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4th January 1867.*

No. ~~47~~⁴⁷ Read the following Memorandum from the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 3rd December 1866, No. 1,036-9,381 :—

1. The attention of Government is solicited to the great delay on the part of the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, in attending to the requisition of the Military authorities of the Centre Division, in regard to Punkahs for the Royal Artillery at the Mount, as shown in the within correspondence.

2. The Commander-in-Chief will duly notice the neglect of the divisional authorities in allowing so many months to elapse without enquiring why the work alluded to had not progressed.

3. With regard to the Superintending Engineer's remark at the conclusion of his letter of the 23rd ultimo, the Commander-in-Chief thinks that it was quite within the province of the Officer Commanding Centre Division to call for the information required by the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General's letter of the 16th idem, and if the Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in this view, His Excellency hopes that Colonel Boileau may be made to understand the relation in which he stands to the Major General Commanding the Division. Sir Gaspard LeMarchant considers that the remark was uncalled for and improper.

By Order,

(Signed) C. COOKE, Colonel,

Officiating Quarter Master General.

From the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 16th November 1866, No. 2,802.

1. I have the honor, by order, to acquaint you that the estimates as per margin were forwarded by the Officer Commanding the Division to

- 1 Estimate No. 6 of 1866-67 for Rupees 500. For altering and turning all the Punkahs in the East Tiled Barracks, Horse Artillery Lines, at the Mount.
- 1 Estimate No. 14 of 1866-67 for Rupees 299. For altering and turning all the Punkahs in the verandah of Bomb-proof, H. A. Lines, at the Mount.
- 1 Estimate No. 20 of 1866-67 for Rupees 270. For providing the Punkahs of the South Barracks at the Mount with Bengal Canvas Fringes.
- 1 Estimate No. 21 of 1866-67 for Rupees 125. For providing the Punkahs in the centre portion of Bomb-proof Barracks at the Mount with Canvas Fringes.
- 1 Estimate No. 22 of 1866-67 for Rupees 278. For providing the Punkah of North Barracks at the Mount with Bengal Canvas Fringes.

Army Head Quarters on the 9th June 1866, and he is informed that they were approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and sent to you by the Quarter Master General on the 16th June 1866, with instructions to send for, and make use of certain Punkahs lying useless at Arcot, where new ones were required. It is, therefore, with surprise that the Major General now learns on enquiry, from the Officer Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, that the

whole hot season has been allowed to pass to the discomfort of the men without the work having been executed.

2. I am directed to request that you will be good enough to report, for the Major General's information, the cause of this apparently unnecessary delay.

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, dated Madras, 23rd November 1866, No. 3,292.

1. With reference to your letter No. 2,802, dated 16th November 1866, I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that the (5) five estimates for providing Punkahs to the Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount were simply approved

indebted

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of in the letter from the Quarter Master General, No. 235-554, dated 16th June 1866, with an intimation that instead of making any new Punkahs, whatever number might be required, might be sent for from Arcot," but no instructions whatever were given to put up the Punkahs on emergency. These estimates having had to be revised after the arrival of Punkahs from Arcot, the Executive Engineer re-submitted them on the 20th of September 1866, and they were detained in this Office awaiting examination with 120 other estimates.

2. The estimates have been now submitted to Government for sanction, and the works have been ordered to be commenced on emergency. This explanation is afforded out of respect to the Major General, but as a rule explanations are only afforded by this Office to Government.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 27th November 1866, No. 132.

Letter No. 2,303 of 16th November 1866, from Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
Letter No. 3,292 of 23rd November 1866, from Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division.

1. I have the honor to request you will submit the correspondence, as per margin, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The Engineer Department were requested on the 20th April 1866, to furnish the estimates in question. They were received by the Division on the 28th May 1866, the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was obtained and the estimates were returned to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, on the 16th June, but have only now at the end of November been forwarded to Government for sanction.

3. I also wish you to request the notice of His Excellency to the concluding paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's letter, as I conceive that I am entitled* to call on him for a professional report, without being indebted to his courtesy for supplying it.

Circular Standing Order of Department of Public Works, page 593, head "Military Authorities," paragraph 85.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th December 1866.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major General,
Secretary to Government.

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1867, No. 21.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 3.

1. In the first of the papers above read the Officiating Quarter Master General brings to notice the great delay in furnishing estimates for fitting up Punkahs in the Royal Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount, and solicits the attention of Government to what His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers to be the improper tone of Colonel Boileau's reply to a reference which was made to him on the subject by the Officer Commanding the Centre Division.

2. From the explanation afforded in Colonel Boileau's letter No. 3,292, dated the 23rd November 1866, the Government observe that the delay complained of was in some degree attributable to the absence of instructions to have the punkahs put up at once on their arrival from Arcot, but His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the delay was not only excessive but might have been obviated by such a reference as under the circumstance it was the duty of the Superintending

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Engineer to have made. Officers and Subordinates of the Public Works Department are directly amenable only to the orders of Government, and are not under the control of Military authorities, except in so far as they may be called upon by those authorities to furnish professional reports or to execute urgent works on emergency, but the Government regret that Colonel Boileau appended to his letter of the 23rd November 1866, No. 3,292, the remark to which exception is taken, as it was unnecessary and liable to be misunderstood. If after having, very properly, given all the explanation that was required, Colonel Boileau was not satisfied with the peremptory tone in which he had been addressed, his proper course was to have appealed to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

N^o 132:

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Head Quarters Centre Division
Madras 27th November 1866

The Quarter Master Genl.
Head Quarters
Cotacamund

Sir,

Letter N^o 2002 of 16th Nov 66
from Dy. Commr. Genl.
Ct. to the Sup^y Engrs
4th Division

Letter N^o 3292 of 23rd
Nov 66 from Sup^y
Engineer 4th Divⁿ
Dy. Commr. Genl.
Centre Division

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Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

Wm. D. Major Genl
Commanding Centre B

N^o 3292.

