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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th November 1881, No. 2963 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 122. Endorsement of the Acting Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd November 1881, No. 5788.

From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Bangalore, 27th October 1881, No. 1573/7142.

In forwarding the enclosed letter No. G/176, dated 18th instant, from the General Officer Commanding, Centre District, I have the honor, by order, to request, with reference to the orders of Government as per margin, that early arrangements may be made for providing the Surgeon-General, Army Medical Department, the Surgeon-General with Government, and the Judge Advocate-General with offices outside Fort St. George, in order that the buildings now occupied by those offices may be utilized as officers' quarters.

2. With reference to G.O., No. 1288, dated 3rd March 1881, it may now be accepted that the future strength of British Infantry in Fort St. George will be a battalion, furnishing a detachment at Malliapuram. The number of officers with a battalion of British Infantry fluctuates; but deducting those with the depôt in England, those on detachment at Malliapuram, and those absent on leave, quarters will be required in Fort St. George, on an average, for 26 or 28 officers of British Infantry, including medical officers. There are now 23 quarters only, so that at least three additional quarters will be required.

3. The Essex Regiment will arrive in Fort St. George from Burmah in December 1881 and February 1882, and it is desirable that the three additional quarters mentioned above be available by the beginning of next year.

4. The deficiency of field officers' quarters for the present increased number of field officers cannot be helped. The junior Majors and Captains will have to be supplied with inferior quarters.

5. With reference to the last paragraph of Brigadier-General Stewart's letter, it is requested that the provision of quarters outside the Fort, for the Director of the Governor's Band, may be expedited.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department with advertence to the correspondence quoted.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 2617.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 122-A.

REFERRED, with advertence to G.O., No. 387 W., dated 11th February 1881, to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for report, in communication with the Judge Advocate-General and the two Surgeons-General, whether arrangements can now be made for the immediate removal of their offices to their own residences or elsewhere outside the Fort, Government paying rent for the accommodation provided.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of the Quartermaster-General's letter, information should be afforded as to what action has been taken by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, on G.O., No. 1504 W., dated 16th June 1881.

3. A very early reply is requested.

(By order,)

9th November 1881.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 122-B. From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 23rd November 1881, No. 186.

WITH reference to your memorandum No. 2617 of the 9th instant, I have the honor to report that the Judge Advocate-General says he will be able, on receiving sufficient notice, to move his office to the Victoria Chambers, Royapettah, where he is residing, and he has engaged a portion of that building as a temporary arrangement, at a monthly rent of Rs. 130, for the accommodation of his office. The Judge Advocate-General's proposal appears to me to be suitable.

2. The Surgeon-General with the Madras Government states that the middle of the north-east monsoon would be a most inconvenient time for removing the records, which might sustain serious damage from heavy rain. The Surgeon-General doubts if his own house would afford sufficient accommodation, and he would prefer not to have the office in his private residence. He selects two houses that might be suitable, viz., Mr. Deschamp's house, L'Elysée, opposite the Royal Hotel, and the house on the Mount Road, formerly Atkinson's Hotel, though this house is out of repair.

3. The Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, writes that he finds only one house with sufficient accommodation and suitable in site and situation for his office, viz., L'Elysée mentioned above. The Surgeon-General is prepared to move there at once; he considers that the house would not afford accommodation for both offices (i.e., his own and the other Surgeon-General's) and that it would not be desirable to have both in one building. He adds that he believes he has the prior claim on the house, as having been the first to apply for it to the Agents.

4. The Agents for L'Elysée have just now had an offer for a short occupation of the house, which, however, would make it not available till the end of January. I have therefore assumed that the house must be engaged at an early date on the part of the Government, as it is the only one that is approved of. The rent is Rs. 225.

5. I was at first under the impression that both the offices might be located together, but the accommodation is not equivalent to that which they now have, and the house also is not conveniently arranged for two principal officers of departments. The enclosed pencil sketch shows the arrangement of the rooms.

6. Should the Government decide that the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, shall occupy L'Elysée at an early date, further search must be made for an office for the Surgeon-General with the Madras Government.

7. With regard to G.O., No. 1504 W., of the 16th June 1881, the Executive Engineer at the Presidency has obtained the refusal of a bungalow on the Mount Road not far from the Club, the property of Messrs. Jackson and Co., and to be rented for Rs. 50. There appears to be no probability of a more suitable bungalow being found and it is desirable not to lose the present opportunity of taking it.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1881, No. 2963 W.

THE Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires that immediate arrangements be made for vacating the quarters in the Fort, at present occupied by the offices of the Surgeon-General, Army Medical Department, the Surgeon-General with Government, and the Judge Advocate-General, as also those in the occupation of the Director of the Governor's Band.

2. The quarters thus made available will be handed over to the Military Department to be disposed of as suggested in the Quartermaster-General's letter of the 27th October, No. 1573/7142.

