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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th November 1881, No. 2873 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read again :—

No. 88. From the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 15th December 1880, No. 2892 W.

In reply to Public Works Circular No. 14 of 9th August last, I am directed to state that no special measures are taken to clean out the wells at Military encamping grounds at the commencement of each marching season.

2. Such work is done when its necessity is brought to notice by the Military Department, and no complaints have been received of inconvenience arising from the existing practice.

No. 88-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 29th October 1881, No. 2651 W.

Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, Military Works, dated Simla, 9th August 1880, No. 14 Public Works.

I AM directed to request that you will state, for the information of the Government of India, what measures are taken every year to clean out the wells at all Military encamping ground, prior to the marching season.

2. If no such measures are at present taken, orders should issue at once, so that the wells may be in a proper condition before the troops begin to march in the ensuing season, which will, in all probability, be an earlier one than usual.

(Signed) W. P. TOMKINS, Captain, R.E.,
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, Military Works, dated Simla, 4th October 1881, No. 18 Public Works.

In continuation of Public Works Department Circular No. 14, dated 9th August 1880, on the subject of the cleaning out of wells at encamping grounds prior to the marching season, I am directed to request that, immediately on receipt of intimation from General Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts as to the routes by which troops will march, you will issue orders for the thorough cleaning out of all wells at the encamping grounds on the roads to be traversed, before the movements commence.

(Signed) W. G. CUMMING, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 783 M. W.

COPY forwarded to the Military Department for information, with reference to its No. 1183S.-C. (*Sanitary*), dated 20th September 1881.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. G. CUMMING, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COMMUNICATED to Officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Read also—

No. 88-B. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 7th November 1881, No. 484.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that the Brigadier-General, Commanding Centre Division, has forwarded to me a copy of the route by which the 19th Native Infantry are to march from Madras to Cannanore, and requested me, under G.O., No. 2651 W., dated 29th October 1881, communicating Circular No. 18 of Government of India, to arrange for the wells at the encamping grounds to be cleared.

2. I believe that the order in question only applies to permanent camps, the wells which are Government property, or which are maintained for the use of troops marching, and not for private wells, tanks, &c., situated on the line of march.

3. I can, of course, if it is ordered, send an Overseer to each halting place and have the water-supply examined, and, if necessary, improved upon; but doing this will take up his time for a long period, and I fear do but little good, as in many cases the troops will not take the water from the places prepared, and in some cases the camp will not be pitched near where the wells have been cleared. Of course, when the supply is from streams or tanks nothing can be done.

4. The route the regiment goes by is No. 130 and 240, pages 179 and 302 of the new Route Book, from which they are copied.

I request instructions.

No. 2630.

FORWARDED to the Quartermaster-General, with a request that he will be so good as to send to the Superintending Engineers direct such instructions as may be needed for his guidance.

(By Order.)

9th November 1881. (Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engr., P.W.D.

To the Quartermaster-General (requested to be returned).

No. 88-C. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 11th November 1881, No. 1670/7521.

IN returning letter forwarded with your No. 2630, dated 9th instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that it appears to this department, as beyond its duty to issue instructions to Superintending Engineers on an order issued by the Government of India in the Public Works Department.

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2. "I would submit that it would appear more to appertain to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, to decide how far rules issued by the Government of India in that Department are applicable to the Public Works Department of this Presidency.

3. I may add that it is usual in this Presidency to address the Civil authorities on the subject of encamping grounds, wells, &c., and that in Bengal an order was recently issued by the Commander-in-Chief in India, and republished in the Standing General Orders of this Presidency, 31st October 1881, page 203, which directs that the Civil authorities are to be informed of the routes to be taken by troops in order that all wells at the encamping grounds may be thoroughly cleaned out before the movements commence.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1881, No. 2872 W.

THE Government of India will be asked, with reference to their Circulars quoted above, whether their instruction is intended to apply solely to Government wells in established camping grounds, or also to private wells generally in the vicinity of camping grounds and along the line of march.

