commanding Quilon.

Furnishing copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 11th June 1866, No. 291, and calls upon him to state through what channel the estimate was sent for sanction, and to what authority, as it has not yet reached the Superintending Engineer or the Division.

VIII. Memorandum No. 1,263, dated 28th June 1866, from Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Furnishes copy of letter from Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 191, dated 23rd June 1866, and requests to make enquiry in the proper quarter for the missing estimate, and submit the same for the approval of the Major General Commanding the Division as soon as possible.

3. As the subject of these repairs, which are urgently required, and absolutely necessary, has been so long under reference, I have the honor to request that His

* *Vide* Order of Government, dated 6th September 1865, No. 2,602, paragraph 3, Public Works Department.

4. An estimate for repairing the Powder Magazine has been received, but not so for the repair of the Hospital and Staff Serjeant's quarters.

British Resident, Travancore and Cochin, in letter, dated 3rd January 1866, No. 8, replies that he has called upon the Civil Engineer, Trevandrum, to comply with the request contained in the Major General's letter.

Superintending Engineer in letter No. 2,509, of 24th March 1866, replies that he has only now been able to send to Officer Commanding Quilon, for approval, estimates for repairing and improving the Hospital and Staff Serjeant's quarters.

Superintending Engineer in letter dated 11th June 1866, No. 291, replies that there has been no delay in his Office, as the estimate in question has not yet reached his Office.

Officer Commanding Quilon in letter dated 23rd June 1866, No. 191, replies that, from enquiry made from the Overseer of the Public Works Department at Quilon, it appears the estimate of Rupees 3,000 for repairing the Hospital was sent to the Civil Engineer, Travancore, on 2nd May 1866.

No reply received yet.

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Forwarded to Government for such notice as may be deemed necessary. The estimate for the repairs of the Staff Serjeant's quarters was received two days after this letter came to hand, but the delay has still to be answered for. The estimate has been returned approved.

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

Transferred to Department Public Works.
(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th August 1866.

No. 474. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1866, No. 2,645.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 24.

It appears from these papers that the delay which has taken place in the preparation of the required estimates for repairs to the Military buildings at Quilon is chiefly owing to the Superintending Engineer having been in correspondence with the authorities at Travancore with the view to the work in question being carried out through the agency of the Travancore Public Works Officers. It would seem that this has now been arranged and as the whole of the estimates have since been furnished, the Superintending Engineer will place himself in communication with the Resident at Travancore in order to instructions being given by him for pressing on the works to early completion.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 284.

To, The Officer Commanding
Southern Division
To, The Master General
Head Quarters
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I deem it my duty to
bring to your notice for the information
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief
the following correspondence which
has extended over a period of one
year having reference to the repairs
of the Military Buildings marginally
noted - A perusal of the correspondence
which has taken place is subjoined -

2. The necessity for repairing the
Buildings was brought to notice by
the Officer Commanding Quilon on
the 15. July 1885 - and again on 15. July 1886.

References

i. Memorandum No 831
dated 19. July 1885 from
the SA. Major Gen. G. O. B. to
the SA. Major Gen. G. O. B.

Forwarding List of
Buildings at Quilon which
require repair and calling
for estimates for their
thorough repair -

ii. Memorandum No 648
12. October 1885, from the SA.
Major Gen. G. O. B. to the SA.
Major Gen. G. O. B. informing that
the state of the buildings

Replies

No reply

Quilon - Quilon

1. General Hospital
and also for the
Magazine
2. Powder Magazine
3. Staff Sergeant's
Quarters -

at Suva have been remarked upon in the Quarterly Bulletin report, and drawing attention to Memorandum No. 831 dated 19 July 1885, again requests to submit the Estimates therein called for without delay.

No reply

- III. Memorandum No. 980 of 16 December 1885 from the D. C. Mr. Sub. Engr. Superintendent Engineer 8th Div. furnishing copy of letter from office Com. commanding Suva dated 2 December 1885 No. 391 bringing to notice again the state of the Hospital and Chaplain's Quarters and again requesting to submit the Estimates called for in Memoir No. 19 July 1885 No. 831, and 12 October 1885 No. 614, and requests explanation as to cause of delay.
- Chaplain Superintendent Engineer in letter No. 2009 dated 23 December 1885, states that he is unfortunately unable to comply with the Major General's request for immediate furnishing of Estimates for repair of Military Buildings at Suva. And can only offer the following explanation. After receipt of D. C. Mr. Sub. Engr. No. 31 of 19 July 85, Cor. responded both places as to the work of the 8th Div. at Suva being done by the Civil Engineer at Suva as suggested in order of Genl. G. Sept. 85 No. 2002, and on 12th Dec. a reference was made to the President at Suva. On 2nd Dec. 1885, the Civil Engineer there stated that he would undertake the work, and inspect the Buildings on a visit to Suva and furnish report of their state to the Super. Engineer 8th Div.
2. States that he has no authority over the Civil Engineer at Suva, but has again written to him to furnish Estimates as soon as convenient.
3. States that Genl. preferred this method of carrying out the work to Suva, and that he reports being unable to carry out the Major Genl's order at once, he can fix no probable date when the Estimates will be received and forwarded.

