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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1874.*

No. 323. Read the following Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 17th August 1874, No. 1,422 M.W.:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Buildings and Roads—Military,) dated Fort William, 26th May 1874, No. 840-52 B.M.

Provision of funds for maintenance and conservancy of cholera and other encamping grounds.

Read again:—

Public Works Department Proceedings December 1871, Part B, No. 49.

"	"	"	February 1873,	"	A, Nos. 44—6.
"	"	"	May	"	B, " 97—9.
"	"	"	June	"	B, " 34—7.
"	"	"	July	"	A, " 14—15.

Read also:—

Letter from Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, No. 436, dated 20th February 1872.

To Military Department, No. 378 B—M, dated 14th March 1872.

From Military Department, Nos. 171 and 792, respectively, 2nd April 1872 and 23rd June 1873.

From Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 2,555, dated 22nd May 1873.

To Financial Department, No. 1,037 B—M, dated 23rd June 1873.

From Financial Department, No. 1,866, dated 25th July 1873.

From Military Department, No. 853, dated 29th July 1873.

From Inspector-General of Military Works, No. 4,661, dated 6th August 1873.

RESOLUTION.— The Governor-General in Council observes that two points are involved in the correspondence noted above, viz., one, the general question whether the provision of encamping grounds should be transferred to the Military Works Branch from the Local Governments concerned, and the other, what the funds are from which provision should be made for these grounds at certain specific stations. With this general question another question also arises, viz., whether the necessary funds for the purpose should be provided from the Military Works grant or from the Provincial grant.

2. First, as regards the general question.

On this point the Inspector-General of Military Works in his letter No. 2,185, dated 1st May 1873, furnished correspondence relating to certain charges for the conservancy, repairs, and maintenance of cholera encamping grounds, and suggested that the care of these grounds might most conveniently be undertaken and controlled by the Road Officers of the Local Government, as was ordered to be done in the case of other encamping grounds.

In reply, the Inspector-General was authorized to pay the charges in question, and asked to indicate the site of the several cholera camps.

This he has now done. It appears that there is one in the Barrackpore Division at Kanchrapara, another in the Lucknow Division, one in the Morar Division, and one in the Meean Meer Division.

The exact locality is not indicated, and it cannot be told whether they are on lines of road under charge of Road Officers, or in out-of-the-way places difficult of access to either Provincial or Military Works Officers.

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It appears to the Governor-General in Council that the necessities of the case will be sufficiently met by ruling that the maintenance of the wells and encamping grounds should be taken charge of by the Local Government or the Inspector-General of Military Works as may be most convenient in *each case*. If taken charge of by a Local Government, it may be left to it to place the grounds either under charge of the Civil Officer of the District or the Road Officer. And as regards funds the charge may be provided for by Local Governments or the Inspector-General from the Military Works grant, the charge being clearly a Military one.

3. Next, as regards particular cases.

In his letter No. 2,555, dated 22nd May 1873, the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces asks that the cholera encamping ground at Saugor may be transferred to the charge of the Military Works Branch.

It seems clear that the charge for the maintenance of these encamping grounds should be borne by the Military Works grant, and the maintenance undertaken by that Branch whenever its establishment can be conveniently and economically employed thereon, but the aid of Provincial establishments should be called in whenever those of the Military Works Branch are too far removed from the grounds.

The Inspector-General of Military Works should arrange with the Chief Engineer of the Central Provinces as to which Branch should most conveniently take charge of the Saugor grounds.

4. The next case relates to the provision of encamping grounds, not cholera, but line of march encamping grounds, on the Prome and Pegu Roads.

The work is in progress, and the Military Department have expressed an opinion that the work is necessary, but remark that it is presumed that the charge will be a Public Works one. The work to be done consists of clearing jungle, providing wells, and levelling the ground, the cost being Rupees 10,000.

The work is being undertaken by the Public Works Department, so that the charge is properly Public Works, and being required for Military purposes, is an Imperial Military Public Works charge.

5. The last case relates to the land required for the encamping grounds in the district of Dehra Doon.

By Public Works Department Standing Order No. 9 of 1870, which was issued with the approval of the Military Department, it was ruled that the charges for land will be debited to the Public Works Budget only in cases where the building constructed on the land is so debitable. "In other cases" the rule says "that the cost of the land is debitable to the department for which the land is provided." Thus "charges for land required by Military authorities for a Military Cantonment, or for parade-grounds, ranges, and the like, would fall on the estimates of the Military Department."

The Military Department have accepted the charge as a Military one and the Inspector-General of Military Works should be informed accordingly.

6. On the whole, the conclusions arrived at by the Government of India may be thus summarized.

The land required will be paid for out of the Military estimates.