2. In the latter case considerable difficulty will, it is apprehended, be encountered and cost in any case incurred.

3. Meanwhile the officers of the Public Works Department will arrange for all Government wells at established camping grounds in this Presidency being cleaned out, and Collectors will, under orders in the Revenue Department, take such steps as are in their power to cause the sources of drinking water-supply in the immediate vicinity of the line of march, and especially the halting grounds of troops, to be cleared from impurities.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Military Department.
" Revenue "

No. 90. (DOCKET No. 2873 W., dated 17th November 1881.)

COPY of above forwarded to the Government of India.

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS,
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS..

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated November, 17th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 17th November 1881, No. 2873 W.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 88—90.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings regarding cleaning out of wells at Military encamping grounds.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following :—

Letter from the Supg Engr Fourth Circle No. 484 dt 7th Nov. 1881

Memo to the Dr Master General No. 2630 dt 9th "

Letter from the — Dr — No. 1670/521 dt 11th "

FOR ORDERS.

In his letter of the 7th instant, the Supg Engineer requests instructions as to whether he is required to clean wells other than those in permanent camping grounds established and the property of Govt; and, should private wells require to be cleaned, he seems at a loss what particular well should be selected, for as he points out he may clean a number of wells

which the troops may never use.

It was thought that the Military Authorities would best know their own requirements, and the Supg Engineer's letter was accordingly referred to them.

4. Paras 1 and 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter in reply deal with generalities scarcely applicable to the circumstances. It does not seem possible for the Govt of the N.W. Dept to issue detailed instructions regarding wells or a line of march, regarding which the Supg Engineer himself knows nothing.

The issue of G.O. 2657 W of 5th October 1881 was perhaps a mistake. 2873/4

5. By this order, work is imposed on the N.W. Dept which they have not the means to perform in anything like a satisfactory manner.

6. There seems no reason why the Civil Authorities should not have continued to do the work - which even now is done by them in Bengal - vide para 3 of General O'Connell's letter.

A. M. Lenkey
Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt N.W. Dept

November 1881

R.S.

difficulty may be encountered at first in any case incurred. Meanwhile Govt direct all Govt officers at stations, such camping grounds in this line & to claim out by Govt. & this Govt & to assist such persons & officers in their power. In cases the sources of drinking water supply in the immediate vicinity

per line of march
especially to Lalitpur
grounds of troops
& to claim
from impurities

G.B.
15/11/81

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Dear Master

If you wish
to send enough
to Countersinkial
this draft-order
I should feel
obliged in your
& early disposal

Att
16/11/81

Returned
CCC
16/11/81

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SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 187 .

C. No: 5518.

OFFICE NOTE

To Dy. W.

Under G.O. 2928 of
13th October 1874, respon-
sibility for the main-
tenance of all Encamp-
ping grounds, wells,
is vested in the
offices of the P.W. Dept.
It is questionable
whether they have been
the means to the end
after all the complaints
many of which must
be isolated - and it
is but likely that the
wells will require much
attention.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Military Works.

~~RAILWAY~~.

To The Secy to the Govt of Madras P.W. Department

FORT WILLIAM, 2nd December 1880.

THE undersigned is directed to invite attention to the ~~letter~~ Circular noted below, and to request that the reply may be expedited.

W.W. Constable Capt. R.E.
Asst. ~~Under~~ Secretary.

P. W. D. No. 114 dated 9th August 1880

Enquiring what measures are taken every year to clean out the wells at all Mily encamping grounds prior to the marching season.—

G.

Supg. Engrs Office, 4th Circle.

No. 484 Coimbatore, 7th November 1881.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Brigadier General Commanding Centre Division has forwarded to me a Copy of the route by which the 19th Native Infantry are to march from Madras to Cannanore and requested me, under G.O. No. 2657 W dated 29th October/81 Communicating Circular No. 18 of Government of India, to arrange for the Wells at the Encamping grounds to be Cleared.

2. I decline that the order in question only applies to permanent

Camps

the Wells which are Government property or which are maintained for the use of Troops marching, and not for private Wells Tanks &c. Situated on the line of march.

3. I Can, of Course, if it is ordered, send an Overseer to each halting place and have the Water Supply examined and if necessary improved upon but doing this will take up his time for a long period and I fear do but little good as in many Cases the troops will not take the Water from the places prepared and in Some Cases the Camps will not be pitched near where the Wells have been cleared.

of

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Of Course when the Supply is from Streams or Tanks nothing can be done.

