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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 834

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st March 1870.*

No. 384. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel, BEAN, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th March 1870, No. 6,141 :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose a letter from the President of the Special Committee for the adjustment of the late Madras Artillery Mess and Band funds, No. 7, dated 16th March 1870, with reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order, No. 2,882, dated 2nd September 1869.

2. I beg authority to disburse to the Committee, after the 1st proximo from

* Rupees 43,600.

the allotment* provided in the Budget of 1870-71, the valuation amount of the

Mess-house and out-buildings, Saint Thomas' Mount, together with interest at nine per cent. per annum from the 14th of June 1869, the date on which the offer of Government was accepted by the Officers.

From the President of the Special Committee for the disposal of the late Madras Artillery Mess and Band funds, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Bangalore, 16th March 1870, No. 7.

With reference to your letter, No. 2,938, dated 6th September 1869, calling for the explanation required in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2,882, of 2nd September 1869, "of those other expenses and damages which, in addition to the nine per cent. interest, were stated as likely to be caused by the delay (since the 14th June last year) in payment by Government for the Mount Mess-house," I have the honour to state—

1st.—Since the date above mentioned, Colonels Hutchinson, Holmes, Mann, and Laurie, have been bought out of the cadre of the late Regiment of Madras Artillery, at a cost of upwards of Rupees 40,000 which was the purchase-money for the Mount Mess-house; a large portion of this sum has been borrowed at heavy interest by Officers on the Committee of the Casual Step fund, and individual Officers have, it is believed, also borrowed money at even higher interest, to pay their shares for steps which might not have been necessary had the purchase-money for the Mess-house been paid.

2nd.—Money had also to be spent in paying for the stamps on bonds for the money borrowed, and the not having the coins in hand renders necessary the remittance of sums to England, sometimes at a loss, which might otherwise have been delayed or anticipated, so as to take advantage of a period when the exchange was favourable for such remittances.

3rd.—The Committee regret to state that want of money will, moreover, in all probability prevent the purchase of another step, and it is impossible to calculate how much damage may be done to Officers by the loss of promotion, and consequent supercession in the Royal, Bengal, and Bombay Artillery lists, as well as in the Army generally both in India and at Home.

4th.—Having complied with the wishes of Government in giving the foregoing explanation, the Committee request me to say that, though in their opinion fair, the demand for twelve per cent. may have the appearance of being large to those who have not a full knowledge of the subject, and they, therefore, under these circumstances, would most respectfully waive their claim for more interest than that which appears to be admitted in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2,882, dated 2nd September last, viz., nine per cent. from the day of the purchase till the date of the payment for the Mount Mess-house, but this interest being, as before stated, inadequate in the opinion of the Committee in many cases to cover the expenses and damages caused by delay of payment, the Committee would earnestly solicit a settlement of the matter as soon as possible after the beginning of the next official year, and they trust that you will have the goodness to move higher authority with this object in view.

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21st March 1870.

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1870, No. 834.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the disbursement after the 1st proximo of the purchase-money of the Mess-house at Saint Thomas' Mount together with interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum from the 14th June 1869.

2. The Government conclude that Lieutenant-Colonel Bean has received possession of the title-deeds of the property.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

N^o. 6441.
Sup^y Engr's Office 4th Divⁿ.
Madras 18th March 1870
From,
Lieut^{nt}. Colonel J. Bean R. E.
Superintending Engineer in Charge 4th Divⁿ.

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. Dept^t.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Enclosure 1.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from the President of the Special Committee for the adjustment of the late Madras Artillery Mess and Band Funds, N^o. 7 dated 16th March 1870, with reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order N^o. 2882 dated 2nd September 1869.

* Rs. 43600

2 I beg authority to disburse to the Committee after the 1st proximo from the allotment provided in the Budget of 1870/71 the valuation amount of the Mess House and out buildings, Saint Thomas' Mount, together with interest at 9 per cent per annum from the 14th of June 1869, the date on which the offer of Government was accepted by the Officers.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obed^t serv^t
J. Bean R. E.
Sup^y Engr in ch: 4th Divⁿ.

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No 836

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 21st March 70.

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Here entered at 6.14.18 March 1870.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
authorizes the disbursement
after the 1st Proximo of
the purchase money of
the Mess House at St.
Thomas' Mount together
with interest at the rate
of 9 per cent per annum
from the 14th June 1869 -

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Colonel Bean has
received

To the Secretary, 17/3/70
The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

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To the King & son.
Curtis Hill.
L.S. Dec 21/30. to be
P.C. 7/4/30 - a

received possession of
the title deeds of the
property -

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engr.
4th Division

Dated

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G. O. 21 March 1870. No. 834

Nos. 384-385

Rep House at St. Thomas' Mount

Permanently granted for the distance
went after the 1st April 1870 of the
purchase money of the Rep House
at St. Thomas' Mount in the
Rs together with interest at the
rate of 9 per cent per annum
from the 14th June 1869.