PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

No. 136 W.

No. 85.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Military Department.

SIR,—With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 8 M.W., dated 7th January 1882, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the correspondence marginally noted, which gives the history of the lines occupied by the 15th Regiment Native Infantry at Bangalore, and from which it will be seen that the huts are now the property of Government, who have undertaken to carry out all needful repairs.

Procs. Mily. Dept., dated 13th December 1880, No. 7795.
Do. do., dated 10th June 1881, No. 3123.
Procs. P.W. Dept., dated 25th October 1881, No. 2613 W.
Do. do., dated 16th Nov. 1881, No. 2871 W.
Do. do., „ 25th „ „ „ 2942 W.

2. As no funds are available to carry out at once the extensive repairs stated to be necessary, a sum of Rs. 4,465 has been allotted from the additional grant of Rs. 17,000 sanctioned by the Government of India, to enable the Executive Engineer to effect such repairs as are urgently required,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th January 1882.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated January, 16th.

Issued

Read. *Encl.*

16th January 1882, *No.* 136 *W.*

JANUARY.
No. 85.

INFORMING that the Sepoys' Lines at Bangalore are now the property of Government and that Rs. 4,465 has been allotted for urgent repairs to them.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th January 1882, No. 69 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 31. From the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 12th December 1881, No. 47 G.L.

No. 31-A. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 5th January 1882.

YOUR No. 2943 W. of 25th November. Additional Military Works grant of Rs. 17,000 for current year is now made. No money can at present be given for repairs Sepoys' lines.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1882, No. 69 W.

THE additional assignment of Rs. 17,000 made by the Government of India in the above telegram to the grant for Military Works in the current official year will be distributed as follows, and the sum of Rs. 13,334 carried to the Reserve with Government under Repairs Military :—

	RS.
Works	13,334
Establishment at 25 per cent.	3,333
Tools and Plant	333
Total ...	17,000

2. The following appropriations of funds are made from the Reserve under Military Repairs :—

	RS.
(1.) Repairs, Military, Presidency Division.—*Vide* G.O., No. 2942 W. of 25th November 1881	4,465
(2.) Repairs, Military, Trichinopoly Division.—*Vide* G.O., No. 2967 W., of 29th November 1881	2,500
(3.) Minor Works, Military, Presidency Division.—*Vide* G.O., No. 2534 W., of 17th October 1881	3,500
(4.) Repairs, Military, Vizagapatam Division.—*Vide* application read above	600
(5.) Repairs, Military, Ganjam Division.—*Vide* application read above	1,000

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" " " Fifth "
" " " Sixth "
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 10th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 10th January 1882, No. 69 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 31-32.

Grant for Military Works in the current official year.—Distribution of the additional assignment of Rs. 17,000 made by the Government of India to the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th January 1882, No. 135 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 83. From Colonel G. T. CHESNEY, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 7th January 1882, No. 8 M.W.

IN continuation of this office telegram, dated 5th instant, sanctioning an additional grant of Rs. 17,000 for expenditure during the current year on certain urgent works unconnected with repairs to Sepoys' lines, I am directed to state that if the crore of rupees allotted for Military Works throughout India in 1881-82 is found to be exceeded at the close of the year, the additional grant now sanctioned will have to be met from the Madras Imperial Military Works assignment for 1882-83.

2. I am at the same time to inquire by whom the Sepoys' lines at Bangalore were constructed, *i.e.*, whether by the Sepoys themselves or by the Public Works Department. If by the former, it would, in the opinion of the Government of India, be out of order to employ Public Works agency to repair the lines.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1882, No. 135 W.

ORDERED that the following reply be sent :—

(Here enter No. 136 W., dated 16th January 1882.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

Dated January 16*th*,

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 16*th January* 1882, *No.* 135 *W.*

JANUARY.

Nos. 83-84.

Sepoys' Lines at Bangalore.—Ordered that the Government of India be informed that the — are now the property of Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th September 1883, No. 6130.

Referring to Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2195, dated 14th April 1883, upon which the Public Works Department has declined to carry out any repairs to lines, the property of Government, in this presidency, I have the honor to solicit that, pending a final decision on the general question of hutting of the native army in this presidency, the early permission of the Government of India may be obtained to the continuance of previous practice under which all ordinary repairs from time to time required to the lines marginally noted are executed by the Public Works Department.

Madras.
Perambúr lines.
Bangalore.
West hutting lines.
Sámalkót.
Detachment lines.

2. Since their construction, the lines at Madras and Bangalore have been rented to the regiments on occupation, it being understood that the State by whom they were built, when the "State Landlord" system was contemplated, would maintain them in proper repairs.

3. Even if the rents were foregone, it would not be possible to hold the regiments responsible for repairs to lines built in such superior style as these are.

4. The Government of India has already sanctioned the maintenance of the lines at Sámalkót at the expense of the State,* but it is presumed that a repetition of this sanction is required under the orders quoted in the first paragraph of this letter.

* Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 1638, dated 21st March 1881.

No. 5041, Military.

