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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th October 1878, No. 3,992 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 172. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th September 1878, No. 5,110.

From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 21st August 1878, No. 857—6,196.

I HAVE the honor, by order, to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, the enclosed letter, No. 3,231, dated 6th instant, from the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, regarding the construction of sheds near the pier at Madras for the shelter of women, children, sick, and baggage during the embarkation and disembarkation of troops and also for the enlargement of the present enclosure there.

2. The want of proper shelter during embarkations and disembarkations has often, in the past, led to great discomfort and the injury of baggage. It is, moreover, very desirable that a distinct and railed-off portion of the beach should be provided, where, when required, Military embarkations and disembarkations can be carried out without interfering with the general traffic on the beach, or being interfered with by it.

3. The heavy baggage of large bodies of troops will, whenever practicable, be sent from and to the pier. The small shed for baggage is for what is taken in the boat with troops, and for all the baggage of small parties landing or embarking.

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5. If Government approve and sanction it, I am directed to request that the enclosures may be transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

From Major A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Fort St. George, 6th August 1878, No. 3,231.

With reference to letter, No. 33, of the 15th February 1878, from the Officer Commanding the Centre District to your address, and your reply thereto, No. 1,347, of the 25th idem, I have the honor, by order, to report as follows.

2. On reference being made to the Master Attendant, he immediately informed Major-General Raikes privately that the enclosure marked by the letters F in the accompanying plan, belonging to the Marine Department, was at his service for the embarkation and disembarkation of troops, that the question of sheds was under consideration, and that an official answer would be forwarded in due course.

3. Accordingly the embarkation of the European drafts for Burma, 228 strong, on the 6th March, and that of the 33rd Regiment N. I., on the 9th April 1878, were conducted on the portion of that enclosure south of the pier.

4. In both instances the space within the paling F was preserved entirely free from intruders, and the embarkation of the European drafts was carried out most satisfactorily. That of the 33rd Native Infantry has already been reported to you. The confusion that occurred

was caused by the men quitting their arms in the enclosure, unchecked by the Native officers, and going back through the gate D to their friends in the road beyond. The Police guard at the gate did not attempt to prevent the exodus, and the bugler was unable to sound the recall. Had a movement of this kind been anticipated, it could have been frustrated by a guard posted at the gate.

5. The embarkation of the 33rd Native Infantry proved, however, that the entrance to the enclosure within the paling F was too confined for troops and baggage to be shipped at the same time. The 33rd, for reasons that have been explained, brought down a considerable amount of baggage to be shipped with the men. The consequence was that the space marked I became blocked up with carts, and what with the crowd of relatives, &c., assembled there, the packages were passed into the enclosure with the utmost difficulty.

6. On the 14th June I received the Master Attendant's official opinion upon the question of an embarkation wharf, advocating the use of the enclosure already made by his department, and concurring with Major-General Raikes in the proposition that sheds should be erected for the shelter of women, children, sick men, and baggage.

7. I accordingly placed myself in communication with the District Engineer, who submitted the plan herewith forwarded. This has, however, undergone certain alterations at the instance of the Master Attendant, which have been executed by the private guide attached to this office, and Major Ross Thompson estimates the cost of the project shown in the revised sketch at about Rupees 600.

8. It is proposed that the sheds be roughly yet strongly put together, like the grain store-houses recently erected during the famine, and well thatched with kadjan leaves; that the road C be composed of masonry rubbish, beaten hard, for the use of the carts conveying baggage to the baggage shed; and that the extra piece of beach which the Master Attendant has granted be annexed by throwing up the line of palisading marked E.

9. The Master Attendant does not propose to remove his southern paling; it is, therefore, proposed that the new piece annexed be reserved for the sheds only, and that the Marine enclosure be used for the embarkation of troops and families.

10. The desiderata to be gained by this project may be thus summed up—

- (a) Shelter for the women and children waiting for boats or carts.
- (b) Shelter for the sick who arrive from Burmah during the year.
- (c) Shelter and protection for baggage and Government stores.
- (d) The abolition of sentry work on the exposed beach, as the baggage guard would be under cover of the verandah.
- (e) Enhanced facility in embarking baggage.
- (f) Easy embarkation of troops and families.
- (g) A saving of camp equipage.
- (h) A reduction in the labor entailed upon all concerned in embarkations, and a considerable saving of valuable time.

I await your orders upon this subject, and have, &c.

No. 172-A. From T. E. MARSHALL, Esq., Acting Deputy Master Attendant in charge, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th August 1878, No. 6,551.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, plan and correspondence, noted per margin, regarding the construction of sheds for the accommodation of women and children, sick, and baggage, embarking or disembarking; and for enlarging the present enclosure near the pier.

1. The proposal has the entire concurrence of Captain Taylor, and the advantages to be derived from it are that the troops will be kept entirely free from the hangers-on and idlers, who usually congregate on the beach at the time when embarkations or disembarkations take place.

