

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

17th November 1881, No. 6089.

Ordnance Department.

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2. In the year 1869 Government were asked to sanction the erection of a building in the Ordnance Lines for their use as a library. The estimate however provided by the Public Works Department was in excess of what the Government were prepared to lay out on the object, and the plan and estimate were directed to be returned to the Superintending Engineer with a view to his submitting a revised estimate for the construction of a building on a smaller scale. The records of this office do not show whether such estimate was ever submitted, nor whether any further orders of Government were issued on the subject. The correspondence recorded in this office ends with the Order of Government marginally quoted.

3. The subject has been now revived by the Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers, and they are prepared themselves to supply funds for the building of a suitable house to be used as a library and recreation room if Government will accord permission for its erection in the Ordnance Lines. I beg to enclose a plan of the building they propose to erect and a sketch of the Ordnance Lines showing the site on which they desire to erect it. The men in the Ordnance Department are employed daily from an early hour (8 o'clock) in the morning till 5 o'clock in the evening, and they consider—and I think rightly—that the more central in their lines the site of the building is the more will the rooms be frequented and the greater will be the convenience to all members of the institution.

4. I beg to submit the matter for favorable consideration, and I would add that, should Government be pleased to grant the site for the institution, the members would be held responsible that the building is kept in a thorough state of repair and white or blue washed annually in the same manner as the Government quarters in the midst of which it would be placed, and they would be prepared, in the event of the institution being closed at any future time from want of funds or from any other cause, to make the building over to Government or clear the site without expense to Government.

No. 5617.

Referred to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

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26th October 1881.(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
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In returning papers referred under your No. 5617, dated 26th instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has no objection to the proposed site being granted for an institute for the use of the Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Department living in the Ordnance Lines at Madras.

2. It is observed that the building will be erected at the cost of the Ordnance Department, and, from the plan submitted, it appears that it is to have a tiled roof, so will be comparatively safe from fire.

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O.G., 19th March 1869, No. 1074,
" 12th July 1870, No. 1931.
Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 355, dated
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(True Extract.)

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To the Inspector-General of Ordnance.
" Quartermaster-General.
" Adjutant-General, for information.
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Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.

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To
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF ORDNANCE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 17th.

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NOVEMBER.
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Communicated to the
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