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Government of Madras

Public works

DEPARTMENT

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No. 26. Read the following endorsement of the Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 31st March 1873:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Acting Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th March 1873, No. E.

I HAVE the honour to forward a letter from the Commissary General, dated 15th March 1873, No. 8,910, with enclosure, affording explanation regarding an increase made in the estimate for the construction of stables, etc., for the Commissariat mules at Madras.

2. The original estimate appears to have been for a "lean-to" shed for sixty mules, but there are now 100 on the Madras Establishment, owing to forty having been transferred from Bellary under orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and increased accommodation is thus rendered necessary.

3. The Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, however advocates the additions* enumerated in the margin of the Presidency District Engineer's letter to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, recorded in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 616, of the 25th February 1873, on the grounds that the mules and trollies are highly remunerative to Government, and that therefore a little extra outlay to secure their efficiency would not be ill-bestowed.

4. With reference to the above suggestion, I would observe that the only accommodation hitherto provided by Government for mules would appear to be that at Bangalore, viz., an inexpensive gram-shed (Proceedings of Government, No. 2,311, of 17th August 1870,) and a piece of ground for Muleteer's huts (Proceedings of Government, No. 111, of 13th January 1870); but this is probably owing to there being other shelter available at Bangalore and other mule stations, as may be inferred from the letter recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 2,311, above quoted.

5. The points, therefore, for decision appear to be whether the accommodation specified by the District Engineer is such as should be provided at the expense of Government, and whether it is the most suitable and economical. The latter question is one for consideration in the Department of Public Works, but with reference to the former, Items 3 and 7* would appear to be objectionable, as mule attendants, like other public cattle attendants, are required to hut themselves—vide Proceedings of Government, No. 1,747, of 11th May 1869.

* Three Huts for 55 attendants.
Seven Keepers' rooms.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd June 1873.*

No. 26a. From Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, (through Controller of Military Accounts,) dated Madras, 15th March 1873, No. 8,910.

ADVERTING to Proceedings and Order of Government, Public Works Department, No. 616, dated 25th February 1873, I have the honour to state that when the original estimate of Rupees 17,000 was prepared there were only sixty mules at Madras, the allotment was increased to 100 in August 1872, additional accommodation was therefore required, and it was accordingly applied for, together with huts for the attendants, sheds for trollies, water-troughs, etc., all of which are absolutely necessary for the efficiency of the Mule establishment, as will be observed from No. 9,810, dated 11th March 1873. a letter from the Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, herewith forwarded.

From Colonel R. BENSON, Executive Commissariat Officer, to Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary General, Madras, dated Madras, 11th March 1873, No. 9,810.

In returning the Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 25th February 1873, No. 616, I have the honour to observe that, in the first instance, when application was made for shelter for the mules, only sixty mules were present, since then forty or two-thirds more have been added to the establishment, consequently a corresponding increase in shelter is necessary; this may have been overlooked.

2. I presume when the Commissary General, in his letter of the 25th September 1871, No. 4,508, mentioned an economical style of "lean-to" shed as sufficient shelter for the mules, did not refer to the cover necessary for the attendants, carts, and other accessories.

3. These mules and trollies are, in the saving of hired carriage, highly remunerative to Government, and I would venture to submit that a little extra outlay, to secure their care and efficiency, would not be ill-bestowed.

4. This department in approving of the plans did so only to that extent as appeared necessary to secure bare efficiency.

TRANSFERRED, with the report of the Controller of Military Accounts dated 27th instant No. E., to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M. D.

No. 27.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1873, No. 1,471.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 1.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes with displeasure that this is the first intimation made of the increase of the revised estimate having partially been due to an increase in the number of mules of Madras from 60 to 100. The Presidency District Engineer is enjoined to submit in future such full and accurate information as is essential to enable the Government to form a correct opinion of all subjects laid before them.

