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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 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).

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

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

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 2nd.

Read. *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 —.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Fort St. George
4th September 1883.

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No. 6130

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Madras.
Pyramtore Lines
Bangalore.
West Mulling Lines
Small Hot
Detachment Lines

Referring to P.W.D. 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 shifting 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.

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

Landlords' 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 Sialkot at the expense of the State,* but it is presumed that a repetition of this Sanction is required under the order quoted in the first para of this Letter.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
D.J. McLeod Major
Offg Deputy D.M.G.

* P.M.G. No 1638 dated 21 March 1881

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REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. Cir. 8457

MILITARY (188) DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

THE Quarter Master Genl.

No. 6130

Dated 4th Sept/83.

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ENCLOSURES.

P. G., No. , dated

Sp. 5041. Referred to the Public Works Department with the remark that the lines referred to are the property of the State (the men of 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 P.G. No 1638 dated 21st March/81 Samalkot lines being maintained at the expense of the State.

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

(N. Rymer)
14 Sept/83

Colonel.
Secretary to Govt.

Ordered accordingly. Sept. 1883
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Solicits 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 certain Native Infantry Lines at Madras and Bangalore &c. and executed by the Public Works Dept pending final decision on the general question of hutting of the Native Army by the Madras Presidency.

Reference

No. 2158

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 10th September 1883.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

SIR,

Enclosures.
G.O. 1998 31st March/83.

The Government of India have ordered in Circular No. 1 M.D. of the 10th March 1883, that expenditure on the Repairs of Native Lines shall be incurred only with their express permission.

2. An Estimate of Rs. 378 has been made by the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division, for Repairs to the Roofing of the Perambore Lines. The Brigadier General considers that the

the Circular and para 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 Secamboree Lines are the property of the Government and Rented to the men, the Repairs may be executed by the P.W. Depart.ment.

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.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
Lieut.t Brevet Capt.n R.E.
Superint.g Engr.
5 Circle

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No. 998 W of 31st March 1883.

No. W. 7797

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P. W. D.

Dated 10 } September 1883.
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ENCLOSURES.

No. 2158

Native Infantry Lines

Requesting certain instructions regarding repairs to the —

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With reference to your
Memo with the
back of the recy.
draft order —

The Govt of India
circular was received
only late in March
last, & the question
has not before this
been raised —

The Paramboor
lines were built
by Govt & are the
property of the State.
It is submitted that
repairs must therefore
be carried out by the
Govt —

From the part of
the Govt of India
in their circular,
referring to para
282 of the Pay Code
for India Vol II,
it —

it seems evident that what they object to is the expenditure of money on repairs to lines which are the property of the depots themselves.

In the majority of cases native impurity lies at the property of the men, but in a few cases, such as the Perambore & Ranipuram lines &c, the buildings belong to the Govt. and are rented to the men

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For perusal.

The draft order issued by your Govt appears here, on the letter from S.S. V. (Cr. 7797), has not been returned from Delhi, but it was thought it was time to issue the revised order now sent down, & which has been approved by the Govt of India.

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C. A. W. 27538/9

When the paper came to me for initials, I understood the proposal to repair the Inspection Carriage [illegible] Col: Elsey's Circular.

But on talking the matter over with Col: Hankin, he takes the view that as all the three lines named are the property of the State, no reference to India is necessary. That seems to be the view taken by the Home Members of the Govt of C.

The order may be revised in this sense & a copy forwarded to Medina for information.

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I do so. I have modified the draft order accordingly - but propose that the proceedings

should go to the
Govt of I for confirmation
After carefully
reading the Govt of
India's Circular I
think it is their
intention to prohibit
all expenditure on
Metre Lines without
their "express permission"
In the case of new
works, they require to
approve of the
Estimates also. The
Local Govt may sanction
"Estimates" for repairs
but the sanction of
"Estimates" is never
regarded as authority
for Expenditure.

I do not think the
para 3 of the Military
Dept Endorsement
can be deduced
from para 282 of the
Paz Code. This refers
not only to "new"
property but also to Govt property and

I and lays down the
only circumstances
under which Expenditure
by Govt is allowable.
The Peramboor and
Bangalore Lines do
not fall within these
"circumstances".

The order as drafted
will however probably
result in a specific
ruling.

R.S.
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Noted.
The Order has been
counter initialled by
the Mil: Secretary

W.S.
27-9-83.

P. W. Department.

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Letter from the Quartermaster Genl. No. 6130 d/4th Septr/83 rt
Endorsement in Military Dept No 5041 d/14th "

Submitted for the receipt of the opinion of the 2. M.G. whether the former practice that the ordinary repairs are carried out at the expense of the State may be maintained. Such repairs are especially excepted from the restrictions imposed by Col Cheney's Circular H.E. 20/9 the proposed [illegible] Wks

To be forwarded for the orders of the Government of India in the Military Dept, with reference to Col: Cheney's Circular No. 1 M.W. d/10th March 1883. (H.E. No)

The Military Dept.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Govt of India

10.9.83

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No 2753 W Military Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

2d under date the
2d October 83.
Read the following

Letter from the Quarter-Master General } M.G. No 6130 dy 4th Sept. 83
Endorsement in Mily. Dept — " — " 5041 dy 14th — do —
Letter from the Secty to Govt & Circle — } — " — " 2158 dy 10 Sept. 83.

As in the opinion of the Military Department the ruling in para 282 of the Pay Code quoted by the Government of India in their Circular recorded with G.O. 2195 dy 14th April 83 (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

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property of the State, and as such should continue to be maintained by the P.W. dept., the Suptg: Engr. Fifth Circle will arrange for the execution of the requisite repairs.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forward=ed to the Government of India for confirmation.

(H.E. No 2754 Wap 2nd Cck/s)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India (Mily: Dept.).

Dec'd 27.9.13
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Suptg. Engr. Fifth Circle
Examines. P.W. Accounts
Military Dept.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

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Native Infantry lines
at Madras & Bangalore

The S. E. Fifth Circle
directed to Execute
the requisite Repairs
to Certain ——

Native Infantry lines
at Madras & Bangalore
For confirmation by the Govt of India

Forwarding Copy & Proc:
ordering the Execution
by the Public Works Dept
of the requisite Repairs
to Certain ——

Entd in Regt. Regts