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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

26th November 1878, No. 4,512 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 308. Endorsement of the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 19th November 1878, No. 6,104.

From Brigadier-General A. V. FALLS, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Bellary, 6th November 1878, No. 210.

ADVERTING to G.O., 14th August 1878, No. 3,248 W, sanctioning plan and estimate, Rupees 300, for providing new wooden-grated doors, and fixing wooden bars to the windows of the malt liquor godowns of the Commissariat Department at this station, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Executive Commissariat Officer, Bellary, from which it appears that the principal object which it was hoped to effect by the use of iron-barred doors and windows will be completely defeated by the substitution of wooden in place of iron bars.

2. From the second paragraph of letter, No. 1,310, dated 18th June 1878, from the District Engineer, Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, the object of having iron-barred doors and windows appears to have been misunderstood by the Executive Engineer who prepared the designs, and as pointed out by the Executive Commissariat Officer this is not so much "to prevent any attempt on the part of the troops to get at the liquor," a most improbable contingency, but to secure a proper degree of ventilation during the great heat of the hot season at this station; and although iron-barred doors and windows would in the first instance cost some 400 Rupees more than wooden bars, against this has to be set the probable saving to Government in excess wastage of malt liquor which for the year 1877 alone is estimated by the Executive Commissariat Officer to have amounted to the value of Rupees 715, or about one-third more in one year than the difference in cost between iron and wooden bars.

From Major A. F. LAUGHTON, Deputy Assistant Commissary-General, to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, 11th October 1878, No. 1,189.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of Order of Government, No. 3,248 W, of 14th August 1878, forwarded with your docket, No. 1,233, of 6th September, sanctioning the provision of barred doors and windows to the malt liquor godown, but substituting wooden bars for iron bars.

I observe in the correspondence quoted in the Proceedings of Government the following remarks :— "With half an hour's work any thief could take out any one of the gratings fastened as proposed."

It is manifest that any thief could saw through a wooden bar in half a minute. Many of the windows are already provided with wooden bars, but one of these having been removed by a thief in my predecessor's time, and a quantity of malt liquor stolen, it was proved that wooden bars are not a sufficient protection.

The object in having iron bars is to allow of the doors and windows being left open during the nights of the hot season, thereby thoroughly cooling the godowns, and having the batten doors closed during the day to keep out the hot wind.

As there is only one watchman to the large quadrangle, and he has to protect all windows and doors both on the outside and inside of faces of the quadrangle, it is manifest that a thief would have it all his own way.

Practically, therefore, the object of the bars is defeated, and the batten doors and windows will have to be kept closed at night as heretofore for the protection of the stores unless iron bars are provided.

No. 1,657.
8,401

FORWARDED for the consideration and orders of Government. The Acting Commander of the Forces considers it would be advisable to sanction the higher estimate for iron-barred doors and windows for the Commissariat Godowns in the Fort at Bellary.

(By order,)

(Signed)

H. O'CONNELL.

BANGALORE,
15th November 1878.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(By order,)

(Signed)

G. A. ARBUTHNOT, Lt.-Col.,

Ag. Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 309.

ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1878, No. 4,512 W.

UNDER the circumstances now brought to notice, the original plan and estimate of Rupees 652 for the work in question, iron-barred doors and windows being provided, is sanctioned.

2. The case was not properly laid before Government in the first instance. Prevention of theft, not ventilation, was put forward as the object of the work. Much time would have been saved had the Government been clearly told what was the real object.

3. This sanction cancels the sanction in G.O., No. 3,248 W, of the 14th August 1878.

4. This sanction has been registered as Imperial No. 105 B of 1878-79.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 26th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th November 1878, No. 4,512 W.

NOVEMBER

Nos. 308-309.

Commissariat Godowns in the Fort at Bellary.—Sanctions, with remarks, the original plan and estimate for providing iron-barred doors and windows to the —.

N^o 210.

Quartermaster General's Office, Bellary 6th November 1878

W.P./M

From

Brigadier General A. V. Falls.
Commanding Ceded District

To

The Quartermaster General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Adverting to G. O., 14th August 1878, N^o 3,248 W. sanctioning plan and estimate Papers 300, for providing new wooden-grated doors and fixing wooden bars to the windows of the malt liquor Godowns of the Commissariat Department at this Station, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Executive Commissariat Officer Bellary, from which it appears that the principle object which it was hoped to effect by the use of iron barred doors and windows, will be completely defeated by the substitution of wooden, in place of iron bars.

