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DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th December 1876. No. 3,395.*

No. 311. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th December 1876, No. 6,350 :—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 7th December 1876, No. 656.

I HAVE the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward letter as per margin, and with reference to my letter

No. 1,148, 4th December 1876.

No. 589 of 18th November 1876, to request you will inform, if it is the intention of Government that the Sappers and Miners should be employed as escorts to treasure and grain in the famine districts.

From Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, v.c., c.b., R.E., Commandant, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, Fort St. George, dated Bangalore, 4th December 1876, No. 1,148.

I HAVE the honor to report that the B and I Companies were ordered to proceed to the Eastern Coast Canal with only ten rounds of ball ammunition per man in their pouches, as it was thought that they would be scattered as Superintendents of Relief Works in the Nellore District. It would seem however, from reports received from the Officer Commanding I Company, that there is a prospect of the Sappers being employed as escorts to treasure and grain in a famine-stricken district. I would therefore request as a favor, if His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief deem such a measure necessary, that orders may be issued for the despatch to the head-quarters of the B and I Companies of such additional ammunition as may be required from the Grand Arsenal.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(By order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 312. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1876, No. 3,395.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23-B.

It was not intended that the Sappers and Miners detached to Nellore should be employed on general escort duties with treasure and grain. They were sent as skilled labor to help in laying out the East Coast Canal, and in supervising its execution ; and they should be restricted to such employment. This restriction need not however prevent their officers making their own arrangements for the escort and protection of grain and money destined for the use of the Sappers themselves.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Letter from the Adjutant General,
thru' Military Department, No 156 dated
7th December 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

It is not supposed
that the intention was
that Tappers should form
records for treasure and
grains.
The suggestion was
not intended to be
kind of duty (usually)
but I think history
can not be denied
to be a fact that
has a long history
may not be possible
but the question of
the City should be
asked at length.

Amalher Major General
Secretary to Port Board

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It was entirely necessary
intended that the Tappers

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should be employed on such
events, and I must that present
side mine that order to forbid
the practice -

The Sappers were sent as skilled
labour to help in the construction
of the canal and to help superintend
the coolies employed in that work -
To require them to do desert duty
seems a great waste of skilled labour;
and I cannot help thinking that it is
within the power of the Civil Department
to provide Police for such duty.

There might be no harm in allowing the
Sappers to make their own arrangements
for the escort & protection of the grain &
money required for them also - but to
use them generally for this purpose would
be to cause considerable dissatisfaction,
and to take them away from duties which
they alone can efficiently - because of
their previous training - discharge -

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N^o 1148.

Quartermaster's office
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners
Bangalore
4th December 1876.

From Colonel H. R. D. Pendergast. V.C., C.B., R.E.
Commandant, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners

To - The Adjutant General
Fort St. George

Sir. I have the honor to report that the B
and J Companies were ordered to proceed
to the Eastern Coast Canal with only 10 rounds
of ball ammunition per man in their
pouches as it was thought that they would
be scattered as Superintendents of relief
works in the Koller District. It would
seem however from reports received from
the Officer Commanding J Company that
there is a prospect of the Sappers being employed
as escorts to treasure and grain in a famine
stricken district. I would therefore request as
a favour if His Excellency the Commander
in Chief deem such a measure necessary that
orders may be issued for the despatch to the Head
Quarters of the B and J Companies of such
additional ammunition as may be required,
from the Grand Arsenal

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Colonel, R. E.

Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners.

Head Quarters M.D.
Bangalore 5.12.76

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L. Christie
Major General
Bangalore

P.W.D.

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No. 2525

From

The Commandant,

"Queen's Own" Soldiers and Miners

To

Mr. Adjutant General

Fort St. George

No. 1148

Dated 4th December 1876

Received 6th

Subject

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of all circumstances

to 3rd and 4th Divisions

Adjutant General's Office
Fort St. George
7th December 1876
No. 656
From.

Brigadier General R. Stewart
Adjutant General
To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,
I have the honor by order
of the Commander-in-Chief to
forward letter as per margin
No. 1148 and with reference
dated 4th December 1876 to my letter No.
589 of 18th November
1876 to request you will in-
form, if it is the intention of
Government that the soldiers
and miners should be em-
ployed as escorts to treasure
and grain in the Famine
Districts.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt.
R. Stewart
Brigadier General
Adjutant General

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 Proceedings of the Madras Govt
 Under date 13 Dec 76
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 out the East Coast
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 execution; and
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use of the Sappers
themselves -

Y.M.W.
12.12

SC Inspd -
21-12-76

B. V. Mellow ✓

W. J. Beke ✓

MS Inspd - 13-12-76

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To.

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Mr. R. G. S. S. S. S.

Dated

Issued

Recd.

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G. O. 13th Dec 1876, No. 3375

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