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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st March 1879, No. 861 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Military Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 260. Telegram from the Commander-in-Chief, Coonoor, to the Governor of Madras, dated 11th March 1879.

To ensure shelter being provided for British troops at Maliyapuram please direct Engineer and Collector to proceed there at once to make immediate arrangements. General Burton has been directed to send his Quartermaster-General. No particulars of cause of fire received yet; have been promised.

No. 260-A. Telegram from the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 11th March 1879.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Calicut, reports Maliyapuram thatched barracks burnt; recommends new tiled barracks; present walls not strong.

No. 260-B. From the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 12th March 1879, No. 722/171.

IN continuation of my telegram of yesterday reporting the destruction by fire of the European Barracks at Maliyapuram, I have the honor to request that I may be informed at the earliest possible date of the number of troops it is proposed to retain at Maliyapuram, and the arrangements which have to be made for housing them before the South-west monsoon commences.

2. Captain Bailey, the Executive Engineer, says, "that the men can be housed for the present in the married quarters of which there are 24, but all married men should be sent away to make more room for the single men." He also suggests that, as the walls are of laterite in mud and would not stand the weight of a tiled roof, new tiled barracks should be built.

3. The Executive Engineer has been requested to state the approximate cost of re-roofing with thatch and doing up the existing barrack, and also the probable cost of a new tiled building to afford the same accommodation.

P.S.—A copy of this letter has been sent to the Quartermaster-General at Ootacamund in case any immediate steps have to be taken for the accommodation of the troops.

No. 260-C. Telegram from the Quartermaster-General, Coonoor, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 14th March 1879.

ORDERS were given three days ago for withdrawal of families from Maliyapuram. Major Herbert has been sent there to arrange for accommodation with Engineer.

No. 260-D. Telegram from Captain BAILEY, Calicut, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 12th March 1879.

SINGLE men's barracks, wash-houses, urinary, quoit-shed, hospital and all attached buildings totally destroyed; only bare walls standing. These unsafe. If all married men removed, single men can occupy married quarters and arrack godown. Accommodation sufficient; for hospital, one block of officers' quarters sufficient. If taken, officers must occupy Apothecaries' quarters, some other arrangement being made for Apothecary.

No. 260-E. Telegram from Captain BAILEY, 14th March 1879.

No. 260-F. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Coimbatore, 14th March 1879, No. 754/179.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Calicut Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Calicut, 11th March 1879.

WITH reference to my telegram and letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report that the following buildings have been completely destroyed. They were all thatched :—

Single Men's Barracks,
  Do. Bath-rooms,
  Do. Urinary,
Quoit-shed,
Hospital for Europeans,
  Do. Native followers,
  Do. Guard-room,
  Do. Latrine,
  Do. Store-room, old one,

and that the roof of the Camp Equipage store-room has been damaged, some of the rafters having been slightly burnt.

2. The only thatched building of those near the barracks that escaped was the guard-room; it was saved by stripping the roof.

3. The lintels of the doors and windows of the buildings that have been burnt being all of wood have been destroyed and the walls above them have sunk, so that, even if they are to be thatched again, the upper part of the walls will have to be rebuilt.

4. I would, however, beg to strongly recommend that tiled buildings be erected instead of those burnt down, as it was by the merest chance the barracks escaped being destroyed some years since, the roof having taken fire, but, owing to the weather being wet, it was extinguished before it had done any damage.

FORWARDED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office letter No. 722/171, dated 12th instant, and with the request that early instructions may be furnished as to the rebuilding of the Maliyapuram Barracks.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Major, R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, Fourth Circle.

No. 260-G. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Coimbatore, 16th March 1879, No. 184.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Calicut Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Maliyapuram, 14th March 1879.

I HAVE the honor to subjoin for your information copy of a telegram forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

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3. Of the barracks there are only the bare walls and a few of the verandah pillars remaining, many of the latter and all those in the centre of the building having fallen.

4. The walls above the tops of the doors and windows will, so far as I can judge at present, have to be rebuilt, even if the barracks is to be thatched, the stone in mud walls having sunk as soon as the wooden lintels were burned.

