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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th April 1867.*

No. 499. Read the following Proceedings of the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 3rd April 1867.

No. 871.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Military Department, the 23rd March 1867.

With reference to letter No. 254 M, dated 9th March 1867, from the Public Works Department, the undersigned is directed to inform the Secretary in that Department that the Government of India in the Military Department concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in considering it advisable that the system obtaining in Bengal in connection with Soldiers' wash-houses, which provides that each Soldier shall have his own basin, should be extended to the Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

(Signed) A. JOHNSON, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

No. 354 M.

Letter from Quarter Master General, No. 509 C,
dated 21st February 1867.
Public Works Department Memorandum No.
254 M, dated 9th March 1867.

Copy of the foregoing, together with the correspondence noted on the margin, forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(By Order,)

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Public Works Department Proceedings, Military Works, March, 1867.

Movable Basins in wash-houses of British Troops.

Pros. Feb. 1867, Nos. 61—4.

„ Mar. „ „ 53—4, Part B.

From the Quarter Master General, to the Inspector of Military Works, dated 21st February 1867.

1. In reply to your letter No. 69 M, dated 19th January 1867, I am instructed to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it advisable as a question of interior economy, that the Bengal system which provides that each soldier shall have his own movable basin, should be extended to the other Presidencies as well.

2. In this Office communication No. 1,075 B of the 15th June 1865, to the Military Department, the views of His Excellency on the subject of each man being provided with a separate basin, were expressed in the following terms :—

1st.—“ That he had always held the strongest opinion that every individual soldier should have his own basin ; that he was the more impressed with the necessity for this, as it was almost the only safe-guard against the spread of ophthalmic, when that disease made its appearance in a Regiment.

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2nd.—“Under a conviction that, unless the greatest facilities were afforded, the soldier for washing and personal cleanliness, he would, generally speaking, prefer the alternative of doing without.”

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Officiating Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated 9th March 1867, No. 254 M.

1. In forwarding, for consideration and orders in the Military Department, the accompanying copy of a letter No. 509 C, dated 21st ultimo, from the Quarter Master General, on the subject of the general use of movable, in lieu of fixed, basins in all wash-houses of British troops throughout the three Presidencies, the undersigned is directed to offer the following observations on the subject.

2. In the Proceedings of the Bombay Government, in the Public Works Department, for the month of September 1866, there was an entry which indicated the intention of that Government to introduce generally the use of fixed basins in all wash-houses for European troops at Stations in the Bombay Presidency. As it had been decided in this Presidency that there ought not to be any fixed basins, but that each soldier should have his own movable one; and as the question of fixed or movable basins affected the general arrangements of the standard plans of wash-houses issued with Public Works Department Circular No. 16 of 1866, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of India was invited to give his opinion as to whether the Bengal system should be extended to the other Presidencies. The letter from the Quarter Master General, now forwarded, communicates His Excellency's opinion that this extension should be carried out.

3. It may further be observed that, apart from sanitary considerations, various attempts in this Presidency to introduce into soldiers' wash-houses a system of fixed basins, to be fed from raised reservoirs by means of closed pipes and cocks, have failed in consequence of the difficulty of keeping these pipes, &c., in repair, and owing to petty pilferings of the fixtures which it is found impossible altogether to prevent.

4. In the Bengal standard plan, the water-supply in each wash-house is contained in open reservoirs, supplied from wells by means of shallow open ducts, and sunk a little below the level of the floor. The water from these is raised by the soldier, as required, by means of small leather hand-buckets. This arrangement is practically found to be both simple and sufficient.

No. 500. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1867, No. 1,248.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 30.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers with reference to the Orders of the 17th April and 17th September 1866, Nos. 1,187 and 2,982 respectively.

(True Extract.)

CHARLES A.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government

To the Military Department.
„ Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1867.

MILITARY WORKS.

MOVEABLE BASINS IN WASH-HOUSES OF BRITISH TROOPS.

Pros. Feb. 1867, Nos. 61—4.

„ Mar. „ „ 53—4, Part B.

No. 509 C, dated 21st February, 1867.

[No. 77.] From—MAJOR-GENL. J. S. PATON, *Quarter Master General,*
To—Inspector General of *Military Works.*

In reply to your letter No. 69 M, dated 19th January 1867, I am instructed to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it advisable as a question of interior economy, that the Bengal system which provides that each soldier shall have his own movable basin, should be extended to the other Presidencies as well.

2. In this Office communication No. 1075 B of the 15th June 1865, to the Military Department, the views of His Excellency on the subject of each man being provided with a separate basin, were expressed in the following terms:—

1st.—“That he had always held the strongest opinion that every individual soldier should have his own basin; that he was the more impressed with the necessity for this, as it was almost the only safe-guard against the spread of ophthalmic, when that disease made its appearance in a Regiment.

2nd.—“Under a conviction that “unless the greatest facilities were afforded, the soldier for washing and personal cleanliness, he would, generally speaking, prefer the alternative of doing without.”

No. 254 M, dated 9th March, 1867.

[No. 78.] Memo. from—COLONEL C. H. DICKENS, R. A., *Secy. to Govt. of India, P. W. Dept.,*
To—Offg. Secretary to Government of India, *Mily. Dept.*

In forwarding, for consideration and orders in the Military Department, the accompanying copy of a letter No. 509 C, dated 21st ultimo, from the Quarter Master General, on the subject of the general use of moveable, in lieu of fixed, basins in all wash-houses of British troops throughout the three Presidencies, the undersigned is directed to offer the following observations on the subject.

2. In the proceedings of the Bombay Government, in the Public Works Department, for the month of September 1866, there was an entry which indicated the intention of that Government to introduce generally the use of fixed basins in all wash-houses for European troops at Stations in the Bombay Presidency. As it had been decided in this Presidency that there ought not to be any fixed basins, but that each soldier should have his own moveable one; and as the question of fixed or moveable basins affected the general arrangements of the standard plans of wash-houses issued with Public Works Department Circular No. 16 of 1866, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of India was invited to give his opinion as to whether the Bengal system should be extended to the other Presidencies. The letter from the Quarter Master General, now forwarded, communicates His Excellency's opinion that this extension should be carried out.

Proceedings of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor General
of India in Council.

Public Works Department
Fort William, 3rd April 1867.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

With reference to letter No. 251M, dated 9th March 1867, from the Public Works Department, the undersigned is directed to inform the Secretary in that department that the Government of India in the Military Department concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in considering it advisable that the system obtaining in Bengal in connection with soldiers' wash-houses, which provides that each soldier shall have his own bason, should be extended to the Madras and Bombay presidencies.

W. A. Johnson, Major
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 872. To the Quarter Master General.
No. 873. To the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Military Department.
No. 874. To the Secretary to Government, Bombay; Military Department.
No. 875. To the Controller of Military Accounts.

No 345 Ru

Copy of the foregoing together with the correspondence
* Letter from Lt. Gov. Genl.
509 C. 7721st Feb'y 1867.
L. H. D. Memo: # 264 A.
79th March 1867. | noted on the margin forwarded to the
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Works

Exd. P. C. Mookerjee.

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Works department for information and guidance.

By Order

W. D. Williams C. S. R. S.
Secretary to the Govt of India

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The following is a list of the works done by the Works Department during the year 1901-02.

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 Counsel to the King of the North

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Co. Prof. Webb.
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