IV. Letter from office Superintendent Engineer 8th Div. President Suva dated 23 December 1885, and of letter No. 391 of 29 July 85 from office Commanding Suva, and requests to submit the Civil Engineer's Estimates for the early repair of the Hospital and Chaplain's Quarters.

Superintendent Engineer in letter No. 2009 of 23 December 1885, and of letter No. 391 of 29 July 85 from office Commanding Suva, and requests to submit the Civil Engineer's Estimates for the early repair of the Hospital and Chaplain's Quarters.

President Suva and Logie in letter No. 3. Suva 1886 No. 8 replies that he has called upon the Civil Engineer's Estimates to comply with the request contained in his Memoir General's letter.

V. Letter No. 523 dated 19 March 1886 from D. C. Mr. Sub. Engr. Superintendent Engineer 8th Div.

Inquiring result of his reference to the Civil Engineer at Suva referred to in his letter No. 2009 of 23 Dec. and what has been done in respect to repairing the Military Buildings at Suva.

Chaplain Superintendent Engineer in letter No. 2009 of 24 March 1886 replies that he has only now been able to send to office Commanding Suva for approval of Estimates for repairing and improving the Hospital and Chaplain's Quarters.

VI. Letter No. 1000 dated 5 June 1886 from D. C. Mr. Sub. Engr. Superintendent Engineer 8th Div. furnishing details from letter dated 14 May 1886 No. 159 from office Commanding Suva, stating that the Estimates of the 3000 have been framed and approved of by him, and submitted for sanction and informing that the Estimates in question have not reached his office.

Chaplain Superintendent Engineer in letter No. 11 since 1886 No. 291 replies, that there has been no delay in his office, as the Estimate in question has not yet reached his office.

VII. Memorandum No 1053
dated 15. June 1866 from the
Officer Commanding
the 1st Division
to the Officer Commanding
the 2nd Division
23. June 1866 No 191

Refers that from
the Supdt. Engineer's letter dated
11. June 1866 No 291 and
calls upon him to state
whether the estimate
of W. 3000 for repairing
the estimate was sent for
sanction, and to what authority
as it has been submitted
to the Supdt. Engineer
in 2nd May 1866.
in the Division -

VIII. Memorandum No 1063
dated 28. June 1866 from
the Officer Commanding
the 1st Division
to the Officer Commanding
the 2nd Division
23. June 1866

Refers that from
the Officer Commanding
the 1st Division
23. June 1866, and requests to be
engaged in the proper
quarter for the issuing
estimate and submit
the same for the approval
of the Major Genl. Commanding
the Division as soon as
possible -

3. As the subject of these reports
which are urgently required, and absolutely
necessary, that they be long under
review I have the honor to request

vide order of the
dated 6. Sept
1865 No 2602
Para 3. P. H. D.

that this gentleman will if he deems
fit to move forward with the case
further in the matter as the case may
appear to him for, and in view of the
being disposed of with as little
possible delay as possible -
The estimate for repairing the bridge
Magazines has been received, but the
for the repair of the Hospital and
Staff Quarters.

Yours truly
The Officer Commanding
the 1st Division
23. July 1866

No. 2645
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Under date the 22nd Aug/66
Read the following

The Officer Commanding
Southern Division thro' Mily: Dept- (N. 8. N. 284 dated 23rd July 1866)

It appears from these papers that the delay which has taken place in the preparation of the required Estimates for repairs to the Military Buildings at Quilon is chiefly owing to the Super Engrs. having been in correspondence with the Authorities at Travancore with the view to the work in question being carried out thro' the Agency of the Travancore Public

W.D.

M. 12th September/65 N. 395/396

2nd 23rd Aug 1866
Proc of Govt for August
N. 395/396

From the Officer Commanding
the Southern Div.
N. 395/396

Forwarded to
the Southern Div.
10 August 1866

2nd 23rd Aug 1866
Proc 13 August

2nd 28th

Forwarded to
Department of Public
Works

Memorandum
2nd 23rd Aug 1866

Forwarded a piece
of correspondence relating
to repairs of the Military
Buildings at Quilon for
which Estimates were called
for in July/65 but which
have not yet been received.

2nd 23rd Aug 1866

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Memorandum

For the Deputy Secretary to Government
Military Department

Forwarded to Government

For such notice as may be deemed necessary.
The Estimate for the repairs of the Military Buildings
Quarters was received two days after this letter
came to hand, but the delay has still to be answered
for. The Estimate has been returned approved.

By Order
Quarter Master General

Works Office. It would
seem that this has now
been arranged and ^{as} the
whole of ^{the} Estimates have
since been furnished, the
Supg Engr will place
himself in communication
with the Resident at
Travancore in order to
instructions being given by him
for pressing on the works
to early completion.

[Signature]

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Prop of the Madras Govt

Dated 22 August 1866

The Superintending
Engineer of the Eighth Division
requested to place himself in
communication with the Resi-
dent at Parancore in order
to instructions being issued
to the early completion of mili-
tary buildings at Aulow.

N. 473. 4/4.