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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th October 1877, No. 925 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 81. From Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Fort St. George, 8th September 1877, No. 3,202.

1 Site plan.
1 Original letter from Commissary-General, No. 4,592, dated 8th September 1877.
1 Original letter from the Assistant Commissary-General, No. 5,604, dated 7th September 1877.

I have the honor to submit papers in original as per margin together with a site plan showing the ground which is to be taken up from the Commissariat Department for the new shed for the Stationery Office sanctioned in G.O., No. 564 W, dated 8th August 1877, and to request your early orders on the subject.

2. I have ordered the wall in question to be allowed to remain and am proceeding only with the collection of materials pending your instructions.

No. 81-A. From the same Officer, dated Fort St. George, 20th September 1877, No. 3,416.

With reference to your memorandum No. 2,674 of 12th September 1877, I have the honor to report that it appears to me to be unnecessary to make any arrangements for accommodating mules and trollies, in consequence of the construction of the proposed Stationery Store shed. The space which would be taken up for the shed is open and sufficient would be still left for the trollies and mules. I have personally ascertained on the ground that trollies can be parked and turned freely on the reduced space. If, however, the Commissariat Department require additional stabling, it could be provided close by, by erecting a temporary shed at the northern side of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office, where a Department Public Works Store shed lately dismantled stood. Unless, however, the number of mules and trollies is to be increased, I do not see any necessity for providing the additional accommodation I have suggested.

No. 2,841.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Commissary-General for any remarks he may wish to offer.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

22nd September 1877.

No. 81-B. From Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd October 1877, No. 5,305.

No. 2,841, dated 22nd September 1877.

With reference to your memorandum forwarding for any remarks I may wish to offer the copy of a letter from the District Engineer, I have the honor to forward for your information a letter from the Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, regarding the space which would be left if the proposed store godowns were built on the ground belonging to the mule sheds.

2. I have seen the spot myself and am of opinion that, if so much of the ground as was shown to me is taken off the lines, there would not be room for the trollies to move out and in freely and without risk of accidents; and to prevent inconvenience to all departments depending upon Commissariat carriage, I would beg that matters may be left as at present, until proper lines have been provided for the cattle and mules belonging to the Commissariat Department.

From Colonel G. BARDIN, Assistant Commissary-General, to Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary-General, Madras, dated 2nd October 1877, No. 6,428.

On receiving copy of District Engineer's letter No. 3,416, dated 20th September 1877, with your endorsement No. 5,039, dated 24th September 1877, which is herewith returned, I requested Major Thompson to favor me with the exact width and length of the piece of ground proposed to be taken from the mule lines for the store godown, and that officer was good enough to send the Supervisor to meet me at the mule lines.

2. The ground was measured by him and the boundary marked out with a rope, and it was ascertained by actual trial that there was not sufficient space to turn a trolly in without a collision, although the other trollies were parked or rather packed much closer than would be either safe or practicable in every day work in order to leave as much turning space as possible for the remaining trolly.

3. It must be remembered that what is absolutely necessary is not merely space to park the trollies as a reserve rarely moved; they are constantly moving in and out, and frequently sent in laden over night to be taken out at the first streak of daylight for St. Thomas' Mount, &c.

4. It would therefore be perfectly impossible to work the trollies within the remaining space if this ground be taken up, and on this point the Supervisor was thoroughly convinced.

5. The only way it could be managed would be for the District Engineer to erect a shed for sixteen mules on the site he mentions in his letter; the shed must be completely closed in and archways opened at intervals in the present wall, so that the only access to this shed should be through the mule stables on the south side of the mule lines. Otherwise neither mules nor gear would be safe; some of the trollies could then be kept in the present centre stable and thus leave more room for movement in the yard.

6. This, however, would be both an inconvenient and very expensive makeshift; I would therefore request that the building of the store godown be deferred till such time as funds are available, and lines for bullocks and mules can be erected by the Public Works Department on the site referred to in Order of Madras Government, No. 1,620, dated 19th March 1877, when the mules and trollies would be moved there, and the present lines available for building purposes. Meanwhile a store room could be hired in the neighbourhood for the Stamp Office.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1877, No. 925 W.

Under the circumstances represented by the officers of the Commissariat Department, the erection of the covered shed in connection with the Stationery Office must be suspended till suitable accommodation is provided for mules, &c.

2. It is observed that the Superintendent of Stationery has been authorized to rent godowns for present storage purposes.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Financial Department, with copy of remark by the Hon. W. Hudleston.
„ District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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8 SEP 77

No. 4592

Commissary General's Office,
Madras, 8th Septr. 1877.

