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14TH MAY 1884, No. 1226 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 29th April 1884, No. 207 E.W. :—

I have the honor to forward, for sanction, a plan and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,360, for constructing a store-shed at Coimbatore within the compound of the
Vide G.O., No. 940 W., of 28th March 1884. Superintending Engineer's office for storing the famine tools. A report and a statement, shewing the comparative cost of storing the tools at Udamalpet and Coimbatore, are also forwarded.

2. It was first thought to store the tools at Bhavani travellers' bungalow, and in the old office of the Public Works Department at Udamalpet; but the latter building is in a dilapidated condition, and the expense of putting it in good order would be great. The necessity for constructing a new building is explained by the division officer in the report.

ORDER—dated 14th May 1884, No. 1226 W., Public Works.

The plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,360, for constructing a store-shed in the compound of the Executive Engineer's office at Coimbatore for the storage of famine tools are sanctioned against the minor works grant to the Coimbatore division.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 30 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with five enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 14th.

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Encl.

G.O., 14th May 1884, No. 1226 W.

MAY.

Store-shed

Plan and estimate of Rs. 1,360 for constructing a — at Coimbatore, for the storage of famine tools, sanctioned.

28TH MARCH 1883, No. 940 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 181.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 16th December 1882, No. 4333, Revenue.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338 :—

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1881, No. 431 :—

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 8766, I have the honor to state that the famine tools here are deteriorating owing to their rusting heavily in consequence of the damp nature of the climate.

2. I have, as I believe that I have before stated, no proper place in which to keep them; I have had to use the old Salt Office in the Cotar adjacent to the Cutcherry. The building is water-proof, built of brick and chunnam and with a tiled floor, but it is not a place in which, do what one can, the tools can be preserved from rust.

3. If they were tarred, they might perhaps keep better.

4. Something must be done regarding them, if Government does not wish that they should, in a year or two, become rusty and useless old iron.

5. A large proportion of the momaties are of very inferior quality, and seem to have been knocked up in a hurry in the local market.

6. I respectfully adhere to the opinion, which I have formed from personal inspection, that retaining the famine tools here for a year or two longer will end in the destruction of by far the larger portion of them.

Resolution—dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1882, Mis. No. 9760 :—

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1882, No. 613 :—

I have the honor to remind the Board of the matter alluded to in my letter, No. 431, dated 5th October 1881 (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 9338, dated 17th *idem*).

2. The reference is now more than a year old, and the famine tools are in the meantime going on deteriorating.

Resolution—dated 11th December 1882, Mis. No. 9760.

The Collector is informed that no orders have been passed by Government on Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338, submitting to them the Collector's letter, dated 5th October 1881, No. 431. The Board await the final orders of Government on the reports called for in G.O., No. 2882 W., Public Works Department, dated 3rd November 1882, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 2857, dated 22nd November 1882.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

Order—dated 16th December 1882, No. 4333, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, with reference to G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 181-A.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1883, No. 590.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1882, No. 2857 :—

ABSTRACT.—Communicating for report Government Order requesting the submission of the views of Collectors of certain districts relative to the disposal of serviceable famine tools.

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Collector of Arcot, North,	dated 25th November 1882,	No. 482.
" " of Arcot, South,	" 28th " "	" 489.
" " of Coimbatore,	" 14th September " "	" 179.
" " of " "	" 9th October " "	" 205.
" " of Kurnool,	" 5th January 1883,	" 4.
" " of Nellore,	" 30th November 1882,	" 6438.
" " of Salem,	" 8th December " "	" 2802.
" " of Tinnevely,	" 22nd " "	" 794.

Resolution—dated 2nd March 1882, No. 590.

The present orders regarding the storage of famine tools are contained in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 15th March 1882, No. 668 W., communicated in the Revenue Department Order, dated 25th April 1882, No. 1328. Certain Collectors having represented that the tools so stored were deteriorating, and that they take up much valuable space in the public offices, Government desired to be informed of the views of the Collectors of other famine districts (G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W.). The replies received to this reference are read above.

2. (a) The Collector of North Arcot would not dispose of the tools, as their storage at convenient localities will enable District Officers to lay their hands on them at a moment's notice on the advent of a famine. If the area affected were large, a sudden demand for tools from several districts might find the Public Works Stores unable to meet the requirements; or, even if able, it would take weeks before the tools could be properly distributed. To prevent their deterioration, the Collector suggests that the Public Works Department should gradually use them, replacing those taken by new tools. In 1880 the Local Fund Board of Chittoor offered to purchase some of these tools, but the proposal was vetoed by the Board and Government (G.O., dated 21st December 1880, No. 4193, Revenue Department).