Referred to the Public Works Department with the remark that the lines referred to are the property of the State (the men at Madras and Bangalore paying rent for occupancy), and should, in the opinion of Government in the Military Department, be kept in repair by the Public Works Department.

2. The Government of India have already sanctioned the Sámalkót lines being maintained at the expense of the State.

Proceedings of Government, No. 1638, dated 21st March 1881.

3. It is understood that paragraph 282 of the Pay Code refers to lines the property of the men.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
14th September 1883.

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

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 10th September 1883, No. 2158.

The Government of India have ordered, in circular No. 1 M.W. of the 10th March 1883, that expenditure on the repairs of native lines shall be incurred only with their express permission.

G.O., No. 998, dated 31st March 1883.

2. An estimate of Rs. 378 has been made by the Executive Engineer of the Presidency division for repairs to the roofing of the Perambúr lines. The Brigadier-General considers that the circular and paragraph 282 of the Pay Code (circulated at the same time) refer only to lines which are the property of the native soldier; and the Brigadier-General asks that, as the Perambúr lines are the property of the Government and rented to the men, the repairs may be executed by the Public Works Department.

3. I have the honor to request that I may have instructions on the subject of these repairs. I consider that I have no authority to sanction the estimate, and have said so to the Executive Engineer. But it appears to me that further orders are required to explain whether the rent taken from the native troops is to be treated only as a refund to the Government upon the money expended by them, or if it is supposed to produce also a fund towards the cost of periodical repairs.

ORDER—dated 2nd October 1883, No. 2753 W., Public Works.

As in the opinion of the Military Department the ruling in paragraph 282 of the Pay Code quoted by the Government of India in their circular recorded with G.O., No. 2195, dated 14th April 1883 (Military), refers only to lines the property of the troops, while those referred to by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in the letter above recorded are the property of the State, and, as such, should continue to be maintained by the Public Works Department, the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, will arrange for the execution of the requisite repairs.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India for confirmation.

(Here enter No. 2754 W., dated 2nd October 1883.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 2nd October 1883, No. 2754 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India (Military Department).

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd Oct. 1883, No. 2754 W.

OCTOBER.

Native Infantry Lines at Madras and Bangalore

FORWARDING, for confirmation by the Government of India, copy of Proceedings ordering the execution by the Public Works Department of the requisite repairs to certain —.

Accounts.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on the subject.

Circular No. 1.
M. W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 10th March 1883.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRITISH BURMAH.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ASSAM.
THE AGENT, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, HYDERABAD.
THE AGENT, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CENTRAL INDIA.
THE AGENT, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, RAJPUTANA.
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL, MILITARY WORKS.

SIR,

IT having been brought to the notice of the Government of India that large sums have recently been expended on the construction and repair of accommodation for Native troops, I am directed to invite your attention to para. 282, Pay Code, Vol. II, and to request that such expenditure may in future be incurred only with the express permission of, and, except in the case of ordinary repairs, on estimates sanctioned by, the Government of India.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) G. CHESNEY, *Colonel,*
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copies forwarded to—

The Quartermaster-General in India, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

The Accountant-General, Military Department, for information.

The Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for information.

By order,

(Signed) J. E. BROADBENT, *Captain, R.E.,*
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract para 282 of the Pay Code:-

The grant of hutting money by the State is to be viewed only as an assistance conceded by the Government to aid native soldiers in the building and repair of their lines. It is in no way contemplated to relieve them altogether from the obligation of providing their own shelter, the liability to this having always been one of the conditions of service in the native Army. The only circumstances under which the Government will take upon itself the whole expense of providing quarters for native troops are when such troops may be quartered within fortified posts, or at places where details are only temporarily detached and often relieved; but all such cases must be referred to Government to be decided on their own merits.

No. 1032 M.W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Military Works

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

To,

The Secy: to the Govt: of Madras,
Public Works Deptt.

Fort William, 19th December 1881.

Sir,

I am directed to ac=
=knowledge the receipt of
your letter No: 2943 W dated
the 25th ultimo, requesting sanc=
=tion to an additional grant
of Rs 30,000 for the current year
for certain Emergent repairs.-

2. Before passing any orders
the Govt: of India desires to be
informed whether the whole
amount applied for is required
for repairs to Sepoy's Lines.-

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& No 9984 7/37 3/82

Communicate to the
Secy. Deptt & the
Officers of the D.W.D.
for information
& guidance.

Dec 19th

Mil Deptt
& Engrs
C.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt
Majr. Cumming
Offg. Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India
&

Rec'd 5th Jany.

E.B.

G.O. 2942-36. 25-11-81.

Sir,

No. 12 W

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
P. W. D.

Elephant K 5th January 1882.

In reply to your letter No. 1032 W. D. dated 19th Decr 81, I am directed to inform you that a sum of Rs 12,906 is required for repairs to the Provn lines, and the balance for general purposes.

R.S.
Read
5/1/82

27/12/81

Intd. in Rect. Jr. Regr.

12 Jr. 5-1-82.