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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following letter from Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th August 1883, No. 695 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 671, dated 21st instant, on the subject of public buildings for the Regiments of Native Infantry at Trichinopoly, and previous correspondence, I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit that His Excellency is exceedingly anxious that the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the arms, &c., of the regiment should be completed at the same time that the lines are.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that the scheme for the construction of lines for native corps by the labor of the men themselves is purely experimental, and the Commander-in-Chief thinks it very desirable that the men should not suffer the disappointment of finding, after having completed their own houses, that the Government have not provided the necessary accommodation for their arms, accoutrements, and regimental stores.

3. Sir Frederick Roberts is aware that this work is not entered in the current year's Budget, but His Excellency feels sure that the Government will coincide with him in the necessity for commencing it at once, so that the buildings may be ready for occupation simultaneously with the men's lines, which it is confidently expected will be completed by the end of this official year.

4. Under the above circumstances, I am desired to express Sir Frederick Roberts' earnest hope that the Government will find it possible to make a special grant for this work.

No. 4701, Military.

Endorsement on the above.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration, in continuation of No. 4619, dated 22nd August 1883.

(By Order.)

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

Ootacamund,
29th August 1883.

Order—dated 21st September 1883, No. 2659 W., Public Works.

The Government regret that there are absolutely no funds at their disposal at present for allotment to the buildings referred to in the foregoing correspondence.

2. The Government of India will, however, be requested to allot, as a special case, a sum of Rs. 10,000 for expenditure on estimates which may have been duly sanctioned.

(Here enter No. 2660 W., dated 21st September 1883.)

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 21*st*.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st Sept. 1883, No. 2659 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Native Infantry Lines at Trichinopoly

The Government of India to be requested to allot, as a special case, Rs. 10,000 *for expenditure on certain duly sanctioned public buildings in connection with the* — now under construction.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Military Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Quartermaster-General, I am to request that, under the circumstances represented by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Government of India may be moved to allot, as a special case, a sum of Rs. 10,000 for expenditure on duly sanctioned public buildings in connection with the Native Infantry Lines now under construction at Trichinopoly.

2. There has been some difficulty in procuring copies of standard plans for guidance, the Inspector-General of Military Works to whom application was made being now, it is understood, in communication with the Government of India on the matter. The allotment of funds applied for will, I am to say, be utilized only on works for which estimates on authorized designs have been duly sanctioned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

OOTACAMUND,
21st September 1883.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 21*st.*

Read. *Encl.*

21st Sept. 1883, No. 2660 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Native Infantry Lines at Trichinopoly

Requesting an allotment of Rs. 10,000 for expenditure on duly sanctioned public buildings in connection with the — now under construction.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 14th June 1883, No. 542 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 1184 W., dated 20th April 1883, forwarding copies of the final issue of the Budget Estimate for Military Works in the Madras Presidency for the year 1883-84, with copies of the orders of the Governor in Council and connected papers.

2. The Government of India have carefully considered the views of Sir Frederick Roberts, contained in the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 85, dated 13th April 1883, and they are willing to accept generally his recommendations. But it is essential to the economical administration of the limited funds available for Military Works that no departure be permitted from the rules of the Public Works Department with respect to sanctioned estimates. If works are commenced before estimates are prepared, the Government of India may be committed without their knowledge or consent to an expenditure disproportionate to the need; while if allotments are made in anticipation of the estimate being sanctioned, this tends to promote the preparation of hasty and ill-considered estimates. The allotments proposed for the works entered in the final issue of the Budget Estimate for the works enumerated in the margin, and for which no estimates have yet been sanctioned, are therefore withdrawn and placed to the reserve with the Government of India. But if the estimates are sanctioned at an early date, the Government of India will be prepared to consider applications for the re-allotment of funds from their reserve.