From
The Cmmissary General,

To
The District Engineer
Presidency

Sir,

No. 5664
to be returned

In forwarding the accompanying letter dated 7th September 1877 from the Executive Commissariat Officer Madras I have the honor under the circumstances therein stated, to request you will be good enough to order the removal of the wall between the Mule-lines and Stamp Office, to be held in abeyance until stabling and accommodation for the Mules and Trollies are provided elsewhere.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. St.

J. Loudon Colonel

Commissary General.

2. I have seen the spot myself and am of opinion that, if so much of the ground as was shown to me is taken off the lines, there would not be room for the trollies to move out and in freely and without risk of accidents; and to prevent inconvenience to all departments depending upon Commissariat carriage, I would beg that matters may be left as at present, until proper lines have been provided for the cattle and mules belonging to the Commissariat Department.

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2. The ground was measured by him and the boundary marked out with a rope, and it was ascertained by actual trial that there was not sufficient space to turn a trolly in without a collision, although the other trollies were parked or rather packed much closer than would be either safe or practicable in every day work in order to leave as much turning space as possible for the remaining trolly.

3. It must be remembered that what is absolutely necessary is not merely space to park the trollies as a reserve rarely moved; they are constantly moving in and out, and frequently sent in laden over night to be taken out at the first streak of daylight for St. Thomas' Mount, &c.

4. It would therefore be perfectly impossible to work the trollies within the remaining space if this ground be taken up, and on this point the Supervisor was thoroughly convinced.

5. The only way it could be managed would be for the District Engineer to erect a shed for sixteen mules on the site he mentions in his letter; the shed must be completely closed in and archways opened at intervals in the present wall, so that the only access to this shed should be through the mule stables on the south side of the mule lines. Otherwise neither mules nor gear would be safe; some of the trollies could then be kept in the present centre stable and thus leave more room for movement in the yard.

6. This, however, would be both an inconvenient and very expensive makeshift; I would therefore request that the building of the store godown be deferred till such time as funds are available, and lines for bullocks and mules can be erected by the Public Works Department on the site referred to in Order of Madras Government, No. 1,620, dated 19th March 1877, when the mules and trollies would be moved there, and the present lines available for building purposes. Meanwhile a store room could be hired in the neighbourhood for the Stamp Office.

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UNDER the circumstances represented by the officers of the Commissariat Department, the erection of the covered shed in connection with the Stationery Office must be suspended till suitable accommodation is provided for mules, &c.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
" Financial Department, with copy of remark by the Hon. W. Hudleston.
" District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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8 SEP 77

No. 4592

COMMISSARY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Madras, 8th Septr. 1877.

From
The Cmmissary General,

To
The District Engineer
Presidency

Sir,

No. 5664
to be returned

In forwarding the accompanying letter dated 7th September 1877 from the Executive Commissariat Officer Madras I have the honor under the circumstances therein stated, to request you will be good enough to order the removal of the wall between the Mule-lines and Stamp Office, to be held in abeyance until stabling and accommodation for the Mules and Trollies are provided elsewhere.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. St.

J. Loudon Colonel
Commissary General

Diary No.

186 .

From Commissary General,

Madras,

To The District Engineer
Presidency

Letter No. 4594.

Dated } 8 Septr 77.
Received

Enclosures 1

Requests to order the removal of the wall between the Mule-lines & Stamp Office, to be held in abeyance under reasons stated.

No 2674 / 12 Septr /77

Memorandum.

Letter from the District Engineer Presidency No 3202 dated 8 Septr 1877

The District Engineer Presidency will report what arrangements he proposes making for the accomodation of the Mules and Trollies of the Commissariat Department which must apparently be removed elsewhere, if the Stationery Store Shed is to be built. An early reply should be returned.

Sd/ E. A. Foord Colonel RE
Chief Engineer P W D

To
The District Engineer Presidency.

Emergent No 5604

8 SEP 77

Ex Comt Office
Madras 7 Septr /77

From
The Asst Commissary General
Madras
To
The Commissary General
Madras

Sir

On visiting the Mule Lines this morning Comt Sergeant Carey in charge reported to me that yesterday evening an overseer of the D. P. W. had entered the lines and taken some measurements informing him that he had been ordered to remove the boundary wall between the Mule Lines & Stamp Office further South only leaving sufficient space for the entrance gate to be put up between the wall & the Godown skirting the Beach road in order that a Godown may be built for the Stamp office. I subsequently ascertained from the District Engineer Major Ross Thompson that the Overseer's Statement is Correct Rs 6000 have been Sanctioned for the work and he has been instructed to begin at once.

