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No. 300. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works,) to Local Governments and Administrations, dated Fort William, 14th December 1866, No. 101 :—

1. I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, a copy of the

Extracts from Cantonment Regulations (Clauses 18 and 19, Chapter IV, and paras. 27 and 29, Chapter II).

Military Department Memorandum No. 24, dated 4th September 1866.

Public Works Department Resolution No. 1031 M, dated 23rd October 1866.

Military Department's endorsement No. 334, dated 30th October 1866.

papers marginally noted, relative to the provision of latrines for Native troops and followers in Cantonments.

2. It will be observed that these works are not to be constructed by the agency of the Public Works Department, but by that of the Cantonment Committees, assisted, when necessary, by grants of funds from Government. These grants may be made by the Local Governments and Administrations from the Minor Works grants in the Imperial Public Works Budget, on applications, supported by the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in Chief, from the Quarter Master General's Department.

3. The money so granted is invariably to be paid in cash by the Executive Engineer of the Station.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, to the Commissioner of Mysore, and to Military Department, Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, and Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal, for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Col., R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extracts from Draft of Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Military Cantonments to be passed under Clauses 4 to 11 of Section XIX of Act XXII of 1834.

CHAPTER II.

27. "In passing orders upon the estimate, the Local Government will state, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, what special

Special grants by Local Government.

assignments, if any, are placed at the credit of the Cantonment Fund, in addition to the ordinary permanent sources of income, either as general grants-in-aid, or as special grants for specific works or objects, from the State, or from other Local Funds.

29. "Except under very unusual circumstances, the sum at the disposal of the Committee for expenditure in any year, is strictly limited by the amount granted by the orders passed on the review of the Budget Estimate of the year. If, at any time, the Cantonment Committee should consider it absolutely necessary that some additional grant should be made, a Special Report of the circumstances will be submitted for the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, who will, if he think fit, communicate with the Local Government on the subject. In cases of great emergency, a copy of the Report of the Committee may be sent direct to the Local Government."

CHAPTER IV.

18. "The Cantonment Committee shall cause a sufficient number of public latrines and

Public latrines and urinals to be provided.

urinals to be constructed for the use of the Native troops, Camp-followers, and inhabitants of the Cantonment, according to such plans as may be approved by the Local Government, and

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shall take the necessary measures for ensuring the maintenance at all times of such places in a proper state of cleanliness. Unless for special reasons, no payment shall be demanded from any person making use of a public latrine or urinal."

19. The Cantonment Magistrate, with the approval of the Cantonment Committee, may grant, under any conditions which the Committee prescribe, a license to any person to construct a latrine or urinal for public use within the limits of the Cantonment, subject to the rules laid down in the last preceding paragraph.

Office Memorandum from the Officiating Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 4th September 1866, No. 24.

1. With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, the undersigned has the honor to forward a further communication from the Quarter Master General, No. 2,487, dated 22nd ultimo, regarding the provision of latrines for Native followers at the public expense.

2. The point seems provided for by Clause 18 of Chapter IV of the new Cantonment Regulations which have been recently issued with the general approval of Government.

3. When the Cantonment Funds are inadequate, it seems necessary that such latrines should be constructed, in the first instance, at any rate, at the expense of the State; and, as the new rules have not been fully developed, it is probable that, in many Cantonments, the Local Funds will not suffice to meet the expense.

4. The undersigned has the honor, therefore, to request that the subject may be considered in the Public Works Department, and if the above view be adopted, the necessary orders be issued to the Local Governments.

5. A copy of the new Cantonment Rules, and of the instructions issued thereon to the Local Governments, are herewith forwarded.

RESOLUTION,—By the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 23rd October 1866, No. 1,031 M.

Read—

Memorandum No. 24, dated 4th September 1866, from the Military Department, and its enclosures, containing a correspondence from the Quarter Master General, on the subject of the provision of latrines for Native troops and followers in Cantonments, and the new Cantonment Regulations, together with the instructions issued thereon to the Local Governments.