5. If the building was a small one the old walls might be patched up, but with a single room of 210 × 39 in the clear as this is and exposed to the full force of the monsoon it would hardly be safe to trust to the upper part of the walls.

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6. The barrack room being 210 feet long by 3·9 broad gave a superficial area of 8,190 feet, or sufficient for 91 men; but to accommodate this number either the men's cots must be put very close together along the walls, or else some of them must be put in the centre of the room, and this was what used to be done, although it is against rule in the present day.

7. The above measurement allows nothing for a mess room, 2,184 square feet being the authorised allowance for 91 men; during the hot weather the men messed in the western verandah; during the monsoon in the eastern, the rain drifting in making the former uninhabitable.

8. The cost of restoring the barracks if thatched would be about 12,000 rupees, that of two pucca half Company barracks about Rupees 50,000. I have only made rough estimates, but believe these amounts are very nearly correct.

9. A mess room for the men if the barracks are restored would cost about Rupees 3,000.

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14. Bad as the walls of the barracks are those of the hospital are worse. I believe that half a dozen men could push them clean over even if it was to be re-thatched; the walls must be rebuilt from the very foundations, but as I presume now that the building has been so completely destroyed that the new one will be tiled, I am very doubtful if the foundations which are of stone in clay and not very well built could be depended on.

15. An entirely new building will therefore have to be erected, and if this is done the side of the building should face the west; at present it faces north and south, the result being that the surgery and female ward are quite shut off from the sea breeze.

16. The sick are at present in the Divine service room; the building itself would make a very good temporary hospital, but there are no out-buildings of any kind; these would, therefore, have to be erected if it is to be used. I am, however, told that the Captain is about leaving, in which case one block of officers' quarters will be available for the hospital, and it has all the out-buildings that are required attached to it.

17. Should a third officer be ordered here he might either occupy the two rooms attached to the Divine service room or the Apothecary's quarters, the Apothecary occupying these two rooms.

18. Two of the married quarters are used by the Commissariat Serjeant. To make these available, I have ordered the new Hospital Store-room to be completed; when he can move into it, and as the married men are about to be removed, the whole 24 married quarters will be available for the single men.

19. The floor space in each of these quarters 360 square feet is sufficient for four men, but as one of the rooms is a verandah room the doctor considers that only three should be put in each quarter, making 72 in all.

20. By putting a couple of additional windows in the arrack godown and adding front and rear verandahs, thatched, 10 men could be placed in it, and the rest of the detachment nine men can be put in the guard and orderly room, the guard using one of the cells.

21. If the detachment could be reduced to 85 single men they could be accommodated comfortably.

22. Covered passages, pandals and tatties will be required as soon as the buildings the men are to occupy have been fixed on; at present, owing to there being nine married men present, some of the single men are occupying the open skittle alley, and others are scattered wherever shelter can be got.

23. Early orders as to whether the old buildings are to be restored is requested as arrangements will have to be made for the additional thatching materials that will

be required if they are to be restored. Under any circumstances I am doubtful that the buildings could be ready for occupation before the monsoon.

24. It seems hardly credible that the hospital should have been set fire to by the barracks, the distance between them being 175 yards; but a piece of lighted bamboo was seen to be shot out of the barracks like a rocket; this fell on the hospital, and in a few seconds the whole roof was in a blaze.

25. The most extraordinary thing about the fire has been the escape of the hospital privy, thatched; although buildings all around it were burnt down, some of them within a few feet, it escaped quite uninjured.

26. The walls of all the small buildings that have been burnt can be repaired; tiled roofs will, I presume, be given to all of them.

From Captain BAILEY, Maliyapuram, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

HOUSING detachment settled with Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Sick in Divine service room. No out-offices. If remain then temporary ones required. If occupy officers' quarters out-buildings ready.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office Nos. $\frac{742}{171}$ and $\frac{754}{179}$, dated the 12th and 14th instant respectively.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

No. 260-H. Note by the Acting Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 17th March 1879.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1879, No. 861 W.

THE temporary arrangements proposed by the Executive Engineer are sanctioned for immediate execution. The work should be carried out with all possible despatch.

2. As regards future arrangements, the Superintending Engineer will cause plans and estimates for tiled quarters to be prepared as soon as possible on the most economical scale consistent with efficiency, and in accordance with regulation.

