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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 168 A — Press / Mis.

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Dated 20 . 1 1871 .

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No. 351 A. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th January 1871, No. 215 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government that the current year's Budget assignment of Rupees 37,440, under Repairs "Military" for Bangalore, as well as the special grant of Rupees 6,000, sanctioned in G. O. of the 8th October 1870, No. 2,432, for house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates at that station, are exhausted, and that there is nothing left to meet even the urgent demands that may be made for such services during the remainder of the current official year.

1 Statement, to be returned.

2. For house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates Rupees 10,127, that is Rupees 4,127 in excess of the special grant of Rupees 6,000, have been already disbursed, and about Rupees 2,250 more are still required to meet the demands during the remaining three months of the current official year.

Vide accompanying List prepared up to the 20th December 1870.

3. I should mention that as it is only quite recently that house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates has been debited to the accounts of this department, when an extra grant to meet this contingency was demanded from Government, the sum that would probably be required for this purpose was set down at Rupees 6,000, whereas, in consequence of the bills for arrears of house-rent for last year, which have come in, and which are still coming in, it would now appear that the total amount that will be required for this object is at least double the sum above named.

4. In G. O., No. 2,482, of the 17th October 1870, I was directed to debit to the ordinary assignment for repairs the outlay of Rupees 1,910 on white-washing the family quarters of the European Infantry Barracks; but I regret to state that this could not be done, as the original or ordinary assignment for repairs had been fully appropriated prior to the receipt of the G. O. The sum of Rupees 1,910, as well as another outlay of Rupees 585 on emergent repairs to the roof of No. 4 block occupied by D. Battery, 23rd Brigade, Royal Artillery, on the Race Course, or in all Rupees 2,495, therefore, still remain to be disbursed to the contractors.

5. An estimate of Rupees 530 for painting the doors and windows of the family quarters of the European Infantry Barracks was submitted by the Executive Engineer in August last, and its sanction was deferred for want of funds; but the Assistant Quarter Master General of the Mysore Division having, in his letter of the 10th December last, No. 2,326, represented that the painting in question was urgently needed on sanitary grounds, I have, as a special case, passed the estimate for execution.

6. The Executive Engineer, moreover, estimates that the demands for emergent repairs during the remainder of the year will amount to about Rupees 1,500.

7. It would thus appear that additional grants of Rupees 2,250 for house-rent and Rupees 4,525 for repairs, or in all Rupees 6,775, are absolutely necessary for the current official year. And as this amount, if not disbursed before the end

of March next, will fall very heavily on the allotment of the ensuing year, (as has actually happened in the case of the current year's allotment,) crippling the transactions of that year, and necessitating demands for supplemental grants, I have the honour to request that Government will be pleased to transfer to Bangalore such sums as can be spared from other Divisions to meet the deficit in question.

8. I regret that I am unable to point out any source in this Division whence the amount required can conveniently be met, but should the Government be unable to allot this sum from other Divisions, I have no alternative but to suggest the transfer to the head "Repairs Military" the unappropriated balance of Rupees 1,411 from the grant for "Minor New Works Military" for Bangalore, as also the sum of Rupees 5,179 still remaining to the credit of the Ulsoor Water Works.

9. In conclusion, and with reference to their remark in G. O., No. 2,482, of the 17th October 1870, that the "ordinary assignment for repairs has been "increased during the last and current years expressly to cover house-rent "claims," I venture to bring to the notice of Government that, irrespective of the large arrears of the last year, amounting to Rupees 4,755-6-9, and disbursed this year, for house-rent, a sum of Rupees 8,130-12-3 has been paid from the current year's grant for repairs executed in 1869-70, and which sum remained unpaid owing to the tightness of funds in that year. And thus it will be observed that the current year's original assignment has been seriously hampered by being mulcted in so large a sum as Rupees 12,896. It is, moreover, to be remembered that the increase which has, during the last few years, been made in the number of buildings at the station renders a proportionate increase absolutely necessary in the outlay under "Repairs."

