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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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15th May 1877, No. 79 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 153. From the District Engineer, Malabar, dated 11th April 1877, No. 6.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 79 W.

THE Government accept Colonel Kennedy's assurance that he had no intention to adopt an objectionable tone in the correspondence remarked on by Government in G.O., 20th March 1877, No. 980.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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General. Matar District Engineer's Office
No. 6 Calicut 11th April 1877

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of the two Native Corps were incapable of holding the full allotment of ammunition and did not fulfil the conditions of a Circular from Quarter Master General prohibiting storage of certain ammunition in same compartment with gunpowder.

24th January 1876 - Brigade Major writes to Lt. Dobson calling for approximate estimate to construct a new Magazine for 25th Native Infantry and for converting the existing one in such manner as to suit the recommendations of the Committee above named.

N.B. It must be borne in mind that the Magazines of the 2 Regiments then existing were under one roof divided by a wall into two compartments.

17th March. Brigade Major sends docket from Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry No. 114 dated 11th March which explains that the order does not apply to Regimental Magazines for Corps armed with Sniders for which one room will suffice.

27th March. Lt. Dobson addresses District Engineer and states that

the above ruling being at variance with the Proceedings of the Committee and Circular of Quarter Master General he wishes reference to Chief Engineer. 30th March. District Engineer accordingly addresses Chief Engineer - quotes Quarter Master General's Circular and Proceedings of Committee, but does not mention docket of Assistant Adjutant General of Musketry - and asks permission to submit Plans not in accordance with Standard.

3rd April. Chief Engineer gives permission.

13th April. District Engineer addresses Range Officer points out work is one of Improvement rather than repair.

17th April. Range Officer remarks that as the wall of the Magazine is bulged he considers an Estimate for pulling it down and rebuilding it is strictly a repair and expresses opinion that work should be carried out before Monsoon.

22nd April. District Engineer addresses Chief Engineer reports work to be emergent and that he has ordered it.

it to be carried out in anticipation of sanction - submits estimate for Rs. 525 which does not appear to contemplate any alteration such as suggested in letter of 24th January 1876 from Brigade Major to Range Officer.

28th April. Lt. Dobson writes he cannot complete the work and asks to be left in abeyance till after Monsoon.

3rd May. District Engineer forwards Brigade Major estimate for Rs 560

N.B. The foregoing all took place before I took charge of District.

21st June - G.O. No 3065 sanctions above estimate.

N.B. No copy of this was forwarded to District Engineer.

13th July. Chief Engineer sends Memo. - mandum calling for Plan to explain estimate of 28th April, 3rd May.

22nd July. District Engineer replies that as Lt. Dobson reported he was unable to complete the work before Monsoon it was left in abeyance and that subsequently he has been requested by the Military Authority

to prepare plans and estimates

in accordance with recommendation of Committee of 5th November 1876 - and under the circumstances asks that the Plans called for may be dispensed with - imagining that the Plan asked is the one for the repair work - N.B. Particular notice is requested to the fact that no mention is made in the Deputy Chief Engineer's Memo. of G.O. No 3065 of 21st June and that my reply is written in ignorance of its existence or of any estimate having been sanctioned.

11th October. Range Officer reports wall of Magazine getting into very bad condition and requests permission to proceed with the work.

25th October. District Engineer addresses Brigadier Major asking return of estimate for Rupees 560. and finds that they were sent to Quarter Master General on 24th May and approved as per Proceedings of Government No 3065 dated 21st June. Copy forwarded for perusal.

N.B. This is the first intimation the District Engineer receives of the above order, and the copy in his possession makes no mention of any note by His Grace the Governor, the purport of which

which is still unknown to me.

31st October. District Engineer addresses Chief Engineer asking for Plan and Estimate sanctioned in G. O. No. 3065 dated 21st June 1876, stating that he had received no intimation of latter asking for funds to be allotted.

N.B. Asking for a Plan was a clerical error, as being a work of simple repair, no plan had been thought necessary, and specification should have been asked for.

7th November. Deputy Chief Engineer replies, saying no Plan had been received, and directing District Engineer's attention to certain Memos, Orders, and Correspondence. Among the latter a letter from District Engineer written in ignorance of the estimate for Rs 560 having been sanctioned. Among others G. O. No. 94 of 11th April was particularised.

1st December. In compliance with reference to G. O. No. 94 of 11th April 1876, to which attention was directed in above Memo of Deputy Chief Engineer, Plan and Estimate having been submitted to Brigadier General

Commanding Cannanore, the latter's reply was transmitted to Chief Engineer 6th December. District Engineer forwards to Chief Engineer the Plan and Estimate made for dismantling and rebuilding the Magazine Wall sanctioned in G. O. No. 3065 dated 21st June 1876, again mentioning that the Plan of altering the Magazine had been abandoned.

5th December. Deputy Chief Engineer addresses Memorandum No. 1370 (not included in list which precedes G. O. No. 980 of 20th March 1877) to which reference is requested; in it, Plan and Estimate of the repair required was called for, a requisition which had been complied with prior to receipt of this Memorandum.