2. From the second para of letter N^o 1310 dated 18th June 1878 from the District Engineer Bellary to the Sec^y to Govt. P. W. Depart. the object of having iron barred doors & windows, appears to have been misunderstood by the Executive Engineer who prepared the design, and as pointed out by the Ex. Commissariat Officer, this is not so much "to prevent any attempt on the part of the troops to get at the liquor," a most improbable contingency, but to secure a proper degree of ventilation during the great heat of the hot season at this Station, and although iron barred doors and windows would in the first instance cost some 1,000 Rupees more than wooden bars, against this has to be set the probable saving to Govt. in excess wastage of Malt liquor which for the year 1877 alone, is estimated by the Executive

Commissioner's Office to have amounted to the value of Rupees 715-0-0, or about $\frac{1}{3}$ more in one year than the difference in cost between iron & wooden bars.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.
W. L. L. Brig^d General
Commanding Ceded Districts.

Forwarded for the
Commissioner's Office
Ceded Districts
To
The Quarter Master General
Fort St. George
No 210
Bellary, 6th November 1878
Forwarded copy of letter No 1189 of the 11th October 1878 from
Br. Genl. Office Bellary, and
point out that the substitution
of wooden bars, as mentioned
by No. 113248 of 11th Aug 78
for the small lighter godowns at
that station will not effect
the object proposed
11th Nov 87/8

To
The Secretary & Post
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No 1189

Commissioner's Office Ceded Districts
Bellary 11th October 1878.
From,
The Executive Comm^r Office
Bellary
To,
The Quarter Master General
Ceded Districts

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Order of Government No 3248 W, of 14th August 1878 forwarded with your Docket No 1233 of 6th September, sanctioning the provision of barred doors and windows to the Malt Liger Godown but substituting wooden bars for iron bars.

I observe in the correspondence quoted in the Proceedings of Government the following paragraph with half an hour's work any thief could take out "any one of the gratings fastened as proposed"

It is manifest that any thief could saw through a wooden bar in half a minute; many of the windows are already provided with wooden bars, but one of these having been removed by a thief in my predecessor's time, and a quantity of Malt Liger stolen, it was proved that wooden bars are not a sufficient protection.

The object in having iron bars is to allow of the doors and windows being left open during the nights of the hot season, thereby thoroughly cooling the Godowns, and having the latter doors closed during the day to keep out the hot wind.

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for the protection of the stores unless iron bars
are provided.

I have ~~you~~ ~~you~~
Rep. St. Loughton Mayor
by asst. Com. General

True Copy

L. H. Eyer Mayor
D. W. Com. General & Co.

P. W. 13043/2

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N^o. 4512 W Public Works Department. 4512/6

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th Nov 1878.

Read the following:—

Endorsement in the Military Dept. on Memo. from the 2^d Master General — (M.C. N^o. 6104 of 19th Nov/78)

Under the circumstances now brought to notice, the original plan and estimate of Rs 652 for the work in question, iron barred doors and windows being provided, is sanctioned.

The case was not properly laid before Govt. in the first instance. Prevention of theft, not ventilation, was put forward as the object of the work. Much time would have

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Former papers

MILITARY (1878) DEPARTMENT.

No.

Memo From

The Accountant to Govt.

For the purpose of the 19th Nov 1878

Memorandum to the P.M. Department.

Dated 15th Nov 1878
Recd. 18th Nov 1878
Registered.

No. 1657
8/11

ENCLOSURE

P. G., No. dated

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

Mr. J. B. C. S. S. S.

Following the necessity, the work is named above & is sanctioned in the Government papers at Bellary.

14. 8. 78. No 32486

Calcutta.

been saved had the Govt.
been clearly told what
was the real object.

This sanction cancels
the sanction in G.O. No. 321874
of the 14th August 1878.

W. 25.11.78

This sanction has been
registered as Imperial No. 10513
of 15.7.79.

Budget Department
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S. E. Secy. Genl.
E. P. H. G. S.
Mily. Dept.
20.7.12.78

Endorsement in the Military Dept.
No. 6104 dated 19th Novr 1878.

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FOR ORDERS, with reference to

His Grace's notes upon
which the previous Or-
der was based.

If cause are not
properly put - they
cannot be properly
decided -

The question was put - E. A. M. D. Col. R.
as to prevention of Secy. to Govt. P. M. D.
Theft - now it is said it
is for ventilation by having
grate doors closed at night - Had this been
better doors closed in day - Had this been
shown at first - much time would have been
21st Novr 78. Saved - sanction on this point
A. S. P. 21/11
J. R. 22/11

FOR ORDERS.

*Before in the
To
Dated
Issued
Recd.*



Obt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS

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G. O. No. 16 hys 1878, No. 4572

Nos. 308 2347

Commissioner at Pondicherry
in the Fort of Bellary
Sanctions with remarks
the original plan & rate
for providing iron barred
doors and windows to
the —