		Rs.
Class A—		
Item No. 4.—Stables for one Field Battery, Bellary		10,000
Item No. 5.—Gymnasium, Fort St. George ..		5,000
Class B—		
Item No. 2.—Public Buildings for Cavalry Regiment, Bangalore		16,000
Item No. 3.—Latrines for Sappers and Miners		3,800
Item No. 5.—Coast Defences, Fort St. George.		20,000
Item No. 6.—Bakery, Cannanore		5,000
Item No. 7.—Bakery, Wellington		8,000
	Total ..	66,800

3. With reference, however, to the provision of stables both at Bellary and elsewhere, I am directed to state that the Government of India is averse to sanctioning the construction of stables until they are satisfied that the want is to be met in the most economical manner consistent with efficiency. I am therefore to request that the design and estimate for the Bellary stables when ready may be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India with the application for funds for the work, and that meanwhile no expenditure on them may be allowed.

4. I am also to request some further explanation regarding the "public buildings" for the cavalry regiment at Bangalore, as no entry of this kind has a place in the lists of authorised accommodation for the various arms of the service.

5. I am to say that it is not understood why the Sappers and Miners should not be able to construct their own latrines without coming to the Public Works Department for help.

6. It is observed that, notwithstanding the instructions conveyed in paragraph 6 of the Orders of the Government of India on the Preliminary Budget Estimate, the Boys' Hospital for the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund has been entered in Appendix B of the final issue of the Budget. I am to say that the Government of India are not prepared to sanction any further expenditure on the Asylum buildings.

7. I am to add that, judged by the tests of estimates, it would appear that the grants to Madras, limited although they may be, appear to be beyond the capacity of the local Public Works Department to spend. The first condition for making a grant of funds is that approved designs and estimates shall be ready for the work for which the grant is required. In this most important respect the procedure of the Public Works Department, Madras, so far as regards military buildings, leaves a great deal to be desired.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 20th June 1883, No. 561 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1418 W., dated 14th May 1883, relative to the provision of a hospital for the boys of the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund, and in reply to say, in continuation of what was said in paragraph 6 of Military Department letter, No. 542 M.W., dated 14th June 1883, that the Government of India are not prepared to sanction any further expenditure at present on the Asylum buildings.

ORDER—dated 13th July 1883, No. 1964 W., Public Works.

In the orders of the Government of India above recorded a sum of Rs. 66,800 has been withdrawn from the grant for Major Works, Military, the specific appropriations making up this amount being detailed in paragraph 2 of their letter, No. 542 M. W., dated 14th June 1883. The withdrawal of these allotments is tentative, pending sanction to the estimates for the works in question. Orders * have already issued prohibiting expenditure on works "unprovided with duly sanctioned estimates," and the attention of Superintending Engineers is again called to the necessity of losing no time in submitting for sanction estimates for all works brought forward for execution in the Military Works Budget of the current year.

* G.O., No. 1183 W., dated 20th April 1883.

Class A.—As regards *Item* 4, *Stables for one Field Battery, Bellary*, it is observed that the plans and estimates were laid before the Government of India with letter from this Government, No. 1263 W., dated 30th April 1883, and that orders for proceeding with the work are now awaited.

Item No. 5, *Gymnasium, Fort St. George.*—There should apparently be no difficulty in utilizing the allotment for this work when the estimates have been duly sanctioned.

Class B.—Item No. 2, *Public Buildings for Cavalry Regiment, Bangalore.*—The arrangements regarding this are understood to be in train. It is remarked that until the requisite preliminaries are settled, the estimates cannot well be framed. The Government of India will be further addressed on the subject when the estimates are ready.

Item No. 3, *Latrines for Sappers and Miners, Bangalore.*—The observations of the Government of India in regard to this item will be considered in the Military Department.

Item No. 5, *Coast Defences, Fort St. George.*—The estimate for this work was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1661 W., dated 13th June 1883, copy of which will now be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the Budget grant of Rs. 20,000 may be re-allotted.

Items Nos. 6 *and* 7, *Bakeries at Cannanore and Wellington.*—The Inspector-General of Military Works has, it is understood, been referred to by the Chief Engineer in regard to standard or approved designs for works of this character, in view to their adoption in this Presidency if found suitable. Meanwhile estimates are being framed on available data.

It is much regretted that, notwithstanding the urgent representation made to the Government of India in reference to the need of hospital accommodation at the Boys' School, Lawrence Asylum, the entry of the work has now been peremptorily expunged from the Budget.