3. The Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, will rent suitable houses in substitution outside the Fort, reporting for formal approval the precise arrangements made.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Public Department.
" Military do.
" Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.
FIFTH CIRCLE.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 28th.

Issued

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G. O., 28th November 1881, No. 2963 W.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 122-123.

Quarters in the Fort occupied by the Offices of the Surgeon-General, Army Medical Department, the Surgeon-General with the Government, Judge Advocate-General, and those occupied by the Director of the Governor's Band.—Directing that the — be vacated and handed over to the Military Department, and the Superintending Engineer to arrange for renting suitable houses in substitution outside the Fort.

Military Buildings
Officers Quarters.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Head Quarters,

Bangalore - 27th October 1881.

From Brigadier General H. O'Connell,
No. 1573.
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THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

To

THE Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

SIR,

In forwarding the enclosed letter, No. 176 dated 18th Instant from the General Officer Commanding, Centre District, I have the honor, by order, to request, with

O.G. Milly. Dept. No. 3748 dated 15 June 1880.

O.G. Public Works Dept. No. 2764 W dated 1st December 1880, Milly. Dept. No. 4986 dated 21st Decr. 1880.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
J. D. Cornwell Brig. Genl.
Quartermaster General.

Recd.

5 spare copies of the O.G. on this
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For Mr.
S. V. A. D. S.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.
H. W. B. S. S. S. S. S.
J. A. P. S. S. S. S. S.
Superintendent of the Circle

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Fort St. George, 18th October 1881

From

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Brigadier General P. C. Stewart,

Commanding Centre District.

To

The Quartermaster General

Fort Saint George.

In

With reference to O.L. No. 3748 dated 15th June 1880, and No. 2764 of the 1st December 1880 I have the honor to report that the time appears to have arrived, when it will be necessary to resume the quarters in Port Saint George, at present occupied by the offices of the Surgeon General with the Government, the Surgeon General Army Medical Department, and the Judge Advocate General. According to the last Monthly Return dated 1st October 1881 of the 1st Battalion Essex Regiment which is expected to arrive here on the 22nd December next, to be stationed in Port Saint George, the strength of officers present with Regimental Head Quarters is as follows.

1. Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
- 1 Major
- 1 Pay Master with rank of Major
- 1 Surgeon Major ranking as Major
- 3 Captains
- 1 Surgeon Ranking as Captain
- 12 Lieutenants
- 1 Quarter Master

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Abstract Statement

Strength of Regiment to arrive		Officers available for occupation by Officers of the 1 st Battalion Essex Regiment		Quarters available for occupation		Quarters required to complete	
Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number
Colonel	1	Colonel	1	Colonel	1	Colonel	1
Lieutenant Colonel	3	Lieutenant Colonel	1	Lieutenant Colonel	1	Lieutenant Colonel	1
Major	5	Major	1	Major	1	Major	1
Captain	10	Captain	14	Captain	10	Captain	1
Subaltern	13	Subaltern	1	Subaltern	1	Subaltern	1
Quartermaster	1	Quartermaster	1	Quartermaster	1	Quartermaster	1
Total	31	Total	31	Total	31	Total	31

2922493 John A. Murray, Captain

Quartermaster General

Forwarded to the Dy. Asst. Quarter Master General
Centre District, agreeably to his Memo. No. 5194
dated 15th October.

John A. Murray, Captain

Quartermaster General

In S. 6215781

Forwarded to the Dy. Asst. Quarter Master
General, Centre District,
14th October 1881.

In S. 6215781

In addition to the above officers, there are 2 Captains on leave in England, and 1 Lieutenant appointed, but not joined. It is not known how soon these officers may join Head Quarters.

3. Appended is a statement showing the officers quarters now in charge of the Barrack Master Fort Saint George, and detailing those which are available or otherwise for the incoming Regiment, at its present strength.

4. By the recent organization of the British Army each Regiment of Infantry has 1 Major and 8 Captains, it will therefore be observed that there is a deficiency of 3 quarters for the Field Officers and 1 quarter for the Captains, if all are present. Of the existing Field Officers quarters, two are at present occupied by Surgeon-Majors Hunt and Mouat and it is not known if these Medical Officers will remain here after the arrival of the new Regiment.

5. By resuming the officers quarters now used as offices by the above mentioned Departments, an increase of 3 Captains and 1 Subaltern quarters will be obtained. It is therefore requested that instructions may be given to the Heads of these Departments, and that they may be called upon to take immediate steps for the location of their officers elsewhere.

