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 P.W.D DEPARTMENT

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1st MAY 1884, No. 1085 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General B. L. GORDON, C.B., Commanding Western District,
to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund, dated Cannanore, 25th April
1884, No. G-76.

An application from the Officer Commanding 2nd Hampshire, for repairs to roofs of the old barracks, dated 9th April 1884, having been received in the office of the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, was forwarded, in the usual course, to the Public Works Department officer for information and favor of necessary action.

2. This officer reports, under date 17th April 1884, to the Executive Engineer that the only satisfactory repair would be a general one, such as the old Royal Artillery barracks here have lately undergone at a cost of Rs. 1,830.

3. The sub-divisional officer further states that these repairs can still be executed before the monsoon bursts if commenced before the 27th at latest.

4. These remarks of the sub-divisional officer were forwarded by the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, under cover of a letter, dated 21st April 1884, in which he requested that, "if my opinion be in favor of executing these repairs," I would reply to that effect through the sub-division office here to save time and allow the work to commence at once.

5. Before taking this step I ascertained the professional opinion of the sub-divisional officer as to the urgency of the case and he states that the whole of the European infantry barracks, for the repair of the roofs of which an estimate, amounting to Rs. 8,194, has been prepared, is in an equally bad case with the small portion he has already taken in hand.

6. He further states that the whole of the ridge would leak during the monsoon, that it might be confidently expected that 15 per cent. of the rafters would fail and that in many places the tiles are broken to an extent of 80 per cent.

7. The amount of the estimate for repairs for the current year was reduced from Rs. 43,236 to Rs. 30,000, and as the estimate had been prepared with the strictest regard to economy, it is impossible now to carry out some of even the most urgent repairs.

8. A statement of the budget allotment and proposed outlay drawn up by the Executive Engineer is attached. Out of the Rs. 6,500, the following charges for work already executed or in course of execution have to be met :—

	RS.
Renewing floor, European infantry school	770
Repair of roof of east lines, native infantry barracks	600
Do. of old Royal Artillery	1,830
Total	3,200

The following works are very urgently required :—

	RS.
Repair of salient angle of fort, estimated cost	620
Repair of floor of one-half for regimental cells	544
Total	4,364

leaving only Rs. 1,136 to meet all other calls. I may mention that at Calicut alone repairs to barracks are asked for to cost Rs. 1,500, so it will be seen how impossible it is to repair the roofs of the European barracks here without a supplemental grant.

The work is very urgent and, under paragraph 1336 of Public Works Code, I have directed it to be taken in hand at once and beg that the wishes of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be communicated by telegram, so that, if necessary, the work may be stopped before a large expenditure is incurred.

9. The instructions laid down in above-quoted paragraph have been complied with, and this reference is made in order that the support of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be accorded.

10. I have this day received an emergent requisition for the repair of all the roof of the European infantry barracks as the Officer Commanding states that they all leaked during a shower which fell yesterday afternoon.

From Brigadier-General B. L. GORDON, C.B., Commanding Western District, to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund, dated Cannanore, 26th April 1884, No. G-78.

In continuation of my letter, No. G-76, dated 25th instant, I have the honor to forward a true copy of a report by the sub-divisional officer, Public Works Department, on the European infantry barracks here.

2. I may add that I have personally inspected the whole of the barracks and have satisfied myself as to the absolute necessity for the contemplated repairs.

ENCLOSURE.

No. 37.

Report on State of European Infantry Barracks, Cannanore.

These barracks are very old and the roofs last underwent thorough repair in or about 1855, nearly thirty years ago, since which time only petty repairs have been carried out. The state of the ridge was such last monsoon that all efforts to keep it from leaking proved ineffectual, and it was found that in attempting to put in fresh tiles, the coolies broke others by treading on them, the rain having soddened the tiles which are extremely old and brittle. In several parts more than 80 per cent. of the tiles are fractured, rendering any attempt at patching hopeless. Quite 15 per cent. of the rafters are unsound and insecurely fastened to the ridge and wall-plate owing to the fact that the greatest damage is at these points, especially at the junctions of the rafters with the ridge where the most persistent leakage occurs. I do not think that any means can be found for rendering the roofs water-tight except a general repair like that undergone by the Royal Artillery barracks lately; and, in my opinion, it is absolutely necessary that these repairs should be carried out at once and completed before the monsoon rains set in in their full force. This can be done if the work be ordered to be carried out at once.