Read again the following papers—

Endorsement No. 389 E, dated 13th October 1865, from the President of the Sanitary Commission for Bengal, and its enclosures, on the above subject.

Letter No. 1,584, dated 11th July 1866, from the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, in the Public Works Department, communicating certain observations on the general question of provision of latrines for Native troops at Rawul Pindee, and other Stations in the Punjab.

1. OBSERVATIONS.—In Clause 18, Chapter IV, of the Cantonment Regulations, received with the Military Department's communication No. 24 of 4th September 1866, the course to be followed in the provision of public latrines and urinals is

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specified, wherein it is ruled that the Cantonment Committee shall cause these conveniences to be constructed. It has further been laid down in the Military Department that, when the Cantonment Funds are inadequate, such latrines and urinals shall be provided at the expense of the State.

2. With reference to the above points, it may be observed that, in the letter of the Government of the Punjab above read, it has already been reported that all the Cantonment Funds in that Province are poor, and that these Funds cannot possibly meet the cost of the provision of public latrines for Natives. The same poverty is probably general, and it will, no doubt, be a considerable time before the Cantonment Funds can be sensibly increased.

3. It appears, therefore, to the Governor General in Council, in this Department, that the first cost of providing public latrines for Natives must mainly fall upon the Government. In issuing instructions on the subject, however, it may be said that these conveniences should be provided at the expense of the Cantonment Funds, wherever these Funds are in a condition to bear the expense; and it may further be suggested to the Cantonment Committees, to invite contractors to construct latrines under Rule 19 of Chapter IV. They would be repaid by the value of the manure.

4. But there is another point which seems to the Governor General in Council worthy of consideration, as a general principle to be acted on in all cases, and especially in regard to latrines for Natives, viz., that, whatever it is intended, shall be ultimately done, or provided, by the Cantonment Funds, shall be so done at once, the Government not doing by its own establishments, nor providing directly at its own expense, things which the Cantonment Fund is unable to afford, but making to the Cantonment Committee a grant-in-aid to enable it to do, or provide, what is wanted.

5. By this course, the whole machinery of the Cantonment Committees will be brought into operation at once, and the finances of the several Cantonments will be brought under review, so that inquiries can be made why the fund in one case is in flourishing condition, and in another the Committee has to lean upon the Government for all it wants done.

6. It is, moreover, desirable, for many reasons, that the construction of such buildings should not fall upon the Public Works Department.

7. If this view of the matter be approved, it will not be necessary for this Department to issue orders to Local Governments to direct Executive Engineers to construct latrines where required, but for the Cantonment Committees to arrange for their provision, reporting the state of their funds, and the aid required, to the Quarter Master General, who would then recommend, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, the bestowal by the Local Government of a grant-in-aid (see paras. 27 and 29, Chapter II, pages 7 and 8, of the Cantonment Regulations).

8. Under such an arrangement, all that need be done in this Department is, to authorize the Local Governments to make the required grants-in-aid from the Minor Works grant, under the Head 'Military,' in the Public Works Budget, when such grants are recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in Chief. Orders will be issued accordingly on its being intimated that this view is approved in the Military Department.

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ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Observations be communicated to the Military Department for further consideration and orders, with reference to the points therein brought forward.

From the Officiating Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, dated 30th October 1866, No. 333.

In forwarding, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying Memorandum from the Public Works Department, I am desired to express the full concurrence therein of the Government of India, in this Department, and to request that, under His Excellency's orders, such instructions may be issued as may be necessary, in the sense of paragraph 7 of the Memorandum.

Endorsed by Military Department, No. 334.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Public Works Department for information, and the issue of such orders, in furtherance of the measure, as may be considered necessary.

No. 401.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1867, No. 148.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

Communicated to the Military Department and to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Superintending Engineer.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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