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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

No. 139-A.

READ—the following papers:—

From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th May 1882, No. 9 E.W.

In referring for your orders the accompanying letter* from the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, No. 313, dated 25th April 1882, I have the honor to remark that the form recommended by the Superintending Engineer appears to be a useful one, and there seems to be no objection to his introducing it with the consent of the Military authorities. As the form would be applicable only in the case of a few divisions, it need not be included amongst the regular Code Forms.

* To be returned.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Chepauk, 25th April 1882, No. 313.

One List of Barrack Master's Repair Works.
" List of damages, &c., marked A.
" Form marked B.
" Form M 7.

I have the honor to request your consideration to paragraphs 2,177 and 2,178, Public Works Code, under which petty repairs to barracks estimated to cost less than Rs. 50 are initiated, estimated, and carried out by the Barrack-Master by funds supplied by the Executive Engineer before the repairs are commenced. I enclose an abstract of the last batch of these received from the Barrack Master, Bangalore, showing number of lists of repairs, number of items on each, dates of the inspections and amounts for each arm of service, &c. These small repairs to military buildings are initiated entirely by the Barrack Serjeant and Quartermaster Serjeant of the corps occupying the buildings at weekly inspections, they are *not* noted at "periodical inspections", made by the Barrack Master, as laid down in 2,178, but the list is countersigned by the Barrack Master, and the repairs are wrongfully called "damages and deficiencies."

The list of repairs is entered on what is, in my opinion, a printed "form drafted for an entirely different purpose," viz., for the purpose of reporting the damages and deficiencies arising "from neglect or wantonness on the part of the occupants," and it is, in my opinion, a very risky proceeding to authorise the use in this way of such a form so easily convertible from its legitimate use; this printed form (see enclosure A) is not one of the regular Public Works Department forms; by the addition of the single word "Government," put at top of the rupee column, this form has been made to supply the place of a suitable Department of Public Works form of requisition indicated in paragraph 2,178, but not now existing. I therefore submit a Form B for approval and adoption.

I am of opinion that, in order to fix the responsibility of some one officer authorising all these repairs, it is necessary that the officer should give the certificate which is mentioned on printed Form B herewith attached; it is quite clear to me by paragraph 2,178 that the Government intend that either the Officer Commanding Regiment or the Barrack Master should be this authority. Form B is drafted accordingly, the signatures of any number of Barrack Serjeants and Quartermaster Serjeants are, in my opinion, valueless for the purposes in view.

As complaints are often made of delay in executing services, a memorandum is added in order that the reason of, or name of the officer causing, the delay may be made manifest by the paper record. I am aware that Officers Commanding have been informed that the Department of Public Works Officers cause delay; it is not just to us that Officers Commanding should be made to think so in cases where the delay is caused elsewhere.

Paragraph 2,178 clearly requires that the requisition shall have on it, before it is done with and expenditure caused finally audited, a completion certificate signed by "Officer Commanding the Regiment to whose buildings the repairs have been executed;" hitherto the custom has been to accept either the Barrack Master's or the Officer's Commanding completion certificate; clearly the Barrack Master's certificate, being that of the executive officer, is an irregular one for the purpose of supporting a disbursement of his own.

I have said there is no Department of Public Works form existing which is suitable to the purposes of petty barrack repairs. Form M 7 is the nearest applicable, but it is not a good one for use in these repairs, as it contains so little space for the necessary entry of the many items required to be entered on it, the whole of one side of this form being filled with matter irrelevant to the business in hand, for which reasons as well as for those given, as regards the certificate and memorandum in proposed Form B, I submit for consideration and approval the enclosed Form B.

I may add that the Form B attached is the War Office form used for the same purposes as this is intended to be; but it would, I think, sometimes, be a very useful alternative to Department of Public Works Form M 7 when, as now, in the Presidency Division the works are carried out by a Schedule contract.

No. 1107 C.

Referred to the Military Department.

(By Order.)

19th May 1882. (Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 2449. Military Department.

Ootacamund,
22nd May 1882.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

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

To the Quartermaster-General.

No. 139-B.

Read—G.O., dated 14th August 1882, No. 4318, Military.

From Major D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Deputy Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th August 1882, No. 6355.