As the piece of Ground which it is proposed to cut off from the Mule lines is the only place available for keeping the Mule Trollies and sufficient width & length will not be left either for keeping the Trollies or even for taking

them

them in and out of the lines with safety I have the honor to request that application be at once made to suspend the proposed work until the Engineer department can provide stabling & accommodation for the Mules & Trollies elsewhere when the present lines can be vacated & made available for other buildings -

Should the ground in question be taken from us before the removal of the mule lines I do not see what arrangement can be made either for keeping or working the Trollies the work is heavy & incessant and employment of hired carriage would be very expensive and even if another secure place could be found for keeping the Trollies apart from the mule lines, it would be impossible to meet the frequent & urgent requisitions for carriage which come in from all sides and great inconvenience would be experienced not only by this dept. but by every department in the presidency which looks to the Commissariat for carriage

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servt

Colonel
Asst Comy Genl

No 3202.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency

To,

The Chief Engineer
Buildings & Roads

Sir,

Enclo:
1. Siteplan.
1. Original letter from Comsy Genl No 15920 d/ 8 Sept 77
1. Original letter from the Asstt Commy General No. 5604 d/ 7 Sept. 77

I have the honor to submit papers in original as per margin together with a site plan showing the ground which is to be taken up from the Commissariat Depot for the New Shed for the Stationery Office sanctioned in G.O. No 564 W d/ 8 Augt. 1877 and to request your early orders on the subject.

2. I have ordered the wall in question to be allowed to remain and am proceeding only with the collection of materials pending your instructions.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.
W. Thompson Maj. RE
District Engineer
Presidency

Ft St Geo
8th Sept. 77
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Regd No 1294

Requests that application be at once made to suspend the proposed work until the Engineer Dept can provide stabling & accommodation for the mules & Trollies elsewhere

From
The Ex Comst Officer
Madras
Letter No 5604
Dated } 7 Septr/77
Recd }

With Letter to the Dist Engr Presy No 1582
9 Septr/77

G.O. 8th Octr/77 No 81

G. O. No 564 W of 8 Augt/77
" " " 14 W of 4 Septr — mis

Building & Roads

From

The District Engineer
Presidency

No. 3202.
Dated 8th Septr 1877.

No. of Enclosures, 3

C. E. No 2674 of 12 Sep/77
Place given to Librarian

Shed for Stamp Office —

Forwards correspondence from Comst Deptt who object to the ground belonging to them being taken up for constructing — &c

G.O. 8 Octr/77 No 81

Fort St George
No. 3416
20th September 1877

From
The District Engineer
Presidency

To
The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Sir

With reference to your Memo No. 2674 of September 12th 1877, I have the honor to report that it appears to me to be unnecessary to make any arrangements for accommodating mules and trollies, in consequence of the construction of the proposed Stationery Store shed. The space which would be taken up for the shed is open and sufficient would be still left for the trollies and mules. I have personally ascertained on the ground that trollies can be parked and turned freely on the reduced space. If however

however the Commissariat Department require additional stabling it could be provided close by, by erecting a temporary shed at the northern side of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office where a D.P.W. Store shed lately dismantled stood. Unless however the number of mules and trollies is to be increased I do not see any necessity for providing the additional accommodation I have suggested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.

Wm Thompson Major R.E.

District Engineer
Presidency

Copy of the above forwarded to the Commissariat Dept for any remarks he may wish to offer

Copy of the above forwarded to the Commissary General for any remarks he may wish to offer.

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No 81a

C.E.O. 2674 D/12-9-77

Roads & Buildings

No.

From

The District Engineer
Presidency,

To

The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

No 3416

Encl. —

Dated 20th } September
Recd " } 1877

Commissariat Mules & Trollies.

Explains that it is not necessary to make arrangements for accommodating the — as the space for the Stationery shed would be sufficient to be still left for the mules

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No 1428

Executive Comt. Office

Madras. 2nd October 1877.

From

The Assistant Commissary General
Madras

To

The Commissary General
Madras.

Sir,

On receiving copy of District Engineer's letter No. 3416 D/20th Septr. 1877 with your endorsement No. 5039 D/24th Sept/77 which is herewith returned, I requested Major Thomson to favor me with the exact width and length of the piece of ground proposed to be taken from the Mule lines for the Store godown and that Officer was good enough to send the Supervisor to meet me at the Mule Lines.