In reference to paragraph 7 of the earlier letter of the Government of India recorded above, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to judge, by the test of the estimates now under special notice, the capacity of the Local Public Works Department to spend the limited grants for Military Works. Much larger grants could be very profitably utilized if sanctioned works only, of which there are a great number uncommenced, were brought forward for execution by the Military authorities. But urgent demands are constantly arising, and priority is conceded to these while the Budget lists are under consideration. The consequence is that the budget, as presented to the Government of India, contains works which have still to be estimated for in detail.

(Here enter No. 1965 W., dated 13th July 1883.)

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Financial do.
" Accountant-General, Madras.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 13th July 1883, No. 1965 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Govt. of {1883} Madras.

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Dated July, 13*th*.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 13th July 1883, No. 1965 W.

JULY.

Final Issue of the Military Works Budget Estimate for 1883-84

FORWARDING orders on letter from the Government of India reviewing the —.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 29th January 1883, No. 784.

The Deputy Quartermaster-General has the honor to request that twenty-five copies of the accompanying plan of huts for a Regiment of Madras Infantry may be lithographed in the Government Lithographic Press and furnished to this office.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th April 1883, No. 88.

In reply to your letter, No. 9 E., dated 12th instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's orders will be taken at an early date on the subject of the construction of a set of Native Infantry lines, when a further communication will be addressed to you.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1883, No. 179.

With reference to your letter, No. 9 E, dated 12th April 1883, I have the honor, by order, to forward, for your information, copy of a letter, No. 178, dated 27th April 1883, addressed by this office to the Officer Commanding Bangalore Division, on the subject of the experimental lines to be constructed for a Regiment of Native Infantry under O.G., Military Department, No. 1882, dated 29th March 1883.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter, I am to request you will be so good as to issue the necessary orders to the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, to aid the Officer Commanding 30th Regiment, Native Infantry, with his advice in laying out and in constructing the lines.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it desirable that the usual public buildings in the new lines should be constructed simultaneously with the lines, and requests that the necessary measures may be taken in view to plans and estimates being prepared and funds provided for the same.

4. The requirements under this head are as below stated, and the Executive Engineer has already furnished to the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly approximate estimates of the cost of all but one of them :—

I. Place of Arms and Guard Room.
II. Magazine.
III. Armourer's shop.
IV. Store-room (including a tent store-room).

A hospital is not required, a suitable building being available in a convenient situation.

Enclosure.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Officer Commanding Bangalore Division, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1883, No. 178.

I am desired to forward, for your perusal and for communication to the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly, the documents as per margin relative to the question of the hutting of Native Troops which has for some time engaged the attention of the Commander-in-Chief.

Proceedings of Government, No. 22, dated 3rd February 1883, embodying a Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
Do. do. No. 1882, dated 29th March 1883.

2. The Government of India having, in their letter as per margin, embodied in the Proceedings quoted in the first paragraph, sanctioned as an experiment the building of one set of lines on Sir Frederick Roberts' plan, I am desired to communicate to you that His Excellency has selected Trichinopoly as the station where the experiment is to be tried, and the 30th Native Infantry as the regiment to build the lines.

No. 421 C., dated 14th March 1883.

3. A perusal of the documents which are forwarded herewith will give to the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly a general outline of all that has passed relative to this important question, and the Commander-in-Chief feels sure that he will not only take the matter up himself, but instil into his officers that interest in the project which is so necessary for its successful accomplishment.

4. Sir Frederick Roberts looks to the Commanding Officer and the other officers of the 30th Regiment, Native Infantry, to assist the men in every possible way with their assistance and advice; and more particularly desirable is it, in His Excellency's opinion, to impress on all ranks that the work of constructing their own houses is the legitimate work of soldiers, that there can be nothing whatsoever degrading in a man providing shelter for himself and family, and the 30th Regiment, Native Infantry, will, His Excellency hopes, consider it an honor to be thus selected as the first regiment to make the experiment.

5. A site having already been approved, and water being procurable in the vicinity, there seems no reason why the lines should not be commenced as soon as funds are allotted, in view of which Government are now being addressed. Meanwhile, it seems desirable that the Commanding Officer, Trichinopoly, should have all preliminaries settled as soon as possible.