(Signed) C. H. D. MARJORIBANKS,
Assistant Engineer, Sub-divisional Officer, Cannanore.

Endorsement thereon, by the Quartermaster-General, dated 28th April 1884, No. 3233.

Memorandum to the Quartermaster-General, dated 28th April 1884, No. 49 E.

No. 3266.

Submitted to Government for sanction, with reference to paragraph 1336 of the Public Works Code, and with a request that the necessary orders may be issued for providing funds for the completion of the work.

2. The approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has been telegraphed to the action taken by the Brigadier-General Commanding Western District.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
29th April 1884.

(Signed) R. C. STEWART, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

To the Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department (through Military Department).

No. 2011, Military.

Forwarded.

OOTACAMUND,
29th April 1884.

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 1st May 1884, No. 1085 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will arrange for the early execution of the special repairs considered necessary by the Military authorities. Funds will be provided on application for the exact sum which will be required for expenditure during the current official year.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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

Gobt. of (1884) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st May 1884, No. 1085 W.

MAY.

European Infantry Barracks,
Cannanore

The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle,
directed to arrange for the execution of
certain special repairs to the ~~the~~, with remarks
as to the funds required.

Urgent

Head Quarters, Western District,

Cannanore, 25th April 1884

No. $\frac{G}{76}$

1085/3

From

B. L. Gordon. C. B.
BRIGADIER-GENERAL ~~L. W. Beck~~,
COMMANDING WESTERN DISTRICT.

To

THE QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
Ootacamund. MADRAS.

Sir,

An application from the Officer
Commanding 2nd Campshire for repairs
to roofs of the old Barracks dated 9th
April 1884 having been received in the
Office of the Depy. Asst. D. M. General
was forwarded in the usual course to the
D. P. W. Officer for information and
favor of necessary action.

2. This Officer reports under date 17th
April 1884 to the Executive Engineer that
the only satisfactory repair would be a
general one such as the ^{old} Royal Artillery
Barracks here have lately undergone at a
cost of Rs 1830.

3. The Sub Divisional Officer further
states that these repairs can still be executed

1884 May 1st No 1085 W 1085/3

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I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Obedt. Servant

W. Gordon Brig. General
Commanding Western District

MS 2098/8

Head Quarters, Western District,

Cannanore, 25th April 1884

No. ^G
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B. L. Gordon. L. B.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ~~L. W. B. G.~~
COMMANDING WESTERN DISTRICT.

From

To

THE QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL,
~~FORT SAINT GEORGE,~~

Ootacamund. ~~MADRAS.~~

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General

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(Signed) G. H. D. Majorbanks
Apt Engineer

Sub Divisional Officer Cannanore

(True Copy)

G. H. D.

Captain

Deputy Asst Dir Genl. W.D.

25-4-77

1085/8

From
The Comd Officer General
Western District
To
The Dir Genl
Cannanore

Forwarded a true copy of a report
by the Sub Divisional Officer D. H.
on the European Infantry Barracks
at this station.

MS 2078753

No. 331

No 49 of April 25. 1884
S. W. Department

Ootacamund, April 1884

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From Brigadier General, B. L. Gordon, CB. Comdg.
Western D^t to the Quarter Master Genl, Ootacamund,

No 9 of April 25. 1884

do do to do No 9 of April 26. 1884

End^d thereon by the Q^r M^r Genl No 3233 of April 28

Called for
25/4/84

In returning the papers
forwarded under cover of
indorsement from the
Quarter Master General
No 3233 of 28th April 1884,
the Chief Engineer begs
to record his opinion that
the action of the Brigadier
- General

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Brigadier General Comdg
the Western ^{District} ~~Division~~, in
authorising the immediate
execution of the requisite
repairs to the roofs of
the European Barracks
at Cannanore, seems
justifiable under the
circumstances, and is
covered by para 1336 of
the P.W. Code.

