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10th May 1871.*

No. 172. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 13th April 1871, No. 5 —

With reference to the rules which accompanied G. O., No 6, of the 6th January 1871, for the provision of public quarters for Troops and Military establishment, I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying original correspondence regarding the charge of the public Military buildings at Bangalore

1 Original letter No 1,028, of 16th February 1871, from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, with the Superintending Engineer's endorsement No 189, of 15th March 1871.

1 Original letter No 366, of 24th March 1871, from the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division.

2. It may be observed from letter No. 366, of the 24th March 1871, from the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division, that the Officer Commanding the Division is of opinion that the term "public buildings," as used in paragraphs 1 and 5 of the Rules, is not intended to comprise "public Military buildings" under charge of Military authorities; and that with the distribution of public Military buildings the Department Public Works has no concern. I request therefore to be informed whether this view of the Officer Commanding the Division is the correct one.

From the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Bangalore, 16th February 1871, No 1,028.

With reference to "Rules for the provision of public quarters for Troops and Military establishments," circulated with your No 183, dated 14th January 1871, I beg to submit the following remarks —

2 Paragraph 1 of these Rules directs that the Range Officer of Public Works shall provide the accommodation required "by allotting public buildings which may be vacant," and paragraph 5 specifies, "that it is the duty of Range Officers to endeavour to get tenants for public buildings not immediately required for Government use"

3 It is evident that to enable the Range Officer at Bangalore to conform to these directions he should be in charge of the public buildings, as is the case with officers of the Department Public Works serving under the Government of India

4 At present the only public building in my charge is the Telegraph Office, which has lately been taken over by me under a special order.

5 The rest of the public buildings in the Bangalore Range are in the charge of the Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Mysore Division

6 That Officer, therefore, alone can be competent to know when public buildings are not required for Government use, and when such can be allotted as quarters.

7 I have thought it right to draw your attention to this point, as it affects the principle evidently aimed at in the rules under reference, which is to fix the responsibility of the provision, either by allotment of public quarters, or by hiring private houses, on the Range Office of Public Works

No. 189

SUBMITTED to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division, in order to the views of the Major General Commanding the Division being taken on the subject.

2 It seems apparent to the Superintending Engineer that Captain Wood's view is the correct one, and that the allotment of public buildings which may be vacant, or the obtaining of tenants, etc., can only be carried out by the officer in charge of the buildings, so that either a

Assistant

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transfer of the charge of the Military buildings at Bangalore to the Public Works Department must be made, or the powers now proposed to be given over to the Public Works Department must rest with the Quartermaster-General's Department.

15th March 1871

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

From the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Bangalore, 24th March 1871, No 366.

REFERRING to your foot-note No 189, dated 15th March 1871, to letter No 1,028, dated 16th February 1871, from Executive Engineer, Bangalore, to your address, I have the honour, by order of the Major General Commanding the Division, to inform you that he considers the public buildings referred to in paragraphs 1 and 5 of the "Rules for the provision of public quarters for Troops and Military establishments" are such public buildings only as are in charge of the Department Public Works, and that the term public buildings as therein used is not intended to comprise public Military buildings under charge of Military authorities.

2 With the distribution of public Military buildings, the Department Public Works has no concern, for the proper occupation of such buildings the Military authorities are solely responsible

3 In accordance with instructions received from Army head quarters, every application for sanction for hiring buildings for Military purposes is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Officer Commanding the station or Divisional Quartermaster-General, that there are no public quarters available for the individual or individuals for whom accommodation is required.

4 This certificate refers of course to public Military buildings only, which are in charge of the Military authorities

5 For the allotment of such public buildings as are under the charge of the Range Officer, he alone is answerable, and his duties on this head are clearly laid down in the rules quoted

6 Major-General Borton sees no necessity therefore for advocating any alteration in existing arrangements in regard to the provision of public quarters for Troops and Military establishments

No 173

ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1871, No 1,285

ACCOUNT, No 17

The Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division will be informed that the rules for hiring, renting, and appropriating public quarters for Troops and Military establishments, which were circulated with the Order of the 4th January 1871, No 6, are not intended to supersede existing regulations as to the disposal of "public Military buildings," the charge of which devolves upon the Military authorities.

2. When buildings of this class are occupied by persons from whom rent is recoverable, the Range Officer should, in communication with the Military authorities, take measures for the collection of the rent, which should then be brought to account to the credit of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Major R. B. Kennedy
To the Military Department

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

No 5. - Superintending Engineer's office, 5th Division
Bangalore, 13th April 1871.

From,
The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to the rules, which accompanied S. O. No 6 of the 6th January 1871, for the provision of Public Quarters for Troops and Military Establishments,

Enclosures 2. I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying original correspondence regarding the charge of the Public Military buildings at Bangalore.

1. Original letter No 1028 of 18th Feb/71 from the Ex. Eng. Bangalore, with the copy of Engineer's endorsement No 989 of 15th March 1871.
1. Original letter No 366 of 24th March 1871 from the Asst. Q. M. General, Mysore Division.

2. It may be observed from letter No 366 of the 24th March 1871 from the Assistant

Assistant Quarter Master General,
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Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

A. B. Virear
 Supt. Engrs. 5th Div.

15 January 1871

Public Works 1871
 From the office of the
 The Superintending Engineer,
 5th Division.

To,
 The Secretary to Government
 P. W. Department
 Madras.

Dated 13th April 1871
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No. 1285-10 May 1871.
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All other Suptg. Engrs. & others
Comr. P.W.D.
Major R.B. Kennedy
Military Dept. & Rep. & P.

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The Superintending Engr.
P. Division

Date

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G O 10 May 1871, No 1285.

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Public Works Division.

Referring to the
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P.W.D. for the
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