6. All work is to be done by the men themselves, except that which requires skilled labor.

7. Should the assistance of a few Sappers be required by the Officer Commanding the 30th Native Infantry, they can be provided under your own orders and arrangements, and he should see to the laying out of the lines, for which purpose he may seek the assistance of the Executive Engineer on the spot, and he should enquire as to the number of men in the corps whose services he might reasonably look to in the manufacture of tiles and such like labor, requiring experience and skill, and he should consider the possibility of supplementing the skilled labor employed through Sapper or other agency, by teaching men of his own corps.

8. With regard to the plan which accompanies this letter, you will observe that, while provision is therein made for huts for half single men and half married men, it is now ruled that quarter of the huts of the regiment shall be for single men. You will also observe that the plan does not provide for compounds for married huts: these, however, should be added. See paragraphs 61, 65 of the Commander-in-Chief's minute of the 9th November 1882.

9. I am desired that you will impress on the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly the necessity for economy, that it is not desired to spend the whole sum allotted for this purpose, and that it should be his endeavour to reduce the cost in every particular.

10. His Excellency considers it desirable that the Officer Commanding the Regiment should depute a selected officer to the charge of the work, and to the accounts, which will have to be submitted to the Controller of Military Accounts, Accounts Branch, under whose authority funds, as may be required, will be drawn in advance, under detailed instructions, which will be issued in due course.

11. His Excellency trusts that this work will soon be accomplished, and I am desired to add, in conclusion, that on the completion of the lines His Excellency intends inspecting them.

Order—dated 30th April 1883, No. 1267 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, who will instruct the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, to aid in the manner desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the requisite plans and estimates for the works referred to in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Quartermaster-General, No. 179, dated 27th April 1883, being submitted as soon as possible.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with lithographic plan.
,, Military Department.

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Dated April, 30th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 30th April 1883, No. 1267 W.

APRIL.

Native Lines

The Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, to aid in the experimental construction of — at Trichinopoly.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kodaikánal, 15th August 1883, No. 272 T.C.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 279 E., dated 11th August, I have the honor to report that the cause of the delay in the submission of the estimates in connection with the new Native Infantry Lines at Trichinopoly is the delay and difficulty in obtaining copies of the standard plans for the buildings required.

2. The orders of Government are that military buildings are to be designed on the standard plans only, but I regret to say that although applications * have been made, copies of these standard plans have not been supplied as yet.

3. If the designs for the buildings are allowed to be made locally, there will be no delay in the submission of the necessary estimates, but if not, of course they cannot be prepared until copies of the standard plans are received.

* No. 989 T C., dated 31st March 1883.
„ 214 T.C., „ 19th July „

From Major A. T. FRASER, R.E., Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated 20th August 1883, No. 156 S.E.

I have the honor to report, with reference to your No. 273 T.C., of the 15th instant, that as soon as I received G.O. of the 30th April, No. 1267 W., in your No. 82 T.C. of the 8th May, I had a revised ground plan prepared from the lithographed plan of the lines containing alterations in the accommodation that the Commanding Officer required and block plans of the foundations of the huts to be of assistance in laying out the lines. The services of a subordinate were also occasionally given. The quantities of each description of work in the standard specification for the lines were also taken out and given with the rates to the Commanding Officer as a guide in construction and in substituting cheap locally-procured cocoanut-wood for jungle-wood.

2. There had been a previous call for the probable cost of a "store-room and tent store," which I gave approximately at Rs. 2,600, but could not obtain a copy of the Standard Plan No. 106 of the list.

3. I wrote to your office for one on the 17th March last and a reminder on the 18th July, to which I had a reply that the store-room standard plan was not available, but being reprinted, and that a copy would shortly be sent.

4. On the 24th May I forwarded to the Station Staff Officer a site plan and an estimate on the standard plan of a bell of arms for Native Infantry (the plan that approved by the Government of India, Military Department, in memorandum No. 312, dated 13th July 1871), amounting to Rs. 5,805, for countersignature, and stated that the other estimates, viz., armourer's shop, magazine, and cell, were in preparation.