3. The question of the future strength of the detachment at Maliyapuram will be considered in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker and C. Howarth.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 21st.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 21st March 1879, No. 861 W.

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Nos. 260 261.

Barracks at Malliapuram.—Sanctions for immediate execution the temporary arrangements proposed by the Executive Engineer for providing ——.

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To (Person) Governor

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To ensure shelter being provided for British troops at Malliapooram please direct Engineer and collector to proceed there

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To
Name and Address Chief Engineer P.W.D. Madras

Executive engineer Calicut reports Malliapooram thatched barracks burnt recommends new tiled barracks present walls not strong-

Signature L. Poe
Signaller in charge.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Service Message despatched by Telegraph

From Coimbatore To Madras.

From Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle To Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Executive Engineer Calicut reports Malliapooram thatched Barracks burnt recommends new tiled Barracks present walls not strong.

12th March 1879

Sigd. P. Montgomerie Major RE
Supg. Engr. 4th Circle

No. 717/12-3-79

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No. 722/171

Supdg Engrs Office 4th Circle
Coimbatore 12th March /79.

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From,

The Supdg Engineer
4th Circle - Coimbatore

To,

The Chief Engineer
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Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant,

Allan Elphinst

For Supg. Engr. 4th Circle

P.S. A Copy of this letter has been
sent to the Quarter Master General
at Ootacamund in case any immediate steps have to be taken for the
the accomodation of the troops.

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From
The Supg Engineer
4th Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 722/171

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To (Person) Madras Works

FROM (Person) 2. M. G.

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Single mens barracks, wash houses, urinary, quoitshed, hospital and all attached buildings totally destroyed, only bare walls standing, these unsafe x If all married men removed single men can occupy married

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From
Name Captain Bailey
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Address Mulliaporam Via Tirur

To
Name Madras Works
and
Address Madras

Housing detachment settled with deputy assistant quarter master general sick in divide service room no outoffices. If remain temporary ones required supy officers quarters dings ready.

Signature G. Santos
Signaller in charge.

Urgent

Exe. Engineer's Office Calicut 11th March
1879

From

Captain H. Bailey
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Endorsement

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Supg: Engrs Office
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From

The Supg: Engineer,
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Malliapuram Barrac

Forwards copy of Captn. Bailey's further report of the burning of ———, and requests instructions as to their rebuilding.

Endorsing

Executive Engineer's Office
Calicut Division
Malleapuram. 14th March 1879

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paras 10, 14 — 12, 13 may be printed [illegible] 20/3.

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11 Fortunately the quarrels have always been among the natives themselves, Had a bad feeling existed against the detachment I believe that they could have been cut up to a man at any time living as they have done in Barracks that burned like Tinder. All that would be required would be to fire the Barracks in a half a dozen places of a dark night and then attack the men as they came out.

12 When the last Moplah Outbreak took place I wrote down Officially to the Secretary to Government on the Subject, he however seemed to think that there was no reason for moving in the matter as if Tiled Roofs were to be given entirely new Barracks would have to be erected.

13 Now that the effect of a fire in the middle of the day has been seen, when the men were all in the spot and ready to try and put it out, I believe there is not a person here who would not agree with me in thinking that if the Barrack was set fire to of a dark night it would be very doubtful whether all the men would get out of it.]

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and in a few seconds the whole Roof was in a blaze.

25 The most Extraordinary thing about the fire has been the escape of the Hospital Privy, thatched, although building all around it were burnt down, some of them within a few feet it escaped quite uninjured.

26 The walls of all the Small Buildings that have been burnt can be repaired, Tiled Roofs will I presume be given to all of them –

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant
(Signed) H. Bailey
Executive Engineer

Copy.

To Madras – Works. From Captain Bailey. Maleapuram.

Housing Detachment settled with Deputy A. Q. Mr General –

Sick in Devine Service Room, no out offices – If remain then temporary ones required, If occupy Officers Quarters

Outbuildings ready.