It is suggested that
the papers be now laid
before Government in the
P.W. Dept., when the question
of providing, by transfer,
the requisite funds to
complete the work may

be considered.

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EW.

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The Quarter Master Genl
with papers returned. ^{supd} 28/4/24

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No. 149 2nd April 20 1884

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Dr. Wm. Earl & 28th April 1883
Dr. Wm. Earl & 28th April 1883 No. 498

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Forwarded.

Atheny Subst. Licut. Col.
Offr. Secy. to Govt.

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29 April 1884

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to 2078

Military Department

Quarter Master Genl's Office
Oatacamund - 29 April 1884.

No. 3266

No. 10855 of 18 May 1884

Submitted to
Government for sanction
with reference to para 1336
of the Public Works Code
and with a request that
the necessary orders may
be issued for providing funds
for the completion of the
Work.

2. The approval of His
Excellency the Commander-in-
Chief has been telegraphed to
the action taken by the
Brigadier General Command-
ing Western District.

(By order)

William Phipps General

Quarter Master General

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

P.L.S. 53/4

Coimbatore Division A.

Statement shewing the Budget allotment for 1884/85
and the proposed outlay from it during the year under
Periodical Repairs Year.

Works	Amount	Remarks.
Budget allotment under repairs, Repairs for 1884/85	30,000 -	1085 10
Cannanore Sub Division.		
Rent of hired buildings for Military Subordinates	270	
Compensation in lieu of quarters for Medical Subordinates	1,440	
" Military " Do. "	120	
Annual Repairs to the C. I. buildings at Cannanore	11,500	
Commissariat " "	1,500	
Ordnance " "	300	
Staff & Miscellaneous " "	1,600	
Fort buildings " "	500	
C. I. buildings " "	600	
Royal Artillery " "	300	
Cantonment roads " "	1,000	
	12,130	30,000.

Worths.

Amount Remarks

12,130 30,000.

Calicut Sub Division.

Rent of hired of for the Military

Subordinates Calicut

240

Compensation in lieu of quarters for

Medical Subordinates Calicut

240

— Military — Do. — Malliapuram

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— Medical — Do. — Trichoor

240

Annual repairs to Military buildings

at Calicut

3,500

at Malliapuram

2,500

at Quilon

200

Commissariat buildings at

Malliapuram

800

Do. — Calicut

500

Cantonment roads, at Quilon

400

8,674

South Canara Sub Division.

Annual repairs to the Military buildings of the 33rd N.I.

Regiment Mangalore

1,400

Commissariat buildings Do.

100

1,500

22,304 30,000

Worths.

Amount Remarks.

22,304 30,000

Amount required for any unforeseen

emergent repairs

1,196 23,500

Balance available for special

repairs from April 1884 to

March 1885

6,500

Coimbatore 3
26th March/84 3

(By R. Davidson
Executive Engineer.)

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~~Assistant~~ Captain
Deputy Asst. Dir. Works

13th May 1884

No 1085 W P.W. Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt,
 Under date the 1st May 1884.

Read the following:-

From Brigadier General B. L. Gordon Cb. }
 Comdg Western Ft to the Quarter Mr Genl } H.E. No 9 of April 25. 1884
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 Memo to the Quarter Mr General " " 498 of " 28 "
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 Endorsement in the Military Dept " 2011 of " 29 "

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 Military Dept ✓

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Govt. of Madras.

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~~W. J. J. J.~~
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G. O. 1 May 1884 No. 1083-14

Nos.

European Infantry
barracks, Cannanore

The S. E. IV Circle
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for the execution of
certain special repairs
to the ——— with the view
as to the funds required

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