2. The ground was measured by him and the boundary marked out with a rope, and it was ascertained by actual trial that there was not sufficient space to turn a trolly in without a collision although the other trollies were parked or rather packed much closer

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than would be either Safe or practicable in every day work in order to leave as much turning Space as possible for the remaining trolly.

3. It must be remembered that what is absolutely necessary is not ~~[illegible]~~ Merely Space to park the trollies as a reserve rarely moved. They are constantly moving in and out and frequently Sent in laden over night to be taken out at the first Streak of day light for St. Thomas Mount &c.

4. It would therefore be perfectly impossible to work the trollies within the remaining Space if this ground be taken up and on this point the Supervisor was thoroughly convinced.

5. The only way it could be managed would be for the District Engineer to erect a shed for 16 Mules on the Site he mentions in his letter; the shed must be completely closed in and archways opened at intervals in the present wall. So that the only access to this Shed should be through the Mule Stables on the South Side of the Mule lines. otherwise neither Mules nor Gear would be Safe; Some of the trollies could then be kept in the present centre Stable and thus leave more room for movement in the yard.

6. This however would be both an inconvenient and very expensive makeshift.

I would therefore request that the building of the Store godown be deferred till Such time as funds are available, and lines for Bullocks and Mules can be erected by the P. W. Dept. on the Site referred to in O. M. G. No. 1620 D/19 March 1877. when the Mules and Trollies would be moved there and the present lines available for building purposes — Meanwhile a store room could be hired in the neighbourhood for the Stamp Office

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servant

Geo Baxter Colonel
Asst. Commissary General

1877.

Diary No.

Regarding the building of the store godowns may be deferred till funds are available and Lines for Bullocks &c can be erected

From
The Asst. Comy. Genl.
Madras.

Letter No 1428

Dated
Received } 2d October 1877.

With letter to Government 3d October 1877 No 5305.

COMMISSARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Madras, 3d Octr 1877.

No. 5305

From

THE COMMISSARY-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works ~~MILITARY~~ DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE.

No 2841 dated 22d Septr/77

SIR,

With reference to your Memo forwarding for any remarks I may wish to offer the copy of a letter from the District Engineer, I have the honor to forward for your information a letter from the Executive Comt. Officer Madras regarding the space, which would be left if the proposed store Godowns were built on the ground belonging to the Mule sheds.

I have seen the spot myself and am of opinion that, if so much of the ground as was shewn to me is taken off the Lines, there would not be room for the bandies to move out and in freely and without risk of accidents, and to prevent inconvenience to all departments depending upon Commissariat Carriage, I would beg that matters may be left as at present until proper lines have been provided for the Cattle and mules belonging to the Commissariat Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant

J. Loddo Colonel

Commissary General

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Diary No.
187.

From
The Commissary-General,
Madras,

To
The Secy. to Government,
Military Department,
Fort Saint George.

Letter No. 5305

Dated 3rd } Oct. 1877
Recd.

Enclosures.

Requesting that the building of the store godown may be deferred until proper lines have been provided for the Cattle and Mules

No 81 B-

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No 925 W

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th Oct. 77.

Read the following :—

From the District Engr. Presidency H. E. No 3202 d/ 8th Sept. 1877.
From — do — do — — No 3416 d/ 20th — do
From the Commissary General — — No 5305 d/ 3rd Octr 1877

L.H.

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The papers noticed in G.O. No 8 Aug. 77 No. 564. W. have been referred to Fin. & the Mil. D. for the remarks of the Commy Gen. before the Estimate was ordered to be prepared.

Under the circumstances represented by the Officers of the Commissariat Department, the erection of the covered shed in connection with the Stationery Office ~~must~~ ~~cannot~~ be suspended ~~proceeded with~~ till suitable accommodation is provided for Mules, &c.

It is observed that the Superintendent of Stationery has been authorized to rent godowns for present storage purposes.

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Military Department No
Financial Department with copy of remarks by the Hon. L. Huddleston
Distt. Engr. Presidency to

Desp 13-10-77.

Ex. Exd. R.S.

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Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Miltry. Dept.

Dated

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G. O., 8 Octr 1877, No. 9256

Nos. 81-82

Stationery Office, Madras

The erection of the covered shed in connection with the — to be suspended till suitable accommodation is provided for Mules &ca of the Commissariat Dept.

Entd in Regr.
15-10-77