2. The mule stables were doubtless included in the list of Military Works selected by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for execution in 1873-74, in the expectation that the application made to the Government of India for an addi-

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd June 1873.*

tional assignment of three lakhs would have been successful; but as that Government have supplemented the Military grant by only Rupees 66,000, which will all be required for incomplete works, the question of substituting some other work for the mule sheds, the construction of which, if decided on, may be conveniently postponed, will be remitted to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for consideration through the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

to the Military Department.

„ District Engineer, Presidency.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 9810

Resident Commissioner's Office
Madras. 11th March 1873.

To the Commissioner General Madras

Sir,

In returning the Proceedings of Madras Government of 25th February 1873 No. 616, I have the honor to observe that in the first instance, when application was made for shelter for the Mules, only 60 Mules were present, since then 40 or 2/3? more have been added to the establishment, consequently a corresponding increase in shelter is necessary, this may have been overlooked.

I presume, when the Commissioner General, in his Letter of the 25th September 1871 No. 4508, mentioned an economical style of lean-to shed as sufficient shelter for the Mules, did not refer to the cover necessary for the attendants, carts & other accessories.

These Mules & Hobbies are, in the saving of hired carriages, highly remunerative to Government and I would venture to submit that a little extra outlay to secure their care & efficiency would not be ill-bestowed.

This Department, in approving of the Plans, did so only to that extent as appeared necessary to secure care & efficiency.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
R. S. S. Colman
Secy.

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Thro'the Controller
of Military Accounts.

Commissionary General's Office
Madras 15 March 1873.

No 8910.

From
The Commissionary General
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort Saint George.

No 616.

Referring to Proceedings and
Order of Government, Public Works
Department, dated 25th February 1873,
I have the honor to state that when
the original estimate of Rs 17,000.
was prepared, there were only 60 mules
at Madras, the allotment was
increased to 100 in August 1872, and
additional accommodation was
therefore required, and it was accordingly
applied for, together with huts for
the attendants, sheds for Trallsies
Water troughs &c., all of which are
absolutely

27 Feb 1873

1. Estimated by Mr. J. P. G. G.
of Rs 16,000 in estimate
for the construction of
the mules, with
accommodation.

No 8910

The Commissionary General
Madras

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Water letter to Govt.
No 158558/73
P. M. 2104/73.

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of the Mule Establishment, as will
be observed from a letter from the
Executive Commissioner of
Madras herewith forwarded.

N. 9810/27
11th March 1873.

I have the honor to

Sir

Yours Most Obedt. St.

I have the honor to

Commissioner General

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From The Ag Controller of
Military Accounts Fort St George

N. 9810/27th March
1873

His Excellency
the Governor in Council

observes with displea-
sure that this is the
first intimation made

of the increase of the
revised Estimate having

partially been due to
an increase in the
number of Mules at

Madras from 60 to 100.

It is noted by the
whether it has been resolved
to keep the Mule Est. at
Madras permanently at
100. otherwise the
cost will seem to be un-
necessary - ~~the~~ in 1869

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The Presidency District Engineer is enjoined to submit in future such full and accurate information as is essential to enable the Government to form a correct opinion of all subjects laid before them. It was fixed at 50. I am haunted with the anomaly of sheltering hardy mules. (vide Thacker's opinion) while we can expend valuable hours in such a manner. It is really beginning at the wrong end. —

The original plan and estimate will now be revised by the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings in communication with the District Engineer to provide for 100 mules in lean-to sheds against the Compound Wall, 10 extra stalls for sick mules being added. The Reports

I shd. have been inclined to think that 100 mules might have been effectually sheltered at much less cost than that proposed. It is no doubt important that they should be well cared for.

No. 100
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OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
Fort Saint George, 27 March 1873.

From Acting
The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George,
To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Commissary General dated 15 March 1873, No. 3910, with enclosure, affording explanation regarding an increase made in the estimate for the construction of Stables for the Commissariat Mules at Madras.

2. The original estimate appears to have been for a lean-to shed for 60 mules, but there are now 100 in the Madras Establishment, owing to 40 having been transferred from Bellary under orders of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and increased accommodation is thus rendered necessary.

