

will take immediate steps
for the payment of the
several sums, the demo-
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and the sale of the ma-
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submit regular estimates
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 22nd July 1881.

Read the following:—

From the Military Deptt. - H.E. N^o 3494 d/29th June 1881.

Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer
2nd circle in continuation
of G.O. N^o 875 d/31 March/81.
2. The total amount of
compensation required for
the eleven cottages, Rs 7,845,
is appropriated from the
sum of Rs 20,000 provid-
ed in the Imperial mili-
tary Budget of 1881-82
for Royal Artillery Barracks
at St. Thomas Mount.
The Superintending Eng^r

f.b. No. 2472-4W. 27-10-80
" " 2843 W. 3-12-80
" " 162 W. 20-1-81
" " ~~1689 W.~~
875 W. 21-2-81.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
MILITARY.

To THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 29th.

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G.O., 29th June 1881, No. 3494.

JUNE.
Nos. 477-480.

Sanctioning the payment of Rs. 1,775 to
Mrs. Garner and Rs. 1,380 to Mrs. Wilson as
compensation for their houses in the Cantonment
of St. Thomas' Mount.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

29th June 1881, No. 3494.

Military Buildings.

Read the following papers:—

No. 477. *Petition from Mrs. H. GURNER, widow of the late Quartermaster Gurner, Horse Artillery, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 11th April 1881.*

ABSTRACT.—Praying that the amount of compensation fixed for her house in the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount may be increased.

No. 2237.

Referred to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 1657, dated 21st March 1881.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
23rd April 1881.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

No. 478. *Petition from Mrs. J. WILSON, widow of the late Quartermaster Serjeant A. Wilson, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 16th April 1881.*

ABSTRACT.—Praying that the amount of compensation fixed for her house in the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount may be increased.

No. 2303.

Referred to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 1657, dated 21st March 1881.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
26th April 1881.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

No. 479. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1881, No. 770.*

In returning petitions from Mrs. Henrietta Gurner and Mrs. Jane Wilson, referred to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief under your Nos. 2237 and 2303, dated 23rd and 26th April 1881, I have the honor, by order, to submit schedules of valuation of the houses at St. Thomas' Mount belonging to the above-named persons. The Executive Engineer, Chingleput District, values Mrs. Gurner's house at Rs. 1,775, and Mrs. Wilson's at Rs. 1,380. The Provincial Commander-in-Chief recommends that these values be accepted by Government and sanction given for the payment of these sums instead of those mentioned in Order of

The Superintending Eng.

Government, 21st March 1881, No. 1657. The Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount states that all the other owners referred to in the same Proceedings of Government agree to take the sums specified for their houses.

2. Mrs. Gurner and Mrs. Wilson estimate the value of their houses at Rs. 5,500 and Rs. 3,000, but the Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount considers these estimates absurdly high—see accompanying letters, No. 175, dated 18th June 1881, from the Officer Commanding St. Thomas' Mount, with two enclosures, and No. 2011, dated 18th June 1881, from the Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division. These two letters are forwarded as explaining the basis on which the Executive Engineer's valuations have been made.

3. Should Government concur in the valuations fixed by the Executive Engineer, I am directed to request that the immediate demolition of the eleven cottages mentioned in Order of Government, 21st March 1881, No. 1657, may be ordered in the Public Works Department, and the Executive Engineer, Chingleput District, requested to submit an estimate for the construction of the two new barracks required for a Battery of Field Artillery at St. Thomas' Mount in the place of the old barracks condemned (see O.G., 14th January 1881, No. 206).

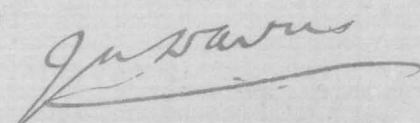
No. 480. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1881, No. 3494.

The Honorable the Governor in Council accepts the valuations by the Public Works Department of the houses in the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount belonging to Mrs. Gurner and Mrs. Wilson, and sanctions payment accordingly of Rs. 1,775 to the former and Rs. 1,380 to the latter instead of Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 1,100, respectively, mentioned in O.G., No. 1657, dated 21st March 1881.

2. The Government are unable to reconcile Mrs. Gurner's and Mrs. Wilson's present demands with the tabular statement embodied in Colonel Gloag's letter, dated 28th February 1881.

3. The Public Works Department will provide the additional funds and issue necessary orders on the concluding paragraph of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

(True Extract.)


For Ag. Secretary to Government,
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To the Quartermaster-General.

„ Public Works Department.

To Mrs. H. Gurner, St. Thomas' Mount (para. 1 of the order).

„ J. Wilson, do. do. (do. 1 do.).

f.b. no. 2478-4W. 27-10-80
" 2843 W. 3-12-80
" 162 W. 20-1-81
" 1689 W. 21-2-81

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To THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
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G.O., 29th June 1881, No. 3494.

JUNE.
Nos. 477-480.

Sanctioning the payment of Rs. 1,775 to Mrs. Gurner and Rs. 1,380 to Mrs. Wilson as compensation for their houses in the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Dated October, 27th.

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G. O., 27th October 1880, No. 2,478-A W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 115-A-115-B.

Barracks at St. Thomas' Mount lately occupied by the O. Battery, 1st Brigade, Royal Artillery.—The Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, directed to prepare without delay regular estimates for the reconstruction of the —

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Surgeon-Major Cogan, who was an original member of the Board, was suddenly ordered away, and Surgeon-Major H. C. Guinness, who replaced him, was appointed to serve on the Board.