Superintending Engineer Office
Madras 23 November 1866

From

Colonel A. J. M. Bailew P.C.
Superintending Engineer to the

To

The Lt. Assistant Quarter
Master General. Centre Div.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your letter
N^o 2802 dated 16th November 1866. I have the
honor to report for the information of the
Major General commanding the Division
that the 151 fine Estimates for providing
Pun Raks to the Barracks at Saint Thomas
Mount were simply approved of in the letter
from the Quarter Master General N^o 235
of 16th June 1866 with an intimation that in
stead of making any new Pun Raks, whatever
number might be required, might be sent
for from Arcot, but no instructions whatever
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revised after the arrival of Pun Raks from
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Officer Commanding

Centre Division

Madras 23 Nov 1866

Two Enclosures

Dated 23 Nov 1866

For necessary information
Correspondence between
the Officer Commanding the
Division and the Officer of the
4th Regt. and the duty of the
Commander for the establishment
of the Pun Raks at Saint Thomas
Mount.

H. B. Orlean, Colonel 186
 Supr Engineer 4th Div.

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do	for Pt 249 For allowing & turning all the Pan Raks in the Command of Bomb Proof Co & Sine of the Regiment
do	for Pt 240 For warning the Pan Raks of the South Barrack Co at the Mount Curtis, various charges -
do	for Pt 125 For providing the Pan Raks in the Center position of Bomb Proof Raks at the Mount Curtis, various charges -
do	for Pt 240 For providing the Pan Raks of North Barrack Co at the Mount with 1 small canvas Straps.

N^o 2802 *Gr*

The Sup^r Engineer
" 4th Division
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor, by order, to acquaint you that the Estimates as per margin were forwarded by the Officer Comm^dg the Division to Army Head Quarters on the 9 June /66, and he is informed that they were approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and sent to you by the ~~Off~~ General on the 16 June /66, with instructions to send for, and make use of certain Punkahs lying useless at Arcot, where new ones were required. It is therefore with surprise that the Major General ^{now} learns on enquiry, from the Officer Command^g Saint Thomas Mount, that the whole hot season has been allowed to pass to the discomfort of the men without the work having been executed.

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Memorandum

For

The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

The attention of Government is solicited to the great delay on the part of the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, in attending to the requisition of the Military Authorities of the Centre Division, in regard to Runkahs for the Royal Artillery at the Mount, as shown in the within Correspondence.

2. The Commander in Chief will duly notice the neglect of the Divisional Authorities in allowing so many months to elapse without enquiring why the work alluded to had not progressed.

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to the Major General Commanding
the Division. Sir Gaspard Le Marchant
considers that the remark was
unsuitable for and improper.

(By Order)

Int General's Office
H. B. C. Command
3^d December 1866
Wm Luke Colonel
Offy Int General.

Public Works Department
 No. 21
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 1st Decr 1866

Read the following
 From The Off^r Quarter Master General (H.E. No. 1036/9381 of 3rd Decr 1866)

In the first of the papers above read the Off^r Quarter Master General brings to notice the great delay which has taken place in the part of the Sup^r Engineer of the 4th in furnishing estimates for fitting up Bunkahs in the Royal Artillery Barracks at St Thomas Mount, and which the attention of Government to what His Excellency the Com^{dr} in Chief considers to be the improper tone of Colonel Baileys reply to a reference which was made to him on the subject by the Officer commanding the Artillery Division -

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Agenda to the Public Works Department.

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 that occasions for these
 misunderstandings would
 seldom arise if the Sup^r
 Engineers, who are now in
 the position of Chief Engineers
 here communicated with direct
 by Officers Commanding Districts
 instead of through their
 Staff -

Dep^t 5 Jan^y 67
 C. B.

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 forth - who then would
 have taken such steps
 as they deemed called
 for - J.R.

Pro. of Govt for Janry
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 Pro. of the Major Genl
 4 January/64

I should like to see
 the Rules printed as well
 for the guidance of mil'y
 as for that of Executive
 Pro Dept. Officers. They
 were circulated formerly
 in the matter of a complaint
 of General Spencer,
 Warburton against
 Captain Wood R.R.

The Genl found the Dirn
 seemed to have passed this
 limit prescribed by the Rules as
 to relation to mil'y authorities.
 It might be as well to stop
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Issuing orders on
 certain Correspondence re.
 Capture of the delay in the
 submission of estimates for
 the fitting up of transports
 for the Artillery at Saint
 Thomas' Island. and the
 remark of the Supg. Genl
 of the 4th Regt when he plain-
 ing the Cause of the delay.

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