2. Women and children will be under cover. The sick will also be sheltered from the heat or rain, and baggage will be kept dry in the shed, until a favorable opportunity offers for shipping it.

3. If embarkation is not feasible from the beach, the people will be close to the pier. In the event of troops arriving by South Indian Railway, the train might run right down to the point of embarkation.

5. In the event of rain troops can be formed up in the lower verandah of the High Court, and the verandahs of this office and the Custom House.

6. With these remarks the scheme is submitted for the sanction of Government.

REFERRED with the Master Attendant's letter to the Public Works Department for submission of an estimate and plan of the proposed shed (requested to be returned).

(By order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

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(True Extract.)

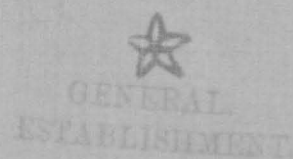
(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL
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Govt. of (1878) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY

Sent October 14/78.

Encl.

Recd.

G. O., 14th October 1878, No. 3294 W.

OCTOBER
Nos. 172-173.

State near the Price for Women and Children
and Fuel and Passage during the Eastern
and Disembarkation of Troops. The District
Engineer, Presidency, requested to submit
an estimate for — and submit for certain
other information.

Warren & Buildings

M. D.

No.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
1878.

Read the following paper:—

From the Quarter Master Genl., No. 857 dated 21 Aug 78
" Master Attendant, No. 6557 dated 30 Aug 78

Circulate to all Messrs.

Considering the very few
embarkations in a year
should not be used
for the many stiller of
women sick baggage?
not desirable to erect infirmaries
at all if any are
erected — ?

Approved
personally and handed
over to the Public
Works Department
for consideration and
final disposal.

Mr.

I have the suggestion to the
Commander of the High Court
for the purpose of embarking
The Public Works Deptt
" Q. Master Genl
" Master Attendant.

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disembarking very
expensive also -

I do not understand how
the M. R. has power
to grant exemption
of any portion of the
dock - I think it
unnecessary to do
anything which will
interfere with the
use of the now
limited landing
area - about 1/2 of the
dock is available for the
needs of the Harbour

18/11

What present is
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be made - no where
is thing to allow to
continue as they are -
The old one needed
and I do not construct
and I do not fear the
inflammable character
in the position will be
lecter

The enclosure of
the head is of course
out of the question &
unnecessary
18/11

I think some shelter
for women children &
sick - etc. would be
very much the best
of them all & for
at present. It is true
also should be provided
I don't myself see much
of them & for the
black living & sleeping

appropriated timbering
for the purpose of shipping
standing troops & also
to build disorder. The
M.R. appears to have found
the position permanently
for public use for
& I imagine this ground
will be used to build from
the enclosure - They
should not be permanent
but be erected in this
enclosure - & I think
of temporary nature
heads beyond it & the
south - The old one
is not high & useful
for heavy occasional
purposes & still be left
available for troops
& families. I am
satisfied. L.R. D.

The facts would do all
necessary for troops but - 18/11

Erection of a shed on the
beach for troops when em-
barking or disembarking.

Dy Nos 5160, 5161, and
Dft order.

PT 11/21/78
Resubmitted to
His Grace the Governor,
with reference to the notes
of the Members of Council

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4th Dec 3992

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QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Off. D. Colacamin
21st August 1878.

No. 857
6196

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. O'CONNELL,

Quartermaster-General,

To

COLONEL J. MICHAEL, C.S.I.,

Secretary to Government,

Military Department.

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St. J. Cornhill *Brig. General.*

Quarter Master General.

No 3231.

Major A. Kenney - Herbert
Dy. Asst. Dir. M^{rs} General 6 St.

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Publick Works Department for
a description of an admirable new plan
of the fortification.

Respectfully to the returned,

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Dear my A. friend

To
The Public North Dept.

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To Andy 2-10-78
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Your most Obedt Servant

James A. B. Hale
By Jy. Munster Assistant in charge
Administrative Department

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by 8.06.20

No 599a

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th Sept 78.

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GWT 4.10.78.

S.E. Presidency

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From
No. 5761

The Quarter Master General

Administrative Dept.

to

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

Fort St. George, Madras.

Madras 30th Aug 78

No. 6587

Head 3

Demands for construction

plans and papers for the

erection of a shed on

the barracks for the troops

when bunking or

disembarking.

on 21 Oct 78

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

D. I. Presidency

Dated

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By
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G. O., 14th Oct. 1878, No. 3992-4

Nos. 12 to 13

Sheds near the Pier for Women
and Children & Sick and
baggage during the embarka-
tion and disembarkation
of Troops.

The Drugs Presidency
requested to submit an
estimate for — & calling
for certain other information

Submitted.