No. 351 B. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1871, No. 168 A.

ACCOUNT, No. 41 A.

As the Government have not the means at their disposal to supplement the current year's Military Repair grant for Bangalore, and as the additional sum of Rupees 6,775, applied for in this letter under that head of service is represented to be absolutely needed to meet demands on account of house-rent to Military and Medical Subordinates and to provide for emergent repairs, His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no alternative but to apply to the Government of India for sanction to the transfers proposed in paragraph 8, and the necessary application will accordingly be made.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
,, Military Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ex!. S. T. Augustin.

No. 215. Superintg: Engrs. office, 5th Division,
Madras, 10th January 1871.

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From,
Lieutt-Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.,
Actg: Superintg: Engineer, 5th Divn.

To,
Colonel Charles A. Orr, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.,

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the current years' Budget assignment of Rs. 37,440, under "Repairs-Military" for Bangalore, as well as the special grant of Rs. 6,000 sanctioned in G. O. of the 8th October 1870, No. 2432, for house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates at that Station, are exhausted and that there is nothing left to meet even the urgent demands that may be made for such services during the remainder of the current official year.

Enclosure 1 Statement & Acknowd.

2. For house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates, Rs. 10,125, that is Rs. 4,125 in excess of the special grant of Rs. 6,000, have been already disbursed, and abou! Rs. 2250 more are still required to

Vide accompanying List prepared up to the 20th Dec. 1870.

meet the demands during the remaining three months of the current official year.-

3. I should mention that as it is only quite recently that house-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates has been debited to the accounts of this Department, when an extra grant to meet this contingency was demanded from Government, the sum that would probably be required for this purpose was set down at Rs. 6000.-, whereas, in consequence of the bills for arrears of house-rent for last year, which have come in, and which are still coming in, it would now appear that the total amount that will be required for this object is at least double the sum abovenamed.-

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6. The Executive Engineer moreover estimates that the demands for emergent repairs during the remainder of the year will amount to about Rs. 1,500.-

7. It would thus appear that additional grants of Rs. 2,250.- for house rent and Rs. 4,525 for repairs, or in all Rs. 6,775.- are absolutely necessary for the current official year.- And as this amount, if not disbursed before the

end of March next, will fall very heavily on the allotment of the ensuing year, as has actually happened in the case of the current year's allotment crippling the transactions of that year, and necessitating demands for supplemental grants, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to transfer to Bangalore such sums as can be spared from other Divisions, to meet the deficit in question.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Rich. Roberts Lieut.-Col. R.E.,
Ag. Superintg. Engineer, 5th Div.

No. 168 of P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Lieutenant Govt:
Read the following

From,
The Actg. Chief Engineer (& Secy.) & Ex. Officio Secy.

No. 168 dated 10th January 1871

To the Government
Sir,

I have not the means at
their disposal to supplie.
the current year
Military Repair grant
for Bangalore, and so the
additional sum of Rs
6,775. applied for in this
letter under that head
of service is represented
to be absolutely needed
to meet demands on
account of House Rent
to Subalterns and Medicals
Subordinates to
provide

Public Works 1871 Department
From, Govt. Jany. No. 118
The Actg. Chief Engr.,
To, 5th Division
The Secty. to Govt.
P. W. Department,
Madras.

Dated 10th
Recd. 11th January 1870.
No. 215
Encl.
Additional grant for
Repairs - "Military" —
Applying for an additional grant of Rs. 6,775. for Repairs under Military, Bangalore, to meet the demands for emergent Repairs &c. for limited rent to Military & Medical Subordinates —

No. 168 A. 20th January 1871

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Further
Pro. No 478 Dt 17-2-71.
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To,
The Supdg Engr 5th Div
15 " Military Departt
5 " Controller P. Dr. Accts
Dept. 27th Jan'y 1871

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

G. O. 26th January, No. 1684.

Nos. 357 A. 357 B.

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[illegible] Govt of India for re-
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[illegible] vide for emergent
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