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No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Calling for explanation, from the Public Works Department, of the cause of the delay in the provision of Pug-mills for certain latrines at the Presidency, and directing the Barrack Master to carry out at once the experimental measures which have been ordered for the introduction of the dry earth system of conservancy into the privies of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles. } (Here enter 31st January 1867, No. 386.)

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1867, No. 356.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 4.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will submit the explanation required in paragraph 2 with as little delay as practicable.

2. The Government note that an estimate of Rupees 150 for the construction of a Pug-mill for the latrine attached to the Family Barracks in Fort Saint George was submitted in the Superintending Engineer's letter No. 4,132, dated 22nd January 1867.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 14th January 1867, No. 1766; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 28th June 1866, No. 2205, I have the honor to report, that owing to delay in the supply of Pugmills and Carts, I have refrained from closing the contract for the supply of dry earth, (G. O. No. 3634, dated 17th October 1866,) as without the equipment requisite to carry out the conservancy, it appeared unadvisable to increase the cost of the experiment by storing earth for which there was no immediate use, and which could not be housed in sufficient quantity to complete the aggregate requirements.

2. The carts were indented for on the 23rd October 1866, and on applying to the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory on the 21st December, as to the probable period of their being furnished, I was informed by letter of the 4th January, that the Department is at present "fully employed on work of an emergent nature, and that he would endeavour to commence the construction next month."

3. Similar application was made to the Executive Engineer on the 30th November 1866, in reference to the Pugmill for the Fort, and in reply I was informed that one was to be provided for Vepery, and on soliciting further information, I learn by letter dated 11th January 1867, that no orders have been received for the provision of a Pugmill for the Fort latrines.

4. As the Pugmill, according to the views of the Sanitary Commissioner, is essential to the efficiency of the system, the introduction of the earth conservancy must be delayed until the mills (and carts) are supplied.

5. Under these circumstances, I would solicit instructions, especially with reference to the new rules for regimental conservancy, whether the "experiment" should rest with this Department, or with the Regimental Authorities.

ORDER, No. 386, 31st January 1867.

The Governor in Council regrets to learn that the experimental measures for the introduction of the dry earth system into the privies of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, sanctioned so far back as June 1866, have not yet been carried out.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to call for full explanation from the proper quarter, with respect to the great delay in the provision of Pug Mills.

3. With reference to the provision of carts, it is observed that under Proceedings of Government, No. 3634, dated 17th October last, pointing out that funds having been provided for the experiment, reference to Government was unnecessary on points of detail, it was competent to the Barrack Master, if the carts were not readily obtainable from the Gun Carriage Manufactory, to have procured them elsewhere, and he ought to have thus provided them before now, with reference to the last paragraph of the Order quoted above.

4. The careful carrying out of the experiment being essential, to obtain the results in view, the Government are not disposed to entrust it, at present, solely to regimental arrangements. The Barrack Master will accordingly proceed with it, without further delay, in his department, as originally ordered.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.
,, Public Works Department. with 20 spare copies
,, Commissary General,
,, Controller of Military Accounts,
,, Sanitary Commissioner,
,, Quarter Master General,
,, Adjutant General,
,, Inspector General of Ordnance,
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Department,
} for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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