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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th March 1867.

No. 100. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Bezwarah, 22nd February 1867, No. 110 :—

1. Referring to G. O. No. 369, dated 5th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith two bills as per margin,* amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 9, for advertising for the Surveyors sanctioned in G. O. No. 93, dated 11th ultimo, in "Madras Times" and "Athenæum and Daily News," and to request that the same may be sanctioned and returned to me for the purpose of their being included in my next Contingent bill, to be forwarded to the Controller for adjustment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Bill from Editor of "Athenæum" Press	5	1	0
1 Do. do. of "Madras Times" ...	3	15	0
	9	0	0

2. The advertisements were published prior to the receipt of the Government Order in question.

No. 101. Order thereon, 7th March 1867, No. 674.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

* Rupees 9.

Under the circumstances explained in this letter, the Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to pass the charge* incurred by the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division for advertisements in the Madras Newspapers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Offg. Secy to the Govt. of India..	Here enter	12th January	1867, No. 360.
From do. do.	,,	13th February	,, ,, 473.
From the Superintendent of Marine	,,	5th ,,	,, ,, 401.
Report from the Contr. of Mily. Accounts...	,,	28th ,,	,, B.
From the Deputy Quarter Master General...	,,	14th February	,, No. 1187.
Report from the Contr. of Mily. Accounts. .	,,	18th ,,	,, E.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 12th January 1867, No. 358; to the Quarter Master General.

In continuation of the communication from this Department, No. 151, dated 16th October last, transmitting copies of certain correspondence received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, relative to the arrangements for effecting the regular interchange of troops between England and India, *via* Egypt, by means of steam transports which will embark and disembark troops from and for India at Bombay, I am directed to transmit extracts,—paragraphs 1 (Clause I) 7, 8, 9 and 10,—from a memorandum submitted by the Controller General of Military Expenditure, with the view of ascertaining what provision should be made in the Military Budget Estimate for any portion of the charges connected with the service in question, and also for the passage to England of such officers, troops, &c., as it may be found impracticable or inexpedient to send Home *via* Bombay.

2. In doing so, I am to request an early expression of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's opinion, as to the extent to which the course suggested in paragraph 8 (which has doubtless been already contemplated by His Excellency) can be followed, and as to the probable numbers of troops of all ranks (if any) for whose passage Home from this Presidency and that of Madras provision must be made as heretofore.

3. On the question generally, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that the measure, by which Bombay is constituted for the future the chief, if not the only, port for the disembarkation and embarkation of British Troops, involves an entire alteration of the arrangements which have hitherto obtained in this Presidency, and to a less extent in Madras also, by which Corps about to leave India have been located at the stations most convenient for their departure; and also the very important considerations of their punctual transport to Bombay, and their proper accommodation there until they embark.

4. The necessity of very carefully regulating the dispatches of troops to Bombay, with reference to the dates of departure of the transports, so as to avoid undue crowding there, has doubtless come under His Excellency's consideration; and the Government of India will be glad to be favored, as early as possible, with full information as to the measures which His Excellency proposes to adopt in order to ensure, as far as possible, the satisfactory carrying out of the new arrangements, so far as that depends upon anything which must, or which can, be done to facilitate it on this side of India.

5. Two important points on which reliable information should be obtained are, I am to remark, the ability of the railway to provide the transport which will be required in both directions with certainty and regularity, and the best mode of conveying the troops along that portion of the distance where the railway will not be available.

6. Information as to the measures contemplated with the view of carrying out the new arrangements in regard to the British Troops in the Madras Presidency

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will be called for from the Government of Fort Saint George; and the Government of Bombay will also be requested to furnish a detailed account of the various measures it proposes to adopt, and the preparations it is making, for the efficient performance of that portion of the work, the responsibility of which must devolve on the Authorities there, and for the avoidance of any embarrassment and inconvenience to the troops that care and foresight can prevent.

No. 360.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in continuation of No. 762, dated 29th December last. It is requested that full information on the points adverted to in paragraph 6 may be furnished to the Government of India, as soon as convenient, in a succinct form, with as few annexures as possible.

(By Order,)
(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department) for early consideration and report, in communication with the Superintendent of Marine, on the arrangements adverted to in paragraph 6. It is requested that the reply may be submitted through the Controller of Military Accounts, who will forward it with his remarks on the financial question involved.