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4. With reference to the above suggestion, I would observe that the only accommodation hitherto provided by Government for mules would appear to be that at Bangalore, viz. an irrefundible grant. See Proceedings of Government No. 2311 of 17th August 1870, and a piece of ground for

Muleteers' huts (Proceedings of Government No. 111 of 13th January 1870), but this is probably owing to there being other shelter available at Bangalore and other land stations, as may be inferred from the letter recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 2311 above quoted.

5. The points, therefore, for decision appear to be whether the accommodation specified by the District Engineer is such as should be provided at the expense of Government, and whether it is the most suitable and economical. The latter question is one for consideration in the department of Public Works, but with reference to the former, items 3 and 4 would appear to be objectionable, as mule attendants, like other public cattle attendants, are required to hunt themselves. Vide Proceedings of Government No. 1747 of 11th May 1869.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

J.H.R. M. Munro Esq. Lieut. Col.
Secy. Controller of Military Accounts

Memorandum
 The papers re-
 circulated about
 the Indian
 Affairs

Accommodation
 for 90 horses has lately
 been provided at
 Copsout at a cost of
 Rs 374 per horse
 or Rs 28,500 in all.
 The work was com-
 pleted before receipt
 of the Govt. of India
 Order No. 650 of 18th
 October 1872 requesting
 that the construction
 of any new Buildings
 at the Remount Depot
 might be suspended.

I should wish to
 consider in the light of
 Dept. the question of
 substituting some
 other work for the horse
 sheds.

13th Aug 1872
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To
 The Secretary to Government
 Military Department
 Fort St. George.

Dated 17th March 1872
 Received 28th March 1872
 By order of the
 Secretary to Government
 Military Department

Signifying measures
 made with the intention
 for the construction of
 the new building for
 the Remount Depot
 at Copsout.

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It is not therefore proposed to provide further accommodation for the 230 horses supposed still to be without shelter.

In their review of the Imperial Budget of this Presidency for the current year the Govt. of India objected that the original sanction of Rs 17,200 was large for sheltering 100 mules; and called for information whether it was customary or necessary to provide mules with shelter; which matter was

accordingly remitted for final consideration in the Military Department by G.O. No. 1201 of 28 April para 5.

It is now submitted that the mule Stables were probably included in the Military Budget (the items of which were selected in the Quarter Master General's office out of a list of all Military sanctions) because a more successful result was anticipated to the application for an increased grant.

Only Rs 66,000 having
been allotted instead of
3 Lakhs asked for
it is presumed that
in further reference
the Military Depart-
ment will select
some more eligible
sanctioned work to be
provided with funds.

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W. J. P. 11
 Secretary to Government
 31 March 1873
 To Mr Public Works Dept.
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The Commissioner
 of Lands.

The Secretary to Govt.
 Military Department.
 Perth & George.

Dated 157 March 1873
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Affords explanation
 regarding the increase
 made in the estimate
 for the construction of
 Stables for the Govt.
 & Rules.

Transferred
 No 1471-12 June 1873
 P. W. 2134/73.

Keepers rooms, two
 thrown into one, on
 each side of the entrance
 may be retained for
 the accommodation
 of men on duty,
 and 2 Tolly sheds,
 and 2 water troughs
 added.

This is very nice
 entirely & I shall
 have five horses
 that the money
 be directed to
 a bonding cover
 put to our horses
 at 000000. Every
 year some thing
 like 200 valuable
 Australian are
 picketed out in
 sun & rain, while their skulls
 are of necessity encased by nearly
 cast-iron harnesses. These harnesses are
 I imagine worth 4 times as much as
 as harness. Let the harness wait another
 year.

I think it
 costs less to stable a
 horse at 000000 than a horse
 at the above!

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Only. Sept. (N.R. 731 March 73)

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the chief for considera-
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Wm. Delahanty
Dr. Pendleton
Controller

Sept 21-6-73.

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Gobt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Military Dept.

Dated

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G. O. 3rd June 1871. No. 1471

No. 26727

Stables. Passing orders on
papers relating to the incum-
brance in the estimate for
the construction of stables
for the Municipal
at Madras.