Referring to reference Order No. 2449, dated 22nd May 1882,* I am desired to say that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief sees no objection to the use of the new Form B recommended by the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, it being understood that its introduction is considered desirable by the Public Works Department. But with reference to the remarks of the Superintending Engineer in his letter No. 313, dated 25th April 1882, forming one of the enclosures of the Order under notice, I am desired to observe that paragraph 2,177 of the Public Works Code provides for the weekly inspections and assessment of damages by Barrack Sergeants, which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers essential. The form on which the result of these inspections has hitherto been recorded at Bangalore, to which Colonel Burton takes exception, was introduced with the approval of a former Executive Engineer of the station, the heading of column 8 having a blank space left in it designedly, so that the form could be used to show damages the result either of fair wear and tear or of negligence or wilfulness of the occupants, both of which may have to be noted as provided in paragraph 2,177 of the Public Works Code.

* Herewith returned.

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Order—dated 14th August 1882, No. 4318, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred papers returned.

2. There is no objection to the adoption of Form B if considered desirable.

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

No. 139-C.

Order—dated 19th August 1882, No. 2149 W., Public Works.

The form recommended by the Officiating Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, is accordingly approved for future adoption.

2. The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will arrange for a supply of the forms being issued.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with four enclosures.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 19th Aug. 1882, No. 2149 W.

AUGUST.

Nos. 139-A—139-C.

Petty Repairs.

The form of requisition for execution of — by Barrack Masters, suggested by the Officiating Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, approved, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts requested to arrange for a supply of the forms being issued.

No. 139 A.

No. 313

Supdg. Engrs Office, 5th Circle
Chetpauk 25th April 1882

From

The Offg. Supdg. Engineer, 2149/3
5th Circle.

To

The Examiner,
P. W. Accounts.

Sir,

Enclosures. 4
1 List of Barrack Masters repair works
1 List of damages marked A
1 Form marked B
1 Form M 7.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
Lt Col R.E.
Offg: Supty: Engineer, 5th Circle.

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From,

The Supdg. Engineer
5th Circle

Dated 25th } April 82.
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No. 313.

Petty Reports carried out by Barrack Master.

Requests consideration in connection with

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From,

The Examiner P.W. Accounts,

Madras.

To,

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department.

No. 9 & M. Madras, 16th May 1882.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

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Examiner P.W. Accounts.

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No: 1107 C. P.S.

July 1882 Letter

Referred to From,

The Examiner P.W. Accounts,

the Military Depart- Madras.

-ment (By order)

To,

The Chief Engineer,

P.W. Department.

Lt Col Thompson

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From The P. W. Dept

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Ag under Secy to Govt P.W.D. No. 956 P.

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The Commander in Chief

Dated 16th May 1882.

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to the P. Master General

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Execution of Petty Repairs

by Barrack Masters & form of re-

quisition. Regarding the-----

Referred

R. Davis 5-229

No. 1596 C.

Quarter Master General's Office

Fort Saint George 18 August 1882

No. 6355

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From The Quarter Master General

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Dy. Surveyor Major

Offg. By. Dr. Mr. General

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Ref Diary 5-229

P.W.C. No. 5390.

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From

The Qr. Mr. General

To

The Secretary to Govt.

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Intimates that the Commander-in-Chief has no objection to the use of the new Form B. for erection of Petty Repairs by Barrack Masters.

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No. 4318 Transmits to the P. W. Dept. the enclosed papers & returns.

There is no objection to the adoption of Form B. if considered desirable

Colonel
Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl.
Madras
8 Aug 82

No 2149 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 19th August 82

Read the following:—

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From the Quarter Master General Fort St George to the Secretary to Govt. Military Depte.		6355 dt 12th August 1882.
Endorsement Military Department.		4318 dt. 14th August 1882.

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2. The Examiner P.W. Accounts will arrange for a supply of the Forms being issued.

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P.W.C. No. 5390.

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To the Dr. Mr. General

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The Secretary to Govt.

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Colonel
Dy: Secy to Govt

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UNDER date the 19th August 82

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G. O. 19th April 1882, No. 2149.

Nos. 139 & 139

Petty Repairs

The form of requisition for execution of — by Barnard Macleis supplied by the P.W.D. Ch: for the Circle approved and the Executive requested to arrange for a supply of the forms being issued.

Ltr. 21/8.

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