The Board now beg to offer the following suggestions:—Plan No. I, Survey of the Horse Artillery Lines at St. Thomas' Mount. The two old east and west tiled Barracks, marked A and E, are recommended to be demolished, the materials, as far as possible, being utilised for new constructions. They are uninhabitable, unsafe, and perhaps the oldest and most obsolete Barracks in India.

The Wall CD and all the small buildings, in black diagonal, are recommended to be pulled down, the latter as being old and quite unsuited for any purpose. The wall entirely excludes the air from the south or rear side of the men's Barracks, and the other buildings are so jammed together that they exclude air the one from the other and also all together from the Barracks. The wall is not only utterly useless, but is in every way injurious; it has a ditch running along its entire length, which has now undermined its foundations on its south side, and it now bulges out in several places.

The Board cannot too strongly urge the demolition of this wall, and the filling up of the ditch, as well as all the buildings marked in black diagonal in the plan.

There are too a number of small dilapidated houses or cottages on the south side of the wall, ditch and road, which the Board would strongly recommend should be demolished, and the materials removed; they entirely spoil the site of these Barracks and are now no longer required, and perhaps it would be very difficult for any one to prove "title deeds" to any of them.

The Bomb-proof Barrack marked red and lettered B is recommended to be retained. It is healthy, and will be even more so if the improvements suggested are carried out, and the men like it. The Board are quite aware that Bomb-proof Barracks have been objected to in India on account of heat, &c., but this one has never been complained of and has now been in occupation for many years.

The Board therefore recommend, on the score of convenience, economy, expediency, and uniformity, that another Bomb-proof Barrack to hold sixty-six men, similar to that shown in Plan II, which is for forty-four men, should be erected in place of the east tiled Barrack collapsed. But if Government object to this, it will then be necessary to reconstruct the Bomb-proof Barrack into a single-storied terraced roof Barrack and to build another similar single-storied Barrack, each to hold sixty men.

With regard to new buildings, the Board point to estimate marked AB in the event of the improvements suggested being carried out, there will be excellent sites upon which to erect the new buildings, and these Barrack will then be in quite as good a condition as the new upper-storied Field Artillery Barracks to the westward on the same line of frontage.

The suggestions of the Committee for the reconstruction of the Barrack (paragraph 2) is approved generally. The papers will be transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and final disposal.

2. The other suggestion (paragraph 5) will be considered hereafter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 115-B. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1880, No. 2,478-A W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, who will lose no time in having regular estimates prepared in order that the work may find place in the Imperial Budget for 1881-82.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle,
with four enclosures and copy of Committee's Report.

Michael Depa

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th October 1880, No. 2,478-A W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 115-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 25th October 1880, No. 6,739.

From the Quartermaster-General, dated 4th October 1880, No. 1,296.

With reference to Order of Government, 21st June 1880, No. 3,866, I have the honor, by order, to forward the Proceedings of a Committee assembled at St. Thomas' Mount to report upon the reconstruction of a Barrack at that station, lately occupied by the O. Battery, 1st Brigade, Royal Artillery. Two plans are also forwarded.

2. The Committee consider that the Barrack in question, and another old tiled one near it, are uninhabitable and unsafe, and recommend that they be pulled down and that a Barrack on a similar plan to the centre one of the block, but somewhat larger, be built. These two Barracks would afford sufficient accommodation for a Field Battery. The centre Barrack is styled by the Committee a Bomb-proof Barrack, but this term does not correctly describe it, as will be seen by the plan. The roofs are certainly of arched brick-work, but not bomb-proof; the building is well ventilated, and the roofs are of a kind likely to last, and to require but little repair. The Committee further recommend the removal of certain small buildings which are old and unsuitable, and which impede the free circulation of air round the Barracks.

3. The approximate estimate for carrying out the recommendations of the Committee is Rs. 43,700.

4. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief supports the recommendations of the Committee.

5. The Committee in their Proceedings recommend the removal of certain small dilapidated houses or cottages on the south side of the Barrack site. This would be an improvement, and, with the sanction of Government, might be considered hereafter. In the meantime information on the ownership of these cottages and the probable cost of their purchase and removal has been called for.

6. The General Officer Commanding Centre District reports that the delay in the transmission of the enclosed documents has been caused partly by the time taken in the drawing of the plans, and partly on account of an informality in the draft of the Proceedings, which necessitated a return of the correspondence to the President.

7. If Government approve of the recommendations of the Committee, it is requested that the whole of the documents now forwarded may be transferred to the Public Works Department, with the view to regular estimates being drawn up and submitted in the usual way.

PROCEEDINGS of a Board assembled at St. Thomas' Mount, on the 16th July 1880, by order of the Officer Commanding Centre District, for the purpose of reporting upon the reconstruction, &c., of certain Barracks in (late) occupation by O/ 1st Royal Artillery, as per plans annexed.

PRESIDENT.

Colonel A. R. GLOAG, R.A.

MEMBERS.

Surgeon-Major H. C. GUINNESS, A.M.D.

Mr. E. PRINGLE, Executive Engineer, Chingleput District.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the Barracks and out-houses late in occupation by O/ 1st Royal Artillery. After this examination and inspection

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Item No 2.

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