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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th December 1867.*

No. 331. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Intimating that it will not be necessary at present to take any further steps regarding the erection of a Commissariat store, at Gooty in the Bellary District. (Here enter 11th December 1867, No. 4,767.)

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1867, No. 3,902.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with Plan, Estimate, and Specification.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Docket from the Secy. to Govt., Public Works Dept Here enter 21st October 1867
From the Acting Commissary General.. 19th Nov. .. No. 6330.
From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Camp Nundaloor, Pullumpett Talook, Cuddapah District, 15th October 1867, No. 1941; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying plan, estimate and specification for a Commissariat godown to be constructed at Gooty. The plan, &c., of the building were sent up by the Commissary General to the Collector of Bellary, with a request to take up ground for the same near the railway station, and to make over the plan to me, for the preparation of an estimate of the cost of the same, for submission to Government.

2. As soon as the site of the railway station at Gooty was finally fixed, and the railway authorities had settled and marked out the amount of land that would be required, Mr. George, the Executive Engineer of the range, selected the most suitable site for the Commissariat godown, and carefully levelled the ground, which is on a slope, to see what height of basement, &c., would be necessary. He took a great deal of trouble about this, and, in July last, submitted the accompanying plan, &c. As the requisition to this office had come through the Collector of Bellary, I sent the plan, &c., to that gentleman.

3. Yesterday, I received this plan, &c., back from the Collector of Bellary, with the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Commissary General, in paragraph 2 of which that Officer states that he did not contemplate its erection would involve an expenditure so much greater than he would feel himself justified in recommending to Government. He then proposes certain modifications, with a view to reducing the estimate, and, amongst these modifications, suggests that stone in mud be used in lieu of stone in chunam. This would, I admit, cause a saving in the original estimate, but would it not be better and more economical in the end to construct a pukka building, as I suppose it is intended to have always a store at Gooty. If I might be allowed to say anything in the matter, I would observe that I cannot see the advisability of constructing a Commissariat store at Gooty; by the time it is completed, the railway will be, most probably, open to Bellary and Raichore. At Bellary, there is a Commissariat Officer, and there are troops at hand to guard the stores; whereas, at Gooty, there are no troops, and the only provision made in the plan is a guard room, 15' by 8', which would allow accommodation for three men.

4. My reason, however, for referring this matter to Government, is that some clear and decided orders may be given as to the accommodation required, and the amount of money which will be allowed, so that the plan may be prepared accordingly. If the Commissary General, when first sending his design, had stated the cost he would have felt justified in asking Government to sanction, I could have told him whether his design could, or could not, have been built for the money.

5. I need not point out to you that a great deal of unnecessary trouble and waste of time is occasioned by this Department having plans and estimates thrown back on their hands, to re-model and estimate, and beg that clear and definite orders may be passed—also as to the channel through which estimates for the Commissariat Department should be called for and submitted, as, on several occasions, these

plans, &c, have been applied for direct, and without the knowledge of the Major General Commanding the Division.

6. In conclusion, I beg to suggest that, if the stores at Gooty are to be only temporary, the pillars should be of iron, with a corrugated iron roof, which could be quickly put up, taken down, and removed elsewhere, to whatever place it might be wanted at. The outer wall should be of stone in chunam, of about 8' high above ground, which would cost about Rupees 5,000.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 25th September 1867, No. 4670; to the Collector of Bellary.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your docket, No. 1060, dated 17th September 1867, forwarding three plans and an estimate for a Commissariat godown and Staff Serjeants' quarters, proposed to be erected near the railway station at Gooty.

2. When I forwarded to you, on the 12th June 1865, a sketch plan of the style of building which was considered best suited to our requirements, I did not contemplate that its erection would involve an expenditure so much greater than I should feel myself justified in recommending to Government.

3. Arrangements will, therefore, be made to send up the stores in smaller quantities at shorter intervals. This will enable the Department Public Works to modify the plans, and reduce the estimate, and I beg accordingly to make the following suggestions:—

4. Allowing the area of the enclosure to remain as at present (200 x 200), I would omit, altogether, the godown facing the entrance, and merely enclose the side with a 7 foot wall, protected with broken glass.

5. The two godowns to the right and left of the entrance should be altered into simple lean-to sheds, supported on brick pillars, like an ordinary cart-shed.

6. I would remove the Serjeants' quarters to the outside of the enclosure; the two small rooms, the verandah and stair-case could then be omitted; and the wall dividing off a portion of the front godowns for tea could be dispensed with.

7. A bungalow of the standard size and plan could be erected outside for the Staff Serjeant.

8. Finally, I would suggest that, wherever it is possible to do so, stone in mud be used in lieu of stone in chunam, with a view to reduce the estimate.

9. The plan of the building and the estimate are herewith returned.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

21st October 1867.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 19th November 1867, No. 6330; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to return the documents as per margin, received with your docket of the 25th October 1867, regarding the necessity of having a Commissariat store erected at Gooty.

Letter from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 21st October 1867, No. 1941.
Letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 25th September 1867.
An estimate and a plan.

* No. 457 of 15th November 1867.

2. In the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, it will be observed that the line is expected to be opened to Gooty by the end of next year and through communication with Bellary and Raichore by December 1869.

3. Cover will thus be required at Gooty for about a year only, and for that short time arrangements could be made to render the want of store godowns but little felt. The proposed buildings for Commissariat stores may, therefore, be dispensed with, leaving it to be decided hereafter, should rail communication with Secunderabad not be established, which would be the most convenient station on

the line for the consignment of stores for the use of the Subsidiary Force, and there it might prove necessary to provide some shelter.

4. The bad state of the road between the Tumbudra and Kistnah on the route from Gooty to Secunderabad makes it inadvisable to fix upon Gooty as the permanent point for the despatch of stores intended for Secunderabad.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, 15th November 1867, No. 457; to the Acting Commissary General.

In reply to your letter, No. 5789, dated the 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that, in a communication received this day from the Agent of the Madras Railway, it is stated, that "the north-west line will probably be opened as far as Tadpurtee, 227½ miles from Madras, in April next—to Gooty by the end of next year, and through communication with Bellary and Raichore will, I trust, be effected by December 1869."

ORDER, No. 4767, 11th December 1867.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. It will not be necessary, at present, to take any further steps regarding the erection of a Commissariat store at Gooty.

(True Extract.)

Westcott Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with plan, estimate and specification. 4204/1867.
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