4. The Route the Regiment goes by is No 130 & 240 pages 179 & 302 of the New Route Book from which they are Copied.

I request instructions.

I have the honor &c.
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant.
W. R. Mant Major R.E.
Supg. Engrs 4th Circle.

№ 2630 d/ 9th November/81.

Forwarded to the Quarter Master General with a request that he will be so good as to send to the Superintending Engineers direct such instruction as may be needed for his guidance.

(By order)

Sg. Dy. Chief Engr. W.D. 8/2

From

The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

Dated 7th Recd. 10th November/81

No. 484

Steaming out of wells at encamping grounds consequent upon the march of the 19th Regt. Nd. from Madras to Cannanore:—

Requesting instructions relative to the arrangements necessary for the —.

To,

The Quarter Master General

(Requested to be returned)

with Endorsement.
Dy. 9085

Movements
Camp Wells.

Quarter Master General's Office,
Head Quarters - Bangalore,
11th November 1881.

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From

№ 1670
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Brigadier General H. O'Connell,
Quarter Master General.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I am returning letter forwarded with your № 2630 dated 9th Instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that it appears to this Department, as beyond its duty to issue instructions to Superintending Engineers on an order issued by the Government of India in the Public Works Department.—

2. I would submit that it would appear more to appertain to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department to decide how far rules issued by the Government of India in

in that Department, are applicable to the Public Works Department of this Presidency.-

3. I may add that it is usual in this Presidency to address the Civil Authorities on the subject of Encamping grounds, Wells &c^a, and that in Bengal an Order was recently issued by the Commander in Chief in India and republished in the Standing General Orders of this Presidency 31st October 1881 page 203, which directs that the Civil Authorities are to be informed of the routes to be taken by Troops in order that all Wells at the Encamping grounds may be thoroughly cleaned out before the movements commence.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
F. T. Cornell Brigr. Genl:
Quarter Master General.

P&C.

Lr. No. 2892 W. 15-12-80.
" " 2651 W. 29-10-81

P. W. C. No 6639

From

The Quarter Master General

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Ennore

Dated 11th November 1881
Rcd. 12 —"—

Enclosure.

No. 1670
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States that it is beyond the ability of this Department to issue instructions to Superintending Engineers, on the subject of the clearing out of Wells at Encamping grounds, consequent on the remarks of 19th R.J. to Commons, for the reason stated within.

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Ennore

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No. 2872 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 17th — November 1881

Read the following :—

G.O. (W. Dept.) No. 2892 W. dy 15th December 1880.

G.O. — do — " 2651 W. dy 29th October 1881.

Send also,

Letter from the Supg. Engineer, Fourth Circle. (E. No. 484 dy 7th Nov. 1881)

Memo: to the Quarter Mr. Genl. (" 2650 dy 9th — ")

Letter from the — do — (" 1670 / 7521 dy 11th — ")

The Government of India will be asked with reference to their Circulars quoted above whether their instruction is intended to apply solely to Government cattle or to Established Camping

grounds, or also to private wells generally in the vicinity of camping grounds and along the line of march.

2. In the latter case considerable difficulty will it is apprehended, be encountered and cost in any case incurred.

3. Meanwhile the Mily Dept will of the P.W. Dept arrange for all Government wells at established camping grounds in this Presidency being cleaned out - and Collectors will under orders in the Revenue Dept take such steps as are in their power to cause the sources of

Drinking Water Supply in the immediate vicinity of the line of march and especially the halting grounds of Troops to be cleared from impurities.

(P.E. No 2873 Wd/17th Nov 1881)

Copy of above forwarded to the Govt of India.

R.A.

16/11/81

on P.D. Calcutta 21-11-81.

To,

Supg Engineers
The Military Dept
" Revenue Dept dispd 21-11-81

To The Revenue Secretary for counter initials.
16/11/81

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Rcvd. Encl.

G. O. 17 Nov 1881, No. 2872 to 2873

Immediate 17/11

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Wells at established camping grounds to be cleaned out, and steps to be taken for ~~if~~ causing the sources of drinking water supply in the immediate vicinity of the line of march and especially the bathing grounds of troops to be cleared from impurities.

Entd. in Receipt Regr.

Ordered 17/11