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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st July 1879, No. 1,912 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 123. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th July 1879, No. 1,394.

From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 8th July 1879, No. 2,686.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 3,367 W., dated the 23rd August 1878, I have the honor to enclose copy of two letters received from the Staff Officer, Fort St. George, requesting me to have removed from the yard of this office all the conveyances and horses of the officers attached to this department. This request is made, the Staff Officer states, under the rule prohibiting the "*picketing*" of horses in the Fort, but I would beg to observe that these horses are not "picketed" in the ordinary sense of the word, but remain standing by the conveyances to which they belong.

2. By the above Proceedings two stalls were assigned to me personally in Bandicoot Alley and a coach-house near the Arsenal gate. My conveyance is kept in the coach-house assigned to it, but as Bandicoot Alley is, I am informed, at the other side of the Fort near the North gate, the inconvenience of having my horses at such a distance from my office would be very great in case of sudden illness, or of any necessity for visiting other offices, which not unfrequently occurs. The horses are now kept with the conveyance at the coach-house, and I hope His Grace in Council will, in consideration of the reasons I have given, permit this arrangement to continue.

3. As regards the horses and conveyances of the Deputy and Assistant Accountants-General, they have been kept in the yard of this office during office hours ever since the stables formerly existing were pulled down; and I would respectfully represent that it would be a great hardship to all these officers if they were compelled to send their horses and conveyances outside the Fort during office hours. They are in office as a rule from before 11 A.M. till 5-30 P.M., and if their horses are not allowed to stay in the Fort they will be compelled to send them to their homes, and have them back again, often a distance of six or seven miles. This would in some cases necessitate the maintenance of an additional horse, which to officers on small salaries would be a serious increase of expense, and it would always deprive them of the possibility of going home in case of sickness, or of visiting other offices in case of official necessity. The Officer in charge of the Outside Audits is compelled by his work to be constantly moving about between this office and other offices, and it is essential that his conveyance should remain with him ready for use. I would also beg to observe that the Deputy Accountant-General appears to be more entitled to stable accommodation than many officers to whom it is now assigned. He ranks in the table of precedence next to Lieutenant-Colonels and above all Majors, and he would therefore seem entitled to this privilege in preference to the Captains and Subalterns to whom such accommodation is now granted.

4. I would respectfully observe that as long as this office is located in the Fort the officers of this department are compelled to reside for nearly the whole

day in the Fort in exactly the same manner as Military Officers are, and I therefore ask that in deciding a question of this sort the same consideration may be extended to them. In this case the officers of the Financial Department are not asking for any extra accommodation, but merely that things should be allowed to remain as they are, and as they have been, I am told, for many years.

5. I beg entirely to deny the accuracy of the statements made by the Staff Officer that the horses and conveyances cause any nuisance or annoyance to the inhabitants of neighbouring houses. They remain there only from 11 A.M. till 5-30 P.M., and the yard is thoroughly cleaned out every evening after they are gone. The yard belongs entirely to this office and is not a public place or thoroughfare, and I cannot help thinking that the Staff Officer in demanding that I should remove the conveyances and horses at once without awaiting a reference to Government has exceeded his powers.

6. In conclusion I would respectfully ask His Grace in Council to grant the request made by officers who are obliged to be on duty in this Fort all the year round often under adverse circumstances of health and climate with long hours of labor, and with work which from its sedentary and continuous nature is frequently trying even to those in good health.

From Colonel A. H. COOKE, Officiating Staff Officer and Superintendent of Details, to the Accountant-General, dated Fort St. George, 26th June 1879, No. 843.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that there are generally six horses picketed daily in the small courtyard behind the guard-room attached to your office. This practice being contrary to the Standing Orders of the Garrison, may I request the favor of your issuing orders to the owners of the animals, employed in your department, for the discontinuance of this breach of rule.

From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Officiating Staff Officer and Superintendent of Details, dated Fort St. George, 27th June 1879, No. 2,560.

IN reply to your letter, No. 843, dated the 26th June 1879, I have the honor to remark that the horses to which you object are those belonging to myself and to the Deputy and Assistant Accountants-General, and that it is necessary that they should remain here in the day time as any of us may and often do have to visit other offices during office hours.