6. It will be observed that the quarters of the Regimental Quarter Master, are at present occupied by the Shipping Conductor attached to the Dy. Asst. Qu. M. General's Office. The quarters allotted to this Warrant Officer are occupied by the Garrison Serjeant Major, while the

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the Director of the Governor's Band is still in possession of those assigned to the Garrison Serjeant Major. Until quarters can be found for the Director of the Governor's Band outside the Fort, it is impossible to get the several Non-Commissioned officers into their respective quarters as sanctioned by G.O. No. 1578 dated 15th March 1881. The Public Works Department have been addressed several times on this subject, and the Superintendent of Works states he is "making every endeavour to find suitable public quarters" for Mr. Stradiot, and that he is "still in correspondence about them with the Military Secretary to His Excellency."

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. H. Stewart
Briadiu General
Commanding Centre District.

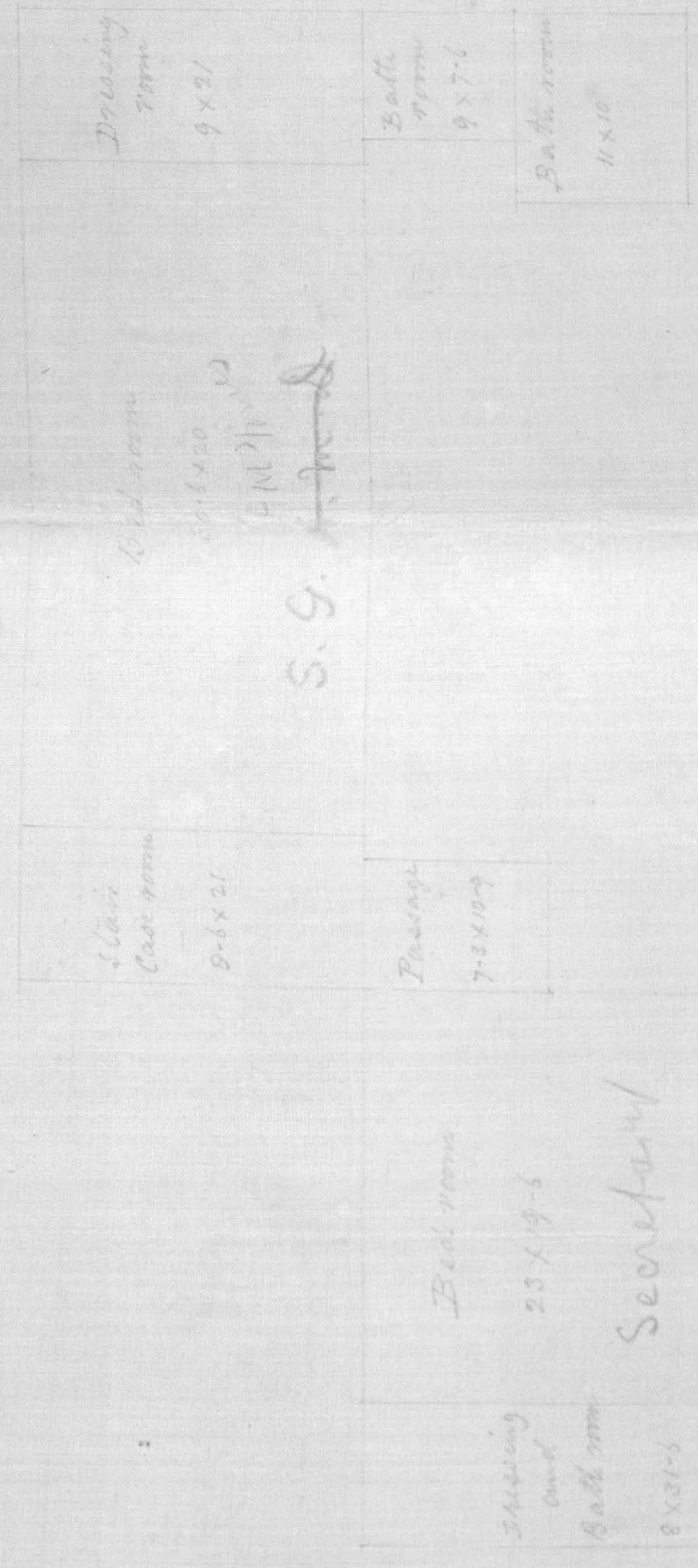
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 28th Nov/81
Read the following:—

Enclosure of the Military
Department on letter from the
Lt. Col. Quib. V. 1573. Dated
27th Oct 1881. 7142
N. S. No. 5788 dated 2nd
Nov 1881

Memo: to the S. Eng. 5th Circle. N. S. No. 2617. D. 9. Nov/81
From the S. Eng. 5th Circle N. S. No. 186 D. 23

The Right Honble
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The Hon. Mr. Justice
The Rt Hon. the Governor

2. The Quarters thus
made available will be
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of as suggested in the Quarter
Master Genl's letter of the
27th October. No. 1573
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3. The Superintendent in-
charge 5th Circle will rent
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To
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