28th January 1867.

From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 13th February 1867, No. 473; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to draw your attention to the endorsement from this Office, No. 360, dated the 12th January 1867, and to request that, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the submission of the information therein sought on points connected with the arrangements for effecting the regular interchange of troops between England and India, viâ Egypt, may be expedited.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 5th February 1867, No. 401; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the papers referred to the Quarter Master General's Department, under date the 28th ultimo, for report, regarding the arrangements proposed for the transport of the Madras troops overland, I have the honor to solicit that Government will be pleased to ascertain whether the steamers on the Indian side can be allowed to touch at Beypore on their way to and from Suez. The number of troops from Madras will not be great, and it would be sufficient if the vessels commenced touching there from the 18th December.

2. Such an arrangement would of course necessitate an earlier departure from Bombay, than is contemplated by the scheme set forth in appendix A of the report forwarded on the 22nd ultimo, No. 252, so as not to interfere with the dates fixed for the departure of the Mediterranean steamers.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 28th February 1867, *B.*

From the Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 14th February 1867, No. 1187; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to Orders of the Supreme Government, calling for full information as to the measures contemplated for carrying out the new overland transport arrangements, I have the honor to state that before any full report can be furnished, it will be necessary to ascertain whether some of the troop steamers will pick up our troops at Beypore *en route* to Suez; or if not, what arrangements will be made by the Bombay Government for shipping between Beypore and Bombay. The Superintendent of Marine will have addressed you on this subject: in the meantime I beg to represent, with reference to this office letter, No. 2278, dated 26th February 1866, that more extensive Rest-houses will now be required at Beypore and Erode on the Madras Railway.

2. In Circular No. 9, Public Works Department, dated 24th January 1866, from Government of India, the Rest houses are calculated to hold 180 single men and 20 families, but more accommodation than that will be required at Beypore, and the buildings should be ready for occupation in September next. I would therefore suggest for the orders of Government, that semi-permanent buildings be immediately erected at Beypore to accommodate 300 men at least, with officers' quarters and the necessary out-offices in proportion. The present Rest-house may be turned to account for families.

3. At Erode, 246 miles from Madras, and 160 from Beypore, a site for a Rest-house has been selected and approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and an estimate has been sent in for a Rest-house on a smaller scale—if a building on the standard scale, as given in the above Circular, is erected, it will serve as a half way Rest-house for all troops from Bangalore and Madras for the western coast.

4. In a telegram received from Quarter Master General, Calcutta, enquiry is made if the troops from Calcutta can be sent to Bombay via Madras and Beypore without difficulty. This will chiefly depend upon the shipping arrangements; with the Rest-houses as now proposed no difficulty is anticipated in the land journey.

5. The orders of Government are solicited, that plans and estimates of such buildings as may be approved may be called for at once.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 18th February 1867, *E.*

ORDER, No. 731, 28th February 1867.

Ordered that application be made to the Government of India, for information on the points adverted to by the Deputy Quarter Master General.

2. Meanwhile, the correspondence will be communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to immediate measures being taken for providing Rest-house accommodation at Erode and Beypore to the extent specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Major Drury's letter.

Tel. to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 28th Feby. 1867, No. 732.
To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | ,, 28th ,, ,, ,, 733.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Superintendent of Marine.
,, Adjutant General.
,, Public Works Department. with 20 spare copies.
,, Commissary General,... ... ...
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Department, } for information.
,, Marine Department,... ... ...

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 7th ~~March~~ ~~February~~ 1867

Read the following

From the Supg Engineer
of the 2d Division

Dated Here enter 22d February 1867
Ansd

Under the circumstances explained in this letter, the Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to pass the charge incurred by the Supt Engineer of the 2nd Division for advertisements in the Madras Newspapers

* Rupees 9-0-0

To The Supt Engr 2d Divn with two bills
— Controller of Pub Accts

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Requesting that immediate measures may be taken for providing Rest house accommodation for Troops at Erode & Beypore

No 675-7 March 67

No 102

Pub: Works 1867 Department

Pro: of Govt for March

No 674

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Dy 7th March 1867

The Controller
authorized to pass the
charge, Rs 9, incurred
by the Supt. Engr. of the
2nd Division, for Advertise-
ments in the Madras
Newspapers.

No 100–101

C. 1st March 1867 R. Dr