The other charges, such as wells, clearing ground, etc., would be paid for out of the Public Works estimates under the head "Military."

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And the whole case of the grounds would be taken charge of by the Local Government, or the Inspector-General of Military Works, as may be decided upon in each case.

But if in any case charges for encamping grounds on lines of road have been treated as a portion of the repairs of the road, and debited to the "Other Service" or Provincial grant, the charge is to remain so debited.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Local

The Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab. Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information and guidance.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad. Also, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Military and Financial Departments for information.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
The Inspector-General, Military Works.

(Signed) W. A. CROMMELIN, Colonel, R.E.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(By Order.)
(Signed) W. A. CROMMELIN, Colonel, R.E.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1874, No. 2,925.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers and to the Military Department for information and guidance.

2. The maintenance of all camping grounds, wells, etc., will in future rest with Public Works Officers, and the rules now laid down for debiting charges incurred in respect to land, wells, clearing ground, etc., will be strictly observed. Encamping grounds have in no instance been treated as portions of road; and consequently their maintenance is in no instance chargeable to Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
,, Military Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following
From The Govt of India
Sd/- (F.B. No 842-52-
B. No.
dated 26 May 1894)

~~In the reference~~
From these proceedings it
would appear that in
~~the Madras Presidency~~
the maintenance of the
Cholera Camps and
hells ^{shall} rect. with the
S. & O. Officers, the charges
being defrayed from
the Military Works grant.
There is no distinction
between Military Works
and Provincial Establish-
ments, and that the
staining

provision and main-

tenance of encamping grounds on lines

of march, rest, also with B. H. Officers; the

changes necessary being

debitable to the B. H. Budget. But that the

cost of all land re-

quired for Cantonnements,

Parade grounds, Camps,

Range &c. is chargeable

to the military Budget.

Encamping grounds

have in no instance been treated as portions of road; and consequently their maintenance is in no instance charge-

able to the Officers concerned and direct B. H. Officers to take charge of all Campy grounds &c. and when the rule laid down in debity charges incurred respect

Lord Raik

I think that if any order is required in the matter it should be separate. I will deal with the Gov. of S. R. R. & the paper 49

I am to this. If instructions be sent at Poodoospett, referred to in R. O. No. 854 of 28th March 1874. And the District Engineers will in future exclude from their estimates for Range all charges for Land, arrangements for taking up which should be made in good time by the military authorities of

With reference to the above, the military department will be requested to provide the funds required for the new lines at Poodoospett, referred to in R. O. No. 854 of 28th March 1874. And the District Engineers will in future exclude from their estimates for Range all charges for Land, arrangements for taking up which should be made in good time by the military authorities of

of the Stations where
they are required.

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Proceedings of the Land Revenue Board

Read the following:

From the Govt. of India - (H. E. No. 840-52 P.W.
of 26th May 1905)
29.2.05

Communicated to
District Engineers and
to the Military Department
for information and
guidance.

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[Signature]

Note reference to Mr. Robinson
concerning the objection
that this question of the
is a very difficult one. It has
been discussed by the
Govt. but the
site has been tentatively
selected as the site appears
to be the best objection. It is
crying demand to keep the
height of the land as before
the change has been delayed
for about 15 years by discussion
on the question of the
site. We cannot delay

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wells &c. will in
future rest with
Public Works officers,
and the rules now laid
down for debiting charges
incurred in respect
to land, wells, clearing
ground,

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 been treated as portions
 of road; and consequently
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 is in no instance
 chargeable to Provin-
 cial Funds.

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any large ~~disturbance~~
~~disturbance~~
 and as long as we have a
 European Regiment at the post,
 I should be inclined to attach
 much importance to the
 recent action - 30/9

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Re Ltr 23-9-74 - P. 1/10/74
 Re Ltr 14-8-74 - P. 1/10/74

I think that this is the
 case: & all members of the
 Staff have passed the Bill in
 cause I understand that
 the question of the occupation
 of this ground is no longer
 open to discussion. I have
 doubted the expediency of bringing
 the matter before the Council
 of the Union - but I have
 done so into the bill
 with a view to the bill
 not of duplicating

Dist. Engineers 19/9
 Controller
 Engr. Genl. Wynne
 Military Capt
 S. Captn de P. Hall 17/10/74

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To



Dist. Engineers

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G. O. 13 Oct 1874, No: 2925
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Cholera and encamping
grounds Proceeding

of the Gov. of India com-
municating Resolution
regarding the provision of
funds for maintenance
& conservancy of Cholera
& other encamping grounds,
comd to Dist Engrs & to the
Mil. Deptt with certain
remarks

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Recd 14-9-74 - 17/10/74