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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th January 1882, No. 6 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 11. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 18th November 1881, No. 1717-7744.

I HAVE the honor, by order, to bring the following case to your notice, and to request the favor of some departmental instructions being issued to insure works of emergent nature being expeditiously commenced and carried out.

2. On the 26th of August last heavy rain fell at Poonamallee and beat in through the ridge ventilators, making the barrack rooms almost uninhabitable and, at all events, most uncomfortable. The men in the barracks had been sent from Burma and other places, suffering from dysentery, liver, fever, &c., and exposure to damp was most undesirable for them.

3. A requisition to remedy the defect in the ventilators was sent in, but it appears to have taken from the 1st September to the 18th October to prepare an estimate (Rs. 340) for providing eave planks to the ridge ventilators. This estimate was approved by the General Officer Commanding Centre District, and sent by the Barrackmaster on the 25th October to the Executive Engineer, but up to the 14th instant the work had not been commenced. The Executive Engineer, on the 2nd instant, in reply to a reference, stated that "the estimate is now being forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for sanction. As soon as it is sanctioned the work will be commenced."

4. It will be observed that a great deal of time was taken to prepare the estimate, and that, when it was approved, it appears to have required another long process of reference before the work could be commenced.

No. 11-A.

No. 2780

Copy of the above forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, for early remarks and explanation as to the apparently very improper delay that has occurred in the matter alluded to.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

22nd November 1881.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

No. 11-B. From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 8th December 1881, No. 369.

WITH reference to your memorandum No. 2780, dated 22nd November 1881, I have the honor to report that the Executive Engineer of the Chingleput Division explains, that the requisition was received by him on the 5th September, and an estimate for altering the ventilators was ready on the 13th idem. This estimate provided for closing the ventilators; but the Executive Engineer considered it would be objectionable to neutralize the object for which the ventilators had been lately put up, and proposed to examine the building during rain, to ascertain whether the rain might be excluded without altogether blocking up the ventilation. This course was adopted and a revised estimate was ready on the 6th of October.

2. On that date, the Executive Engineer writes, the funds under Military Repairs had been exhausted, and the estimate was detained till the 18th October, when it was sent for the approval of the Military Authorities. Since then there was a period from the 2nd November to the 19th idem when the estimate was in the Superintending Engineer's Office, first at Coimbatore and then in Madras, the transfer of the district having been effected just at that time.

3. The ventilators being of the usual design, I think the Executive Engineer was right in hesitating before proposing to close them up: he thought that the rain had been driven by very high wind, and he waited a little before making his estimate; while again as he did not see his way to allot funds, he detained the estimate for twelve days.

4. Under the circumstances I must say I fail to see that there is any particular cause of dissatisfaction, and there certainly is at present much difficulty in attending to the calls for repairs to military buildings at the Mount, at Madras and at Bangalore, as funds are by no means available to meet the demands.

No. 11-C.

No. 3011.

MEMORANDUM.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated 8th December 1881, No. 369.

THE Chief Engineer has the honor to inquire whether, in submitting to the Executive Engineer the requisition for altering the ridge ventilators of the Poonamallee Barracks, the Commanding Officer (or Medical Officer in charge) explained the urgent nature of the demand, whether in fact the Executive Engineer was made aware of the fact that the men were invalids, suffering from dysentery, &c., and required immediate protection from the weather.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

13th December 1881.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

No. 11-D. From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th December 1881, No. 431.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 3011 of the 13th instant, I have the honor to report that the Executive Engineer wrote in sending his explanation:—
"No mention is made in the Barrackmaster's requisition that the barracks were used by sick soldiers."

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1882, No. 6 W.

UNDER all the circumstances of the case, it does not appear that the Executive Engineer neglected his duty, but still the Government think that the delay in attending to the requisition of the Military Authorities need not have been so great. It is a well known fact that Poonamallee constantly receives drafts of invalids.

(True Extract.)

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

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To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Military Department.

Encl. S. T. Austin.
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C. A. W.

As a token for
the S.E. while
in submitting his
resignation to the
work to the E.E.
the Commanding
Officer (or Medical
Officer in Charge)
explained the
urgent nature of
the demand -
wherein in fact the
S.E. was made
aware of the fact
that the men
were invalids. S.M.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Oct^r 17th of 18th Novem^r 1888.

1780 of 22²

— 369 of 13th December —

" 3011 of B¹⁰ " "

" 431 of 15th _____

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W. H. Lawrence
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Secretary to Government, M.D.

FOR ORDERS.

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Military Works
Repairs.