5. The estimate for the armourer's shop was sent on the 25th of May for Rs. 2,330, and cells and magazine on the 26th June 1883.

6. The Station Staff Officer demurred to these being despatched till all the estimates were ready, but on my giving the reason for not being able to prepare those for the magazine and store-room, the estimates were sent to the Quartermaster-General's Department.

7. In the meantime I telegraphed to Simla for a copy of the standard plan of a magazine; there was, it turned out, only one copy remaining, and I was furnished with a tracing, and prepared and sent the estimate to the Station Staff Officer.

8. On the 16th July the Station Staff Officer enclosed a communication from the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George (No. 4942 of the 10th July) stating that the bells of arms (on the plan of 1874) was not what was wanted, but a bell of arms combined with a regimental quarter guard with, I suppose, the following accommodation (as in printed revised statement, page 176):—

	Ft.	Ft.
Eight bells of arms, each	12½	× 12½
Quarter guard	48	× 16
Lock-up	16	× 12
Native officer's room	16	× 10

instead of eight bells and quarter guard.

9. I applied through your office for a copy of this revised standard plan, which, I am informed by Madras G.O., No. 2118 W., of 2nd August 1883, has been written for to the Inspector-General of Military Works.

10. In the meantime I inquired if this plan could be lent by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, who informed me, in a letter dated 10th August 1883, that search had been made and none was forthcoming.

11. Under these circumstances, I would bring to notice the impossibility of preparing estimates for the bells of arms and store-room and tent store till standard plans are obtained.

12. The estimates for the armourer's shop, magazine and cells are in the hands of the Military authorities.

13. I may mention that I made some inquiries if ordinary shaped roofing tiles could be made of Portland cement concrete, and the Manager of Morgan's Cement Works at Madras has taken up the subject and promised to try the experiment. Turning out tiles without having to be burnt would be useful in work done under the circumstances of these lines, but as the feasibility of making them is still uncertain, I will say nothing further at present on this head.

No. 288 T.C.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of this office No. 272 T.C., dated 15th August. It will be noticed that the delay has been incurred from the non-receipt of the standard plans, and that as soon as they have been received the plans and estimates will be sent in at once.

2. All the plans, &c., with the exception of the bells of arms, quarter guard, lock-up, native officer's room and store-room, for which copies of the standard plans are awaited, have been sent in to the Military authorities.

3. With regard to paragraph 12 of the Executive Engineer's letter, the Superintending Engineer does not consider that the proposal to use Portland cement tiles is likely to be one that would answer the cost of production, and carriage would be far greater than the cost of ordinary tiles, which answer all purposes in a satisfactory manner.

Madura,
25th August 1883.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.

From Major A. T. FRASER, R.E., Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated 21st August 1883, No. 160 S.E.

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In reply to your No. 274 T.C. of the 15th instant, I have the honor to report that the delay in the preparation of plans and estimates for Item No. 28 (Public Buildings for Native Infantry Regiment) of the Military Works Budget for 1883-84 Appendix is explained in my letter, No. 156 S.E., of yesterday's date.

2. An estimate of Rs. 7,000 for Item No. 32, enlarging family quarters for the 30th Regiment, Native Infantry, was sent to the Military authorities on the 1st April 1883, and has not yet been received back countersigned.

3. Plans for Item No. 33, latrines for Native Infantry, were prepared and sent to the Military authorities for approval, and the Deputy Qartermaster-General, writing to the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly on the 9th February 1883, stated that "the question of plan of latrines for Native Troops" is still under consideration, and the plans asked for are detained in connection with this.

No. 300 T.C.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of this office endorsement, No. 288 T.C., dated 25th instant.

Madura,
27th August 1883.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.

From Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, V.C., R.E., Inspector-General of Military Works, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 18th August 1883, No. 4046.

In reply to your letter, No. 2119 W., dated 2nd August 1883, I have the honor to forward the only two spare copies of the standard plan of bells of arms for a regiment of Native Infantry.

2. There are no copies available in this office of standard plans of magazine and store-room; but Government has been asked for them, and, when received, they will be sent.

Order—dated 31st August 1883, No. 2439 W., Public Works.