"True Copy"

(Sd) H. Bailey Captn

No 184 Ex. Engineer

True copy. Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department in continuation of this Office Nos $\frac{722}{171}$ & $\frac{754}{179}$ dated the 12th and 14th instant respectively

Coimbatore
16th March 1879

C. Montgomerie
Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

From,
The Supd Engr
4th Circle

To The Chief Engineer
P.W. Departt

No 184

Mallapuram Barracks

Copy of Captain Bailey's letter on the state of the —. forwarded in continuation of Supg Engrs $\frac{722}{171}$ & $\frac{754}{179}$ of 12th and 14th March /79.

2604

Telegram from Captain Bailey dated 14th March 1879.

Circulated for information.

15/3 - J. Mainthwort
Col: R.E.
Ag. Secy: to Govt P.W.D.

W.M.

M 16/3

15th March 1879.

[illegible] H. [illegible] Com
Mr. [illegible] Com

Pw 15/3

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. P61/26

Letter from the Supg Engr. Fourth Circle, No. 754/179
dated 14. March /79.

Do. Do. No. 184 of 16" do —

Note by the Ag. Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
dated 17" March 1879.

FOR ORDERS.

Call R.E.
Ag. Secy: to Govt.
P. W. D.

17". March 1879.

Special

FOR ORDERS.

His Grace the Ho
Hon'ble W. Hudleston

Tel: desp^d^ 11/3/79

Telegram.

To, Captain Bailey
Executive Engineer
Calicut.

Proceed forthwith to Malliapuram × personally examine the barracks and hospital which have been burnt × and report on extent of damage and how quickly you can secure substantial shelter for Detachment × Wire reply at once sending details by post × If only roofs are burnt commence repairs instantly.

C. 2219

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Telegram to the Executive Engineer Calicut dated 11th March 1879.

— do — from the Supg. Engr. Fourth Circle dated 11th March 1879.

— do — from the Executive Engineer Calicut dated 12th March 1879.

FOR ORDERS.

with reference to telegram from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to His Grace the Governor dated 11th March - transferred to the Chief Engineer.

Col: R.E.

Ag. Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

Better repeat to Q.M.G. at Vellore at once. It is not possible to erect new buildings before the Monsoon. He should direct Engineer to repair as speedily as possible all worthy of repair so as to secure as much shelter as possible before rains.

12th March 1879

Quite urgent

Telegram prepared

Repeat also to Major Hobart at Vellore, adding that has been repeated to Q.M.G.

Special

FOR ORDERS.

Hon. W. Hudleston

Telegrams desp^d. to Army & M.S.G. Madras 13/3

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Mily Works

861 PW P. W. D. 861/29

Pro. of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st March/79.

Read the following:-

Tel: from the Commander-in-chief } (H.C. d/ 11th March 1879.)
Letter from S.E. Fourth Circle } (" 722/171 d/ 12th do)
Tel: from Qr. Master General — (" d/ 14th March 1879.)
Tel: from Captn. Bailey Inam, — (" " 14th — do ") 13A

The Supg. Engineer Fourth Circle } (H.C. No. 754/179 d/ 14th March/79.)
do - do - (" " 184 " 16th do -
20 Note by the Ag: Chief Engr. P.W.D. } (" dated 17th March/79.)

Note need not be printed

21

The approval of His Grace the Governor in Council to the immediate execution of the temporary arrangements proposed by the Executive Engineer was communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the Fourth Circle on

A.S.P. 20/3

on the 19th instant.
The Government desire
that these arrangements
shall be carried out
with all possible
speed, and that the
Executive Officer be
called upon by the
Supg: Engineer to
prepare plans and
estimates for tiled
quarters, on the most
economical scale —
consistent with —
efficiency, and in
accordance with regulation.
3— The question of the
future strength of
the detachment at

861/30.

Nalliapuram is under
consideration by the
Government ~~in Council~~

S.E. Fourth Circle ✓
with original Notes by Members of Govt.
Mily: Departt. with original Notes by Members of Govt. ✓
Exec. P.W. Accts. ✓

48/4 Dated 22-8-79

Rc. E.A.S.

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Govt. of [1879] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Special

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 4th March 1879, No. 84

Nos. 260-261

Barracks at M[illegible]apu

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Sanctions for imme
execution of the temporar
arrangements propo
by the Ex. Engr for
providing——