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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 211A. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 2nd May 1872, No. 281 :—

In G. O., No. 3,254, dated 8th October 1869, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 43,500, for constructing five blocks of family quarters, with out-houses, for the Garrison Battery at Bellary was sanctioned.

2. The expenditure, up to the 31st March 1872, was Rupees 29,998-8-7, (or, in round numbers, Rupees 30,000,) for which three blocks were completed and No. 4 block nearly so. No work on No. 5 block has yet been commenced.

3. The reduction of the allotment, as explained in my letter No. 37, dated 5th April 1872, necessitated the stoppage of this work which, as the Garrison Battery had been withdrawn, caused no inconvenience; and as a Battery will probably not again be located here, I have the honour to request that the building of No. 5 block, which has not yet been commenced, may be abandoned.

4. The sum required to complete No. 4 block, Mr. Fraser informs me, is Rupees 2,600, and I beg to recommend the allotment of this sum at an early date, as it is advisable to cover in the building before the monsoons set in, and save the work already done from damage; moreover, this unfinished block being in juxtaposition with the three completed quarters looks unsightly itself and spoils the appearance of the finished quarters.

5. Mr. Fraser further reports that a sum of Rupees 655-2-5 is due to the contractor on account of stoppages at 10 per cent. on bills already paid. This might have been avoided had Government made specific reductions against the grant for each of the two works instead of taking a lump sum of Rupees 20,000 (see margin), thus leaving the allotment for each work to be made at discretion from the reduced grant of Rupees 12,460.

|                                                                                                                          | Original Grant<br>for 1871-72. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                          | rs.                            |
| Guard-room, Royal Horse Artillery...                                                                                     | 10,560                         |
| Family quarters for Garrison Battery                                                                                     | 21,900                         |
|                                                                                                                          | 32,460                         |
| Reduced as per G. O., No. 913, dated<br>28th March 1871 ... ..                                                           | 20,000                         |
| Revised allotment—Balance<br>(See paragraphs 3 and 4 of letter printed with<br>G. O., No. 343, dated 5th February 1872.) | 12,460                         |

6. The timber for No. 5 block was got ready some time back by the contractor for the wood-work, and we cannot return it to the man, as it will be no fault of his if the building of this block is abandoned on the grounds stated in paragraph 3. I have asked Mr. Fraser to inform me its value, and if the wood-work could be made use of in any of the other new buildings which are in progress. If this can be done, as it must be in due course as the timber cannot be kept unutilized, the value will be recovered from the estimate for the work or works on which it is used, and until this is done the materials will be brought on to "Stock." The contractor must nevertheless be paid, and I, therefore, trust, as soon as I am able to ascertain and inform the amount, Government will allot the necessary sum to make this payment also.

No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1872, No. 1,213.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

\* Rupees 2,600.

† „ 655.

be considered when the general demands for incomplete Military works come under review.

2. The question of dispensing with the erection of No. 5 block will be referred to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division  
„ Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 287

Superintending Engineer's Office,  
3rd Division,  
Bellary 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1872.

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Closures.

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Sir,

I enclose G.O. No. 3234 dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 1871, an Estimate amounting to Rs. 1,33,500. for constructing 5 blocks of Family Quarters with Outposts for the Garrison Battery at Bellary was sanctioned.

2. The Expenditure up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1872 was Rs. 24,998 n 8 n 7 (as in round numbers Rs. 25,000) for which three blocks were completed and No. 4 block nearly so. No work on No. 5 block has yet been commenced.

3. The production of the allotment, as explained and implied by No. 37 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 1872, necessitated the stoppage of the work which, as the Garrison Battery had been withdrawn, caused no inconvenience and as a Battery will probably not again be located here, I have the honor to request that the building of No. 5 block which has not yet been commenced may be abandoned.

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 is due to the Contractor on account of shop papers and a per  
 cent on bill already paid. This might have been paid  
 and had Government made specific instructions against  
 the Grant for each of the two in the interest of taking a  
 large sum of the paper (the purpose of them being the  
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 the reduced Grant of £12,000.

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 Sir

Your most Obedient Servant  
 P. Webb Esq. Lieut. Col. R.E.  
 Superintending Engineer G. O. 11

Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Read the following

From The Sup<sup>r</sup> Engr<sup>r</sup> } A.E. No 281 of 2<sup>d</sup> May 1872  
3<sup>d</sup> Division

The allotment of funds for the completion of No 1 block of the Family Quarters for the Garrison Battery stationed at Bellary and for compensation to the Contractor on account of loss incurred by the suspension of work will be considered when the general demands for incomplete Military works come under review.

The

Rs 2600

\* Rs 655

No 8 of 1872  
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From

The Superintending Engineer  
3rd Division

To

The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department  
Fort Saint George.

No. 281

Dated 2<sup>d</sup> May 1872  
Received 2<sup>d</sup> May 1872

Received the order of Government to complete No 1 block of the Family Quarters for the Garrison Battery and to consider the suspension of work on account of the reasons stated.

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Ch 1213. 11<sup>th</sup> June 1872

The question of  
dispensing with the  
erection of Nos block  
will be referred to the  
Military Department.

Exd  
6.5.72

To  
The S.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
" Mil. Dept  
Recd 13/5/72

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Office of the Engineer

Public Works

The Superintendent Eng.  
2nd Division

Date

Place

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to the question of dispensing  
with the erection of the 5  
block referred to the  
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