The foregoing letter from the Inspector-General of Military Works will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with reference to G.O., No. 2118 W., dated 2nd August 1883.

2. One copy of the standard plan of "Bells of Arms" will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for immediate use. Additional copies will be lithographed and circulated as soon as possible.

3. The Inspector-General of Military Works will be requested to expedite the supply of standard plans of magazine and store-room.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with one Enclosure.
" Military Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 31*st.*

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 31st Aug. 1883, No. 2439 W.

AUGUST.

"Bells of Arms"

One out of the two copies of the Standard Plan of — for a regiment of Native Infantry, received from the Inspector-General of Military Works, forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle; and the Inspector-General to be requested to expedite the supply of standard plans of magazine and store-room.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 21st August 1883, No. 671:—

With reference to O.G., No. 2417,* dated 4th May 1881, relative to the proposal to convert the Artillery and European Infantry buildings at Trichinopoly into quarters for a Native Infantry Regiment,

* G.O., No. 1269 W., Public Works Department, dated 18th May 1881.

I have the honor, by order, to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, having inspected the buildings in question on his recent tour to Trichinopoly, and having had under consideration the frequent cases of cholera amongst the men occupying them, has decided that on the completion of the lines now under construction by the 30th Regiment Native Infantry, these buildings shall be abandoned and transferred to the Public Works Department, and that on the garrison of Trichinopoly being augmented by a third Regiment of Native Infantry, lines shall be constructed by the men themselves on the site selected in close proximity to those of the 30th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. As the question of public buildings for this third Regiment has to be considered, His Excellency thinks that the Hospital on the Pootoor lines, lately abandoned, might be used by that Regiment, leaving only the places of arms-guard room, magazine, armourer's shop, store-room (including a tent store-room) to be provided by the Department Public Works; and I am to request that this matter may be obligingly considered in connection with the construction of similar buildings for the 30th Native Infantry, which formed the subject of this office letter, No. 179, dated 27th April 1883, printed in O.G., No. 2628, dated the 7th May 1883.

No. 4619, Military.

Transferred for consideration in the Public Works Department, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 1267 W., dated 30th April 1883.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd August 1883.

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

ORDER—dated 31st August 1883, No. 2441 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, who will submit in due course plans and estimates for the buildings referred to in paragraph 2 of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of 1883 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 31st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 31st Aug. 1883, No. 2441 W

AUGUST.

Buildings

Endorsement, Military Department, transferring letter from the Quartermaster-General regarding — for a third Native Infantry Regiment at Trichinopoly, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, for submission of the requisite plans and estimates.

Public Buildings
Trichinopoly

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ft. St. George
28 August 1883.

No. 695

2659/12

From THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To THE Secretary to Government
Military Department.

SIR,

* Encl. to P.W.D. 4619 22-8-83

In continuation of my letter No. 671 dated 21st instant on the subject of public buildings for the Reformed Native Infantry at Trichinopoly and previous correspondence, I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit that His Excellency is exceedingly anxious that the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the Arms &c of the Regiment should be completed at the same time that the Lines are.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that the scheme for the construction of Lines for Native Corps by the labour of the men themselves is purely experimental, and the Commander-in-Chief thinks it very desirable that the

the men should not suffer the disappointment of finding, after having completed their own houses, that the Government have not provided the necessary accommodation for their Arms, accoutrements, and Regimental Stores

3. Sir Frederick Roberts is aware that this Work is not entered in the current Years Budget, but His Excellency feels sure that the Government will coincide with him in the necessity for Commencing it at once, so that the buildings may be ready for occupation simultaneously with the Mens Lines which it is confidently expected will be completed by the end of this Official Year.

4. Under the above circumstances, I am desired to express Sir Frederick Roberts' earnest hope that the Government will find it possible to make a special grant for this Work

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Westwood Colonel
Offg. Quarter Master General

2659/13

No. 4701.

I transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration — in continuation of No: 4619, dated 22nd August 1883.

Wm. Edmonstone, Colonel.
Secretary to Govt.

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From

The Q. Mr. General

To The Secy. to Govt. Mad.