(b) In South Arcot, the serviceable famine tools are stored in the Taluk Cutcherry buildings and do not cause any inconvenience, but the Collector thinks that they are deteriorating and should be made over to the Public Works Department for use on works; but if the department do not require them, they should be sold for the highest price they would fetch.

(c) In regard to the tools in Bellary, it has already been decided that such of them as may be required by the Executive Engineer in charge of the Bellary-Hubli State Railway should be handed over to him at rates to be settled with that officer (G.O., dated 16th November 1881, No. 1733, Revenue Department). No orders have yet been passed on the Collector's subsequent application to supply tools to the Bellary Local Fund Board at current market rates (Board's Proceedings, dated 12th August 1882, Mis. No. 6162, read in the G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W., now under reference).

(d) The Collector of Chingleput stated some time ago that the famine tools are stored in an old Salt Office in the Cutar, adjacent to the Cutcherry, and are rusting owing to the damp nature of the climate; if tarred, they might perhaps keep better. He advised that a good many could be disposed of at a valuation to the Local Fund Board, but that unless something were done, they would in a year or two become rusty and useless old iron (Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338).

(e) The Collector of Coimbatore proposes to sell to the Rigi Railway Company the famine tools which are now stored in Taluk Cutcheries and Government Choultries and are a source of great inconvenience. The Executive Engineer reported that he had neither any need for the tools nor had he at his disposal any place to store them in.

(f) In the Cuddapah District, it has already been brought to notice in the correspondence recorded in G.O., dated 15th March 1882, No. 668 W., that the famine tools in charge of Revenue Officers are all in the Pullampet Taluk and are stored in a shed attached to the Taluk Cutcherry, where they take up the space intended for the taluk establishment, who are in consequence over-crowded. The tools in other taluks are in charge of the Public Works Department.

(g) In Kurnool, the tools are mostly kept in Tahsildar's and Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcheries. Some of them are stored in a rented building in Kurnool town, but it is not stated what charge is incurred on that account. In Sirvel Taluk, some are preserved in the Chagulamari Sub-Registrar's office and others in the Sirvel Reddy's house. In the Koilkuntla Taluk, some are kept in the Owk village chavady; while in Cumbum, a store-room has been built purposely for these tools, probably during the famine. The Collector states that the tools are deteriorating, and that they take up much valuable space, and recommends that they be sold.

(h) The Collector of Madura reported in 1881 that the tools in that district took up a great deal of room, and their storage was a nuisance, and recommended their sale by public auction (G.O., dated 17th August 1881, No. 2142).

(i) The Collector of Nellore states that all serviceable tools are stored in Taluk and Divisional Offices, and that as their number is small, except in two taluks, they do not take up much space. He suggests their transfer to the Public Works Department, who have room for keeping them. He is not in favor of disposing of them by sale for two reasons—(1) They would not fetch their price; (2) they have the broad arrow imprinted on them, and might be substituted by dishonest contractors for new tools supplied by the Public Works Department for use on Government works. In regard to the latter objection, the Board believe that tools so marked have already been sold to the public, and further they are not aware whether tools in the hands of the Public Works Department always bear the mark of the broad arrow.

(j) The Collector of Salem recommends the sale by public auction of the tools, which are deteriorating, and which are not required by the Public Works Department. They are now kept in Taluk Cutcheries and other public buildings, and occupy much space which might be more usefully employed.

(k) There are only a hundred tools in Tinnevely. They are secured in the Collector's office, and are in good condition. The Collector thinks they may be utilized on Government works.

3. It is evident, from the reports above read, that in some districts the tools are more or less deteriorating, and that they take up in storage much space which can ill be spared. The Board, however, are strongly of opinion that it is a wise measure of precaution to retain these tools, even at a considerable cost, in case of emergency; and the general plan they would recommend for adoption to obviate present difficulties is that the tools be collected and placed in central store-houses, after being overhauled, and that the iron portions be well cleaned and tarred to preserve them from rust. Wherever possible, the central store-houses should be at the head-quarters or other station of the district where a jail exists, so that convict labor may be utilized for the work of preservation. The Collector might find some disused palace or Mahal (as in Vellore) or Fort Barrack or other Government building suitable for storing the tools, or which might be made so at a trifling expense. Where a suitable building in the vicinity of a jail is not available, one could probably be found in another central place in the district, but free labor would then have to be employed, unless sufficient prisoners from a Subsidiary Jail were at hand (an unlikely contingency) for preserving the tools from rust, and the cost would have to be met on contingent bills, but the Board do not anticipate these charges would be heavy. If it should happen that in any particular district no such storage-room can be found anywhere, the tools could be sent to the central store of a neighbouring district, and this would be an easy course between districts connected by railway. In the disused Commissariat godowns at Ranipet and the old barracks at Arni an immense quantity of tools from adjacent districts might thus be stowed with ease. The chief cost in the plan proposed would doubtless be for carriage, but even the conveyance charges would not be great compared with the value of the articles preserved.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 182.