30th January 1877. Deputy Chief Engineer addresses District Engineer Memorandum No. 1370 (not included in list above mentioned) reminding latter of the Memo of 5th December 1876. 7th February 1877. District Engineer answers that the Memorandum was replied to on 6th December, and forwards copy.

copy of letter of that date.
12th February. Deputy Chief Engineer
addresses District Engineer saying
the latter's reply was only partial.
N.B. It appeared to the District
Engineer that it having been decided
that the work of converting the exist-
ing Magazine and building a
second one having been abandoned,
as stated in his letter to Chief
Engineer of 16th December, no further
allusion to that subject would
be necessary; he forwarded in the
same letter a Plan and Specification
to accompany the estimate for
Repairs &c for the dismantling
and rebuilding the wall of the
Magazine, and thereby complied
with the requisition of the Memo
of 13th July 1876 alluded to in the
Deputy Chief Engineer's Memoran-
dum of 15th December 1876; the only
omission that appears to me to have
been made is, that I did not say
whether the work had been com-
pleted, or not; as a matter of fact,
it was not completed until some
time

time in December, nor reported as such
till following month when the monthly
report of Progress was received in my
Office.
18th February. District Engineer addresses
Chief Engineer and gives categorical
answers to the various points raised
in Memorandum No. 1378 dated 5th
December.
2. Now as regards want of clearness
on my part, after the above has been
well considered, I submit that the
whole mystification arose from the
non-recipt by me of the G.O. No. 3085
dated 21st June 1876, an omission pointed
out by me as soon as discovered, viz,
in my letter to Chief Engineer dated
31st October 1876, and that so far as
I am concerned any confusion in the
correspondence prior to that date,
may fairly be attributed to that;
but with reference to the animad-
version of the tone of the correspondence,
I trust I shall not be considered
to be guilty of any disrespect in
asking wherein I have so offended.
The whole of the letter appears to me
to

to be most formal description, without
any opportunity for showing any kind
of feeling, unless it be that the last
on the list offends, by its replies being
short and positive, but by the omission
from the list of correspondence of the
Memorandum to which it is a
reply, and which I had been on
the 12th February informed that it
was only a partial one, I infer
that His Grace the Governor did
not see that Memorandum. I had
shown that all idea of alteration
or building extra Magazine accom-
modation had been abandoned, and
consequently I concluded that no
further information could be wanted
which contemplated such work.
And therefore unless specific ques-
tions were put to me, I could form
no idea what information was
required, except on the point replied
to in para 3 of the letter now alluded
to. In the Deputy Engineer's Memo
I was asked why the work was con-
sidered urgent, to which there
was no other answer than the

condition

condition of things which I imagined
must have influenced my predecessor
in so reporting it. I was also asked
how it was it had been deferred
so long, and yet stood intact; to that
I could also only refer to previous
correspondence in course of which
it had been stated that the Range
Officer found himself unable to com-
plete the work before the Monsoon,
and therefore of necessity had to
leave the wall to take its chance;
I might have said as he could
with such propping up as he could
give it, and I would beg here to
notice that both the Chief and
Deputy Chief Engineers had too
intimate a knowledge of the climate
of the West Coast, and the impossi-
bility of building operations during
the Monsoon, for me to think it ne-
cessary to say a word on that point.
When it is remembered that animad-
version of the nature I respectfully seek
to have removed, are lasting records,
copies of which have to be distri-
buted to all the Ranges in the
District, I trust His Grace the Governor
will

will excuse my sensitiveness to such
rebuff, and on reconsideration
of the case withdraw the disappro-
val that has been expressed
of a tone which I do not feel
conscious of having used, and
am quite certain of not having
expressed purposely.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Kennedy Esq^r

District Engineer, Malabar

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Military Department 21st June 1876.

Barracks & Buildings. Ordnance

Read the following letter.

N^o 328. From Brigadier-General. A
Howlett, C. B. Quartermaster-General
to Colonel J. Michael C. S. I. Secretary
to Government, Military Department,
dated Head Quarters, Cochin
5th June 1876, N^o 76.

The Commander-in-Chief hav-
ing approved the Estimate marginally
amounting to Rs 560 for dismantling and rebuilding a wall of the
magazines of the 9th & 26th Regiments
Native Infantry at Cannanore. His Excellency to submit
them for the consideration
of Government and orders of Government.
The renewal of the wall is considered a work of an emergent nature. If approved by Govern-
ment, it is requested that
the papers may be forwarded
to the Department Public
Works for disposal.

N^o 329. Order thereon, 21st June 1876 N^o 3065.

Approved

(True Extract)

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

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General

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The Chief Engineer
P. W. Madras.

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Dated 11th April 1877.
Recd.

20 March 77 No 980

Solicits a reconsideration of
the remarks made in Lj. O.
N^o 980 of 20th March/77 on the want
of cleanliness and the loss of corres-
pondence regarding the Magazine
for the Native Infantry Regiment
at Cannanore -

Lj. O. 15th May/77 IB No. 153

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following:—

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Letter from the Dist Engineer (H.E. No 6. of 11th April 1877)
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assurance that he had no intention
of adopting objectionally to the
consolidation of the Govt. in
J. O. 20 March 77 N^o 980
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*Letter from the Dist Engineer
Malabar
to the Public Works Department*

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D. E. Malabar

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. P. M. Calahao

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 15th May 1877, No.

Nos. 153-154

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to Native Infantry barracks
at Cannanore (ad. to Govt.
1877 (10980). accepted

Govt. no reply