D/. 25 August
Read. 29—
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No: 695

Requests to make a special grant for the construction of certain public buildings for the N. I. Regiments at Trichinopoly —

Transferred.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

2689/14 UNDER date the

READ the following

Endorsement by the Military Despatch No. 4701 dated 27th August 1883 on a letter from the Quarter Master General, No. 695, dated 28th Aug/83.

The Government regret that there are absolutely no funds at their disposal at present for allotment to the buildings referred to in the foregoing correspondence.

2. The matter will not however be lost sight of, and when the estimates which have been called for, have been received and sanctioned, —

application will be made to the Government of India, if necessary, for a special grant.

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D & W

Letter to G of I may be drafted as above & telegraphed

Attd
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~~The Hon'ble Sir Sankaran Nair~~
~~H.E. the Governor~~

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Sd W
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To
The Military Departt
" Legl Secy to Govt.

Dft W

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D/W 2639/15

Funds for Military buildings at Trichinopoly.

A letter to India applying for a special grant will if desired, be drafted at once, but it is submitted that until estimates have been sanctioned, the G. of I. are not likely to listen to any such application.

In their orders on the Military Budget for the present year, the G. of I. refused sanction any allotments for works for which estimates had not been sanctioned & ~~sub~~ arbitrarily struck out of the Budget several such works which were of an urgent nature. They promised to

realest the sums then
withdrawn only on
condition that estimates
for the works were
sanctioned at an early
date. Please see para
2 of G. of I. letter finally
written (P.C. No. 1965 W dt
13th July 1883 —

We have not
yet been able to
apply for funds for
all the works then
struck out of the
Budget & I venture
to submit that it
would hardly do
to put forward the
claims of another
work for which
estimates have not
yet been submitted.

Ch
7/9/83

I admit all this & G. of I. would
not likely act on the application
but then there is the very pressing letter
of C in C. who will not be satisfied
unless Chapple can. Thing
would at this cost.
CH

Sec. Gt. of I. letter 2 above cited
No. 2447 dated 31-8-83 —
Enclosure the Estimates

Rec'd 7/9

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P. W. Department No. 2659 W

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

2659/16

Under date the 21st Sept. 1883

Read the following:—

Letter from the Quartermaster General (W.E. No. 695 dft. Aug. 28th 1883)

Endorsement thereon (Military Dept. " " 4701 dft. " 29th ")

The Government regret that there are absolutely no funds at their disposal at present for allotment to the buildings referred to in the foregoing correspondence.

2. The Govt. of India will however be requested to allot, as a special case, a sum of Rupees 10,000 for Expenditure on estimates

which may have been duly
sanctioned.

(F.E. No. 2660 Way 21 Sept 83

To,

The Secy: to the
Govt of India, Military
Department.

Sir,

In forwarding for the
information of the Govt of
India the accompanying
copy of a letter from the
Quartermaster General,
I am to request that, under
the circumstances represented
by His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief, the
Govt of India may be
moved to allot, as a

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special case, a sum of
Rupees 10,000 for expenditure
on duly sanctioned public
buildings in connection with
the Native Infantry Lines
now under construction at
Trichinopoly.

2. There has been some
diffiently in procuring copies
of Standard plans for guidance
the Inspector General of
Military Works to whom
application was made being
now, it is understood, in
communication with the
Govt of India on the matter.
The allotment of funds
~~was~~ applied for will, ~~however~~,
I am to say, be utilized
only on works for which
estimates, or altered

designs have been duly sanctioned.

~~The Hon. H. S. Sullivan~~
~~H. S. the Col~~

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12.9.83

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F.C.
G. G. 2514 W. 6-12-83.
L. No. 124 W. 16-1-84.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Recd 3/95

Date

From — To

G. O. 21 Sept 1883. No. 2659 w
2660 w

Nos

45/3 28/2

N. S. Lines at Trichinopoly

Requesting sanction to the grant of a special sum of Rs 10000 for expenditure on the Trichinopoly public buildings in connection with the proposed Courts

N. S. Lines at Trichinopoly

Requesting an allotment of Rs 10000 for expenditure on the Trichinopoly public buildings in connection with the proposed Courts

Rs 23/1.

Rec'd Reply