ORDER—dated 28th March 1883, No. 940 W., Public Works.

The first step in the disposal of the tools collected for famine purposes is the separation of the serviceable from the unserviceable tools, and the disposal of the latter by public auction.

2. This having been done by Executive Engineers in communication with Civil Officers, the serviceable tools should be tarred over and stored away in central positions where there are old or disused buildings available for their custody.

3. Where such buildings are not available in any particular division, arrangements should be made by the Superintending Engineer for the storage of the tools of that division at the nearest place where accommodation is available.

4. No tools should be sent to the Public Works Stores at Madras, unless it is found absolutely impossible to provide accommodation for them elsewhere.

5. A list of the tools belonging to each division will be taken by the Executive Engineer, who will remain responsible for the custody, and who will inspect and report upon them once in every half-year.

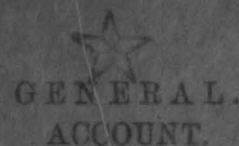
(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers,
„ the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 28th March 1883, No. 940 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 181-182.

Famine Tools

Regarding the disposal and storage of —

N^o 204
S.M.

Supg. Engr's Office, 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 29th April 1884.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures 4
1 Estimate
1 Statement
1 Report &
1 Plan.

* Vide G.O.
No. 940 of
28th March/84.

I have the honor to forward
for sanction a Plan, and an
Estimate amounting to Rs 1360, for
Constructing a store shed at Coimba-
toore within the Compound of the
Supg. Engineer's Office, for storing
the Famine Tools. A Report
and a Statement shewing the
Comparative Cost of storing the
Tools at Udumulpetta and
Coimbatore, are also forwarded.
2. It was first thought to
store the Tools at Bhawany
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old office of I. W. S. at bidummul-
petta; but the latter building
is in a dilapidated condition
and the expense of putting it in
good order would be great.

The necessity for constructing a
new building is explained by
the Division Officer in the Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

J. Beatty - Col R.E.
Supg. Engr, 4th arile.

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G.O. No 960 W. 27/28 March 1885.

From
The Supg. Engineer
Fourth circle.

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N^o 1226 W a/ Mr. [unclear]

Dated 29th
Despd: 30th } April 1885.
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N^o 207
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Enc: # (Plan)

Store shed at Coimbatore.
Store within compound
of Supg. Engrs. Office:—

Forwarding for
sanction Plan and
estimate of Rs. 1360 for
constructing a — for
storing Farmer Tools.

Public Works Department, 1884-85.

Current No. 3733
Letter No. 207
Dated the 29th April 1885
From the S.E. IV Circle

NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. The accompanying plan and estimate provide for constructing a store shed at Coimbatore. The estimated amount is Rs. 1360.
2. The shed is intended for the storage of farming tools, and is to be built in the S.E. IV office compound. The masonry is to be rough stone in mortar. From a note on the plan it may be seen that the couplets, rafters, rippers, flat and pan tiles obtained from the Treasury will be used in the roofing.

7th May 1885
[unclear]

7. W

On this estimate of No. 1960.
in a check for storing famine
tools, I venture to remark
that a front verandah to such
a building is superfluous, and
its omission would save money.
The plastering might also finally
be dispensed with. All that is
wanted is, I should say, some
storage room.

There is still to be said, that the
verandah may facilitate taking
stock & issuing the tools when
they come to be required.

The S. P. having passed the plan
& estimate perhaps no remark
ought to be made.

Cet.

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Deonew - I have passed
the draft accordingly.

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10-5-82

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and classified as -
Civil

By order
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *11th May 1884*

READ the following

From the Suptg. Engr: IV Circle A. E. No. 207 L.M. d/29 April/84.

The plan and estimate amounting to Rs. 1350 for constructing a store shed in the Compound of the Supt. Engr's office at Coimbatore, for the storage of ~~the~~ famine tools, are sanctioned, against the minor Works grant to the Coimbatore Division.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 30 W of 1884-85, and classified as Civil

Civil Buildings Original

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The S. E. IV Circle
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Exam^d P. W. H. 11/11/84

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Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O. 14 Mar 1884 No 1220W

Stores shed

Plan & Estimate to the £1,360
for constructing a
by the Commission
off the Sec. Engr's office,
at Coimbatore for
the storage of furniture
tools sanctioned

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Subd. Engr. Dept.