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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th November 1871.

No. 369. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 14th October 1871, No. 2,593 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt this day of G. Os., Nos. 2,576 and 2,578, dated 10th instant, communicating Circulars from the Government of India in regard to standard plans for various out-buildings connected with barracks for European troops, and I venture to recommend the discontinuation of the communication of such instructions to this division, inasmuch as there are no European troops within or near the limits of either district forming the division, and a considerable waste, as it appears to me, of both time and money could thus be prevented.

2. Considering, moreover, the few Military Stations in this Presidency, I cannot but think that a considerable saving of public money might be effected by discontinuing the circulation of instructions, such as those under notice, to every range of every division as is now the case.

3. A station which is of sufficient importance to call for the presence of a European Regiment requires, as a matter of course, a Resident Engineer, and if all such Executives were affiliated to one Military Head, it would be manifestly to the advantage of the service, the more especially as with few exceptions there are no Range Officers, nor is there one Superintending Engineer, besides myself, in this Presidency who has had any practical experience with the details of barrack work.

4. Whether, however, the Government may be pleased to consider the subject in its entirety, as I recommend, or not, at least I would recommend that this office be spared the useless labour of circulating to ranges standard plans of buildings designed for the housing of British troops in Bengal.

No. 370. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1871, No. 2,939.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 11.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division will be informed that standard plans forwarded by the Government of India for *guidance* are circulated to all Superintending Engineers, and through them to the members of the department, for the reason that although an officer may at one time be doing duty in a district where no European troops are located, the conditions of the service render him liable to transfer to a division or district where it is absolutely necessary that he should be thoroughly conversant with the rules which are in force in respect to Military buildings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 2573

Superintending Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 11th October 1871

From

Lieut. Colonel P. A. Roberts R.A.
Superintending Engineer &c

To

Colonel J. Lowndes C.B.
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt this day of G.O. No. 2576
28th Ultimo & inclosed Communicating
Circular from the Govt of India in re
gard to Standard plans for various
out Buildings Connected with Bar
racks for European Troops, and I am
desired to recommend the discontinuation
of the Communication of such instruc
tions to this Division, in as much as
there are no European Troops within, or
near the limits of either District
forming this Division, and a Convidera
ble waste, as it appears to me of
both time & money would thus be
prevented.

2. Considering, moreover, the general military station in the Presidency, I cannot but think that a considerable saving of public money might be effected by discontinuing the circulation of instructions such as those under Notice to every Range of every Division, as is now the case.

3. Whether which is a sufficient inducement to call for the immediate Disposition of a Regiment, requires, as a matter of course, a Resident Superintendent; and if all such Regiments were established at one Military Head, it would be manifestly to the advantage of the Service, the more especially as with few exceptions there are no Barracks officers, but at those one Captain in charge Superintendent besides myself, in the Presidency, who has had

any practical experience with the details of Barrack work.

4. Whether however the Govt may be pleased to consider the subject in its entirety, as I recommend, or not, at least I would recommend that the office be spared the useless labor of circulating to Every Standard Plans of buildings designed for the housing of British troops in Bengal.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your Most obedt Servt
Richd Roberts Lieut. Col. RE
Superintending Engineer
8th Divn

Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the Nov[r] 1871

Read the following

From The Secy Govt Engrs & Ex. Offr P.W.D. No 2593 of 11th Oct 71

To the Secretary to Government
of Madras for information
with reference to his
Circular No 1 dated 1st
January 1870 and
Public Works Department
Circular No 1 dated 1st
January 1871.

Sir

I have the honor to forward
herewith for the information
of the Government a
Return of Buildings
under the Public Works
Department, for the
Quarter ending 30th
September 1871.

2. The Return is
submitted in duplicate
as required by
Paragraph 3 of the
Circular No 1 of 1870.

I have &c

(Signed) H. Pitt
Secy to Govt
(Offg)

(Signed) H. Pitt
Secy to Govt
(Offg)

Recd 17th Octr 71

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Written to Govt for Returns
Circular No 1 dated 13th Jany 1870
Issued

From No 4915.

The Secy Govt Engrs
8th Quarter

The Secy to Govt
(Offg)

(Sd) H. Pitt
Secy to Govt
(Offg)

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Secy to Govt
(Offg)

Recommended for the
Continuation of the
Communication noted in
the margin
Buildings

No 2939

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Nov. 6th

To The Supt. Engineer
8th Div.

Recd 7/11/71.

Registered

4915.

Cost of (1871) Works.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mechanicsville Brgde

Pth Division

Dated

Read. Ent.

G. O. 26th Sept. 1871, No. 29.87

Nos. 1892 1971

Standard Plans. The circumstances under which Standard Plans are circulated to all offices explained to the Engineer of the 8th Division.