Quartermaster General's Office,
Head Quarters. Bangalore,
18th November 1881.

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No 1417
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From

Brigadier General H. O'Connell,
Quartermaster General.

To

The Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor, by order, to
bring the following case to your notice,
and to request the favor of some
departmental instructions being issued
to insure works of emergent nature being
expeditiously commenced and carried out.

2. On the 26th of August last, heavy
rain fell at Poonaallee and beat in
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. D. Cornwell Mgr. Genl.

Quarter Master General.

R. S. L.

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No 2780 of 22 Nov/81.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Supt Engineer 5th Circle for early remarks and explanation as to the apparently very improper delay that has occurred in the matter alluded to.

(By order)
Sgt R. J.
Ag. Dy. Ch. Engr. P.W.D.

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S.E. 5th Circle
Dy. Engr. 23-11-81

P.W. (1881) Department.

From,
The Quartermaster General.

To
The Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works
Madras.

No 1717
7744
Dated 18th } November/81.
Received

Ch. No 2780 of 22-11-81
Requesting the issue of instructions in view to works of an urgent nature being expeditiously commenced and carried out.

Sub. in Receipt Refr.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5th Circle MADRAS,
Chepauk, 8th December 1881.

From
Col. H. L. Pendergast P.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5th Circle,

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Memorandum No 2780 dated 22nd November 1881 I have the honor to report that the Executive Engineer of the Chingleput Division explains that the requisition was received by him on the 5th September and an estimate for altering the Ventilators was ready on the 13th idem. This estimate provided for closing the Ventilators; but the Executive Engineer considered it would be objectionable to materialize the object for which the Ventilators had been lately put up - and proposed to examine the Building during rain, to ascertain whether the rain might be excluded without altogether blocking up

the Ventilation. This course was adopted, and a revised estimate was ready on the 6 of October.

2. On that date, the Executive Engineer writes, the funds under Military Repairs had been exhausted, and the Estimate was detained till the 18th October, when it was sent for the approval of the Military authorities. Since then there was a period from the 2nd November to the 19th Idem when the estimate was in the Superintending Engineer's Office: first at Coimbatore and then in Madras, the transfer of the District having been effected just at that time.

3. The Ventilators being of the usual design, I think the Executive Engineer was right in hesitating before proposing to close them up; he thought that the rain had been driven by very high wind and he waited a little before making his estimate; while again as he did not see his way to allot funds, he detained the estimate for 12 days.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

Chas Wendenham Esq. Col. R.E.

Superintd Engineer
Official

From

The Superintending Engineer,

5th Circle,

To

The

Chief Engr
P.H.D

Dated

Recd.

8th } December 1881

ENCLOSURES.

No. 369-

Ventilator of Pona:
mallee Barracks.

Report on the
preparation of estimate
for — & cause of
delay.

Subd. in Receipt Regr.

he 3011. a/13-12-81.

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P.H.D

Memorandum

Letter from the Suptg Engr
5th Circle, No 369 dated 8th December/81.

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Dysentery &c & required immediate
protection from the weather.

(By order)

Sgt R.T.

Ag. Dy. Ch. P.H.D

The Suptg Engr 5th Circle
Sept 13-12-81.

Ch. N: 2780 of 22-11-87.

Ch. N: 304 of 13-12-87.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5 Circle MADRAS,
Chepauk, 15th December 1887.

From

Col. A. L. Pendergast R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5th Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer J. P. W.

Sir,

Enclosures.

In reply to your Memo
No. 304 of the 13th Instant I have
the honor to report, that the Executive
Engineer wrote in sending his ex-
planation

"No mention is made in the Bar-
rack Master's requisition that the
Barracks were used by sick soldiers."

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
A. L. Pendergast Col. R.E.

Superintendent Engineer
5 Circle

From

The Superintending Engineer,
S. Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
S. Circle.

Dated

15th

Recd.

December 1881.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 131-

Barackat
Poonamallee

Reports that
the Ex. Engr. Chingleput
sent in his explanation
mentioned within in con-
nection with —

Circ 17/12

CE 3011 of 13.12.81

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th January 1882
Read the following:—

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From the S. Circle H.S. No. 177 of 18th November 1881
Memo. to the S. D. S. Circle " 2780 of 22nd " "
From the " " 369 of 13th Dec " "
Memo. to " " 3011 of 13th " "
From " " 431 of 15th " "

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22.12.81

SS 5th Circle
Mil Dept

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Govt. of [1881] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 5th July 1882 No. 610

Nos. 11-12

Re: works at Penamallu
Regarding the delay
in the execution of some
urgent works in the

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Encl. in Receipt Book