2. The horses are not picketed as far as I am aware, but tied to trees or to their carriages. This is done because we have no stables for them, those formerly belonging to this office having been taken away. If you will have the kindness to provide stables for our horses, I will undertake to see that the horses are always kept in the stables and not outside.

3. As the horses are now kept within the boundaries of this office, I imagine that they do not come within the scope of the order which you quote, and which though no doubt of universal application in the Military Department is, I should suppose, hardly intended to be made applicable to a purely civil office like mine.

4. If you still think otherwise, I must ask you to refer the matter to Government, as no change has taken place since I have had charge of this office, and I should object to any change being made except under the direct orders of Government.

5. I may add that by G.O., No. 3,367 W., of 23rd August 1878, it was directed that I should be provided with stables in lieu of those removed, but I am unable to ascertain that any thing has been provided for my use beyond the coach-house in which my brougham is kept. There is apparently no accommodation for the horses.

From Colonel A. H. COOKE, Officiating Staff Officer and Superintendent of Details, to the Accountant-General, dated Fort St. George, 7th July 1879, No. 881.

IN reply to your letter, No. 2,560, dated the 27th ultimo, I have the honor to refer you to Proceedings and Orders of the Madras Government, as per margin, herewith forwarded, the return of which is solicited when done with. The first order exhibits two stalls, viz., Nos. 13 and 17 in Bandicoot Alley as allotted to you, marked Accountant-General, the second order decides that your Assistants are not entitled to stable accommodation, and the third order records the objection of Government to any additional building being permitted in the Fort, particularly extra stables.

First, No. 1,736, dated 28th May 1872.
Second, No. 3,367 W., dated 23rd August 1878.
Third, No. 5,719, dated 28th October 1878.

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2. Government in their Order (quoted in your letter under reply) directed the removal of the stables attached to the Accountant-General's Office on sanitiary grounds, which object is defeated so long as horses and coaches are permitted to remain in the small courtyard daily during office hours, the vehicles affording shelter for nuisances being committed.

3. On perusal of the orders now forwarded, I think you will observe that it would be unnecessary to forward the subject for the consideration of Government.

4. Rules established for the conservancy of the Fort are applicable to all offices, whether Civil or Military, and I therefore request that you will have the goodness to give the necessary instructions for the discontinuance of this evil. Extract of Garrison Order attached.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1879, No. 1,912 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Military Department in which it will be considered whether, by any redistribution of stable accommodation in the Fort, the Accountant-General can be provided with stalls more conveniently situated than those at present allotted to him in Bandicoot Alley.

2. No additional stables can be allowed in the Fort; nor will Government permit horses to be stabled, picketed, or tied up in any way, in places not specially appropriated for the purpose.

3. It is essential on sanitary grounds that the rules relating to the non-picketing of horses should be strictly enforced, and the Staff Officer was fully justified in his demand.

4. With reference to the conclusion of the third paragraph of Mr. Tupp's letter, Government see no reason from departing from the view expressed in the second paragraph of their orders of the 23rd August last.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
" Financial Department.
" Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.

Exd. C. Howarth.
Spare Copies.

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 21st.

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Read. Read.

G. O., 21st July 1879, No. 1,912 W.

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Nos. 123-124.

Stable Accommodation in Fort St. George.

Correspondence Department.

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Send or heading

No. 2686

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
8th July 1879.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

A. Hewett Supp.
Offg. Accountt. General

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Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration & disposal.

E. F. Webster
Offg Chief Secy

Ootacamund
10th July 1879

To the Public Works Department.

Finance (1879) Departt
Accts Genl's Office)

From
The Accountt General
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

No. 2153

Dated 8th July 1879.
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No. 2686

Requesting that the Horses and Conveyances of the Officers of the Financial Department may be allowed to remain in the yard belonging to this Office as heretofore for reasons stated—

With Endorsement

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No. 843.

Staff Office
Fort Saint George
26th June 1879.

From
Colonel A. H. Cooke
Offg Staff Officer & Supdt of Details

To
The Accountant General
Fort Saint George.

