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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

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Dated	3-3-	1873

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

No. 48. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 21st January 1873, No. 911 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to notice that much work is thrown on my Office Establishment by the District Engineer having to perform the duties of a House Agent, which duties, I submit, might be done by the Barrack Master.

1st.—With reference to house-rent for Warrant Officers and Staff Serjeants, of whom there are twelve :—

The Assistant Quarter Master General writes and desires me to obtain quarters; the Overseer's time is thus employed in work which is not, I submit, a legitimate part of the duty.

The Overseer reports when he has obtained quarters; notice is sent to Assistant Quarter Master General, who obtains approval of Quarter Master General of Army.

The bills are sent in monthly by the Assistant Quarter Master General, and a list having been drawn up in my office the whole is forwarded to the Controller. He audits and returns the bills, cheques have then to be prepared in my office, and sent out to the different house-owners with memoranda.

From each of these Warrant Officers a certain portion of this house-rent is recovered, sent to my office by various officers, such as Commissariat Officers, Commissary of Ordnance, and receipts have to be granted. We have to remit these amounts to the treasury. Some of the house-rent has to be remitted by transfer receipts to out-stations.

Again, with Medical Subordinates :—

We receive bills and make lists monthly and forward to Controller. He passes the amount, and we then obtain the money from the treasury and ask the Assistant Quarter Master General to order the subordinates to attend at my office for payment. If any of these have meantime left the station we have to obtain transfer receipts and forward them. Sometimes correspondence arises regarding these matters when there has been delay in submitting bills to this office, and again when subordinates wish to change their quarters.

Occasionally the Quarter Master General is not altogether satisfied with the arrangements made, and explanations have to be sent.

It will be thus seen that a good deal of extra work is thrown on my office, which it seems to me would more properly fall to the office of the Barrack Master; and as my office have their hands full with voluminous accounts, plans, estimates, and correspondence regarding the work of the department, I would beg to suggest your obtaining the sanction of Government to cause this work to devolve on the Barrack Master.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1873, No. 677.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

FORWARDED for consideration in the Military Department whether, in the case of Bangalore, the duties provided

for in G. O., No. 6, dated 4th January 1871, could not be performed by the Barrack Master.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

„ District Engineer Bangalore.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

2-911

District Engineer's Office
Mangalore 21st January 1873.

From

The District Engineer
Mangalore

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Depart-
ment
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to
notice that much work is thrown
on my Office Establishment by the
District Engineer having to perform
the duties of a House Agent, which
duties I submit might be done by
the Barrack Master.

With reference to House rent
for Barrack Officers & Staff Surgeons
of whom there are 12.

The Assistant Quarter Master General
writes and desires me to obtain Quas-
ters, the Overseers time is thus employed
in works which is not I submit a
legitimate part of the duty.

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The Bills are sent in monthly by the Assistant Quarter Master General and a list having been drawn up in my Office the whole is forwarded to the Controller. He audits & returns the bills, Cheques have then to be prepared in my Office, and sent out to the different house owners with memoranda.

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Occasionally the Assistant Quarter Master General is not altogether satisfied with the arrangements made, and explanations have to be sent.

It will be thus seen, that a good deal of extra work is thrown on my Office which, even to me would more properly fall to the Office of the Quarter Master, and as my Office have their hands full with voluminous accounts, Plans, Estimates and correspondence regarding the work of the Department, I would beg

to

Recd 14 January 1871 909-10

P. W. 873. Referred to
from 1st of Jan 1871
The Dist Engineer

Bangalore
To the Chief Engineer

1871 Jan 11

dated 21st Jan 1873

Ref 23-1-73
No 677-3 dated 17-1-73
Referring to notice that
which work is shown
on his Office with various
of houses rent paid to
Medical Sub. to find and
requesting that sanction
of the Government being
the claimant for carrying this
work to be done on the B. & N. Road

a copy

R.C. 11-1-73 173 R. 11-1-73
C. 5-5-73 173 R. 10-1-73

to suggest your obtaining the sanction
of Government to cause this work to
be done on the Barrack Master -

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant.

Henry Mount Captain E.E.
District Engineer Bangalore

No 677 P. R. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Read the following

From

The St. Engineer
Bangalore } (H. E. No 911 of 21 Jan 1873)

Forwarded for con-
sideration in the Military
Department whether

I would wish to have
these papers referred to
me in the of the Sub. Dist.
The duty herein complained
of has invariably been
performed in the P. R. D.

Signature

in the case of Bangalore
the duties provided for
in G.O. No. 6 dated 4th
January 1871, could not
be performed by the
Barrack Master.

I would stop here. & not
pass any opinion until we
have received the views
of H.E. Mr. P. in Chief.
The letter states the can.

Signature

The imperative ne-
cessity for relieving the
Engineers Officers in
Executive

Executive charge of the
Bangalore cantonment
as far as possible of
routine and office work.
has been prominently
illustrated of late, and
His Excellency the Governor
in Council trusts that
the suggestion put for-
ward will commend it-
self to the judgement
of His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief

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G.M.V. O.S.

To The Mil^y Dept^t
" St. Eugene Bangalore

No 48-49. Dep^d 5/8/73.
R.C. 115 July/73 R. 14.
C. 5. July/73 R. 10.

Executive charge of the

O/p 454 ★

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Military Dept

Notes

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G. O. 3rd class 677-

Nov. 1873

Quarters. Letter from the
Lt. Col. Bangalore,
requesting that the duties
laid down
in G. O. 6,
of 1871 for the provision
of quarters for Military
Officers, &c. may be
transferred to the
Barrack Master,
responsible to the Military Secy.
with remarks.

C. S. July 17/73