

No 99.

Vizagapatam
29 January 1887

From

E. C. G. Thomas Esquire
M. C. S.
Vizagapatam.

To

The Honorable R. Davidson Esq. M. C. S.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir

On the 20th May 1880 I had the honor to lay before Government a proposal for the more extended use of Syrian tiles and the manufacture of them in the Vizagapatam and other jails, and especially the use of them for the re-roofing of the Sepoy lines which had just been burned down. The introduction would save the Government 10 lakhs annually in prison upkeep and in general repairs.

2. The Government circulated the paper for the opinion of the Superintendent of jails and the Superintending Engineer.

3. The Superintending Engineer while giving interesting instances in which the tiles had been used in this Presidency did not on the whole encourage the use of them and

and gave comparative estimates of the cost of various forms of roof, which placed this roof at Rs 34 per 100 square feet, and thus not much less than other well known and customary forms of roof.

4. The Sepoy lines were re-roofed with bamboo and palmyra leaves at a cost of Rs 7000 in July 1880.

5. They have now been again burnt down. The Sepoys are without shelter and for them to retain their health they must be supplied with it.

6. In view of what I conceive to be a great public advantage I trust I may be excused for once more drawing attention to the subject.

7. The Chief Engineer estimates the cost of the Syrian pot roof at 34 per square.

8. I annex a photograph of a building roofed here in this way at a cost of Rs 8 per square.

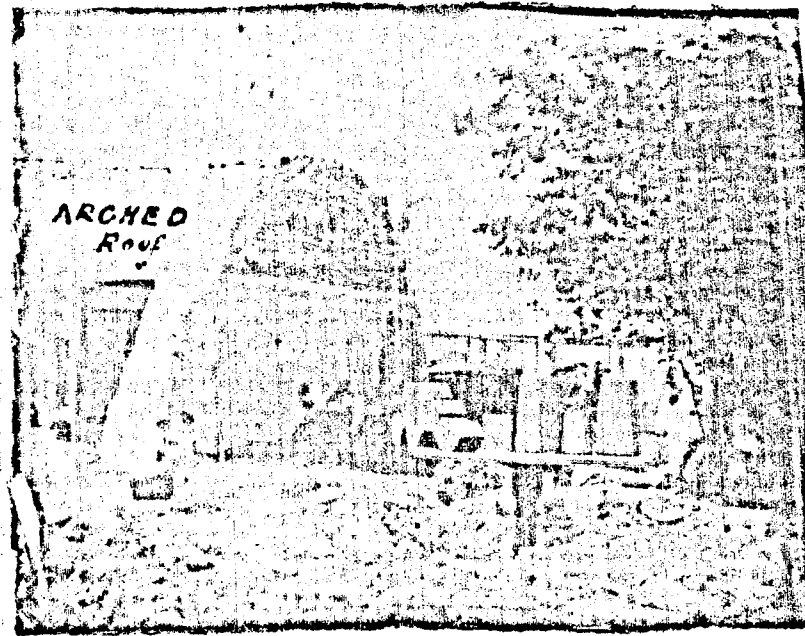
9. I beg that this fact in opposition to an estimate may induce the Government, or the department charged with the re-roofing of the lines, to reconsider the proposal.

10. The strong points in favor of the use

use of Syrian tiles is that they are proof to the action alike of fire and of white ants, there being no woodwork used in the construction of the roofs, and thus constitute by far the most lasting and economical roof in India. There are men here now who have had the necessary instructions in building such roofs.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.

E. J. Thomas
Dn. C. S.



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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1881, No. 379.

Sepoys' Huts.

Read the following paper:—

No. 72. From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., C.S.I., District Magistrate, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Belgám, 24th January 1881, No. 96.

I regret to report, for the information of Government, that, on the morning of the 10th instant, 361 huts in the lately erected temporary sepoy lines were destroyed by fire, and that 23 more were burnt on the night of the 11th.

2. From a demi-official from the Acting Principal Assistant Collector I also regret to learn that in some instances the sepoy lost everything they possessed even to their uniforms.

3. The causes of the fires are not stated, but I presume, in the absence of information on the point, that they were accidental.

4. The Taluk Magistrate has been directed to erect temporary sheds, and Mr. G. L. Narsing Rao has been asked to give the sepoy shelter on his adjacent property.

5. The sheds were only recently constructed by the Public Works Department at a cost, I believe, of about 7,000 rupees.

6. A copy of the report of the occurrence received from the Officer Commanding the 29th Native Infantry is enclosed.

7. I regret the delay in furnishing this report, but being in camp in the northern part of Jeypore, the first information of the occurrence which I received was in a letter from the Vice-President of the Vizagapatam Municipality, which reached me only this morning.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. St. MAUR WYNCH, Acting Commandant, 29th Regiment, Native Infantry, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Vizagapatam, 10th January 1881.

I have the honor to state that 342 huts in the Regimental lines were destroyed by fire this day, and to request you will be good enough to make arrangements for the shelter of my men and their families.

2. I have wired to the Quartermaster-General.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1881, No. 379.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to endorsement, Judicial, No. 252, dated 8th February 1881.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department, with paper.
" Military Department.
" District Magistrate, Vizagapatam.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

J. H. Garstin
Chief Secretary.

J. W. C. A. 815

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Mr. 1148/81

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To

to the Chief Secretary to Government

Vizagapatam

to the Chief Secretary to Government

29th January 1881

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Transferred to the Public Works Dept. with reference to O.F. No. 2045 W. dated 30th August, 1880.

J. H. Garstin
Assistant Secretary

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To THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,
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C.E. No. 485 of 28th Feb/81.

Dated February, 18th.

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G.O., 18th February 1881, No. 379.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 72-73.

S. pays^r Huts.—Communicating letter from District Magistrate, Vizagapatam, reporting the destruction by fire of 384 huts in the lines of the 29th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry.

P. W. D.
28th Feb/81.

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Feb/81.

The undersigned
is directed to enquire
whether any reference
is about to be made
to this Dept^l by the mil^y:
Dept^l on the subject of
the above G.O., and if so,
whether it is desirable that
such reference should be
waited before action is
taken in the P. W. Dept^l.

(P. 2) John Pennycook
Secy to Govt
Ind. Secy to Govt
P. W. D.

To
The Secy to Govt mil^y: Dept^l
P. W. D.
28-2-81

No. 13/8

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George, the 5th March 1881.

Memorandum.

In reply to Public Works Department Memorandum No 485, dated 28th February 1881, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, has the honor to state that it is not intended to make any reference at present in connection with the subject of Judicial P. G. No 379, dated 18th February 1881, regarding destruction of Sepoys' huts at Vizagapatnam by fire.

It is proposed to construct new lines on another site if one can be found, and the local authorities are considering the matter. Meanwhile temporary huts will be provided by the collector.

(By order.)

Manikud Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To, The Public Works Department.

Ch. No 485 of 28th Feb/81.

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S. W. C. No 1457.

Received 8th March 1887

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