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I have &c.
(Signed) A. H. Cooke
Offg Staff Officer & Supdt of Details.

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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
27th June 1879.

From

The Accountant General
to the Government of Madras.

To.

The Offg. Staff Officer
and Superintendent of Details.

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I have &c.
(Signed) J. Cotterell Tupp.
Offg. Accountt. General.

No. 881.

Staff Office
Fort Saint George
7th July 1879.

From
The Staff Officer & Superintendent of Details. Fort Saint George.

To
The Accountant General
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2560 dated the 27th ultimo. I have the honor to refer you to Proceedings and Orders of the Madras Government as per margin,

1st. No. 1736 dated 28th May 1872
2d. No. 3367W dated 23d. Augt. 1878.
3. No. 5719. dated 28th Octr. 1878.

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I have &ca.
(Signed) A. H. Cooke Colonel
Offg. Staff Officer & Supt.
of Details

(True Copies)

Fort St. George
Acct. Genl's Office
8th July 1879.
CbR

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Offg. Accountt. General.

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G. O. No 1230 of 21-7-79

No. 1912 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

UNDER date the 21st July/79

Read the following:—

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Order thereon:—

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S.P. 15/7

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G.O. 1736 - 28.5.72. M. B.
— 4316 W. 9-11.78.
— 3367 W. 23-8.78.
— 4792 W. 18-12.78.

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His Grace the Governor

P. W. SECRETARIAT—1879-80.

KEEP-WITH.

Current No. 1912 W

Letter No. 1394

Dated the 10th of July 1879

from the Financial Departt. on letter from the Accountant General.

In 1872 the coach and stable accommodation inside Fort St. George was redistributed, the Accountant General being given two stalls in Bandicoot Alley.

The A.G.'s office is on the south side of the Fort. Bandicoot Alley is on the north side.

Before August 1878, the A.G. and his Deputy and Assistants used to stall their horses in a Court attached to his Office, with a covering over it.

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Under orders of Govt. this covering was pulled down, (G.O. 3367 W, 23d Augt 1878,) and Mr. Prolyn said that he would use the stalls in Bandicoot Alley as soon as they were made available (G.O. 4792 W, 18 December 1878.)

Mr. Lupp, the present A.G., has, it now appears, been in the habit of keeping his horses in the Coach-house assigned to him, (under the quarters of the Commissary of Ordnance,) and his Dy: and Assistants have picketted their horses in a Court-yard near the office – possibly the Court already mentioned, now minus a covering; perhaps some other court.

The Staff Officer called on the A.G. to have the animals in the court removed.

The A.G. declined to do so.

The Govt. have distinctly refused to allow any extra stables to be built in the Fort.

Mr. Lupp says that the yard is thoroughly cleaned out every evening, and argues that no nuisance can therefore be caused.

But no ordinary cleaning out can well prevent the soil of a yard, where 5 or 6 horses are daily tied up for some seven hours, from getting into precisely the same state as the old court – see G.O. 3367 W – 23d Augt/78.

Possibly some arrangement might be made for giving the A.G. himself stalls not so far away as Bandicoot Alley – He might exchange stalls with some other Officer. But Coll. Cooke does not appear as yet to have objected to Mr. Tupp's keeping the horses with the carriage, ~~at~~ in the Coach house.

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In para: 2 of G.O. 336/78, 23rd Augt/78, it was decided that the junior officers of the Departt. were not entitled to stable accommodation. The conclusion of the 3rd para: of Mr. Tupp's letter requires to be read in connection with this.

The Staff Officer appears to have been perfectly in order in demanding what he did. There may be reasons for reconsidering the decision passed in Augt/78, but those orders were plain. They were that the A.G. should be provided with stables elsewhere, and that the junior Officers in his Departt. should arrange (as many others have to do) for stabling their horses outside the Fort during the day, or send them home.

J.J.P.
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His Grace has taken an interest in the matter, so if the papers are circulated they will be marked to him.

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There is no objection to any redistribution that can be arranged of the Stable accommodation in the Fort which will

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The rules as to the
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must be strictly enforced
for the sake of the
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Govt. of 1879} Madras.

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To

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Stable accommodation in Fort St George