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Forwarded to the Military Department, with advertence to memorandum from that department, No. 1138, dated 6th March 1884.

2. The papers referred, under Military Department endorsement No. 1493, dated 25th March 1884, will be returned immediately on receipt from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with whom they now are.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle; dated Bangalore, 24th March 1884, No. 7904.

In reference to your No. 4222, dated 8th March 1884, I have the honor to report that I have carefully inspected all the buildings in the old Fort at Bangalore, in view of their adaptation as offices for the Military Accounts Department, and find that the following* will, with the additions or repairs noted against each, make very suitable offices at a sum probably not exceeding Rs. 6,000; however, as yet, I have not made any detailed estimate of the cost.

Enclosure 1—Plan..
* See Appendix.

2. If the proposal of the Controller, Military Accounts, is finally approved, the Inspector-General of Ordnance should be moved to commence to send away or dispose of all the Ordnance Stores now in the Fort, which are not intended to be placed in the new Ordnance Depôt in the Agram Entrenchment, there being still apparently a very large quantity over and above what are intended for the reduced Depôt.

3. I may add that I am now renting for the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Department the following houses in the Fort, viz.:—

Names.	Rent per mensem.	Name of landlord.
	RS.	
Sub-Conductor G. Splane ..	20	Aswathia Chetty.
Conductor C. Johnson	25	Mrs. F. Bates.
,, D. Hemsworth ..	20	Mr. N. R. Bain.
Store-Sergeant B. Curtis ..	20	Mrs. F. Bates.

On the removal of the Arsenal, these will be vacated by present occupants, if required; after the removal of the Arsenal, it might be advisable for me to arrange for so doing.

No. 4502.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. But this is merely a preliminary report.

Enclosures 3.
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2. I have inspected the buildings in company with the Controller of Military Accounts, and am of opinion that in the climate of Bangalore the buildings are not unsuitable for the offices of Account.

3. I think, however, the Executive Engineer has considerably under-estimated the cost of the work required.

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No. 90. *Telegram from the Government of India, dated 18th June* 1884.

No. 91. *Telegram to the Government of India, dated 19th June* 1884, *No.* 2931.

No. 92. *Telegram to the Controller of Military Accounts, dated 19th June* 1884, *No.* 2932.

No. 93. *Telegram from the Controller of Military Accounts, dated 20th June* 1884.

No. 94. *Telegram to the Government of India, dated 20th June* 1884, *No.* 2959.

No. 95. *Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 24th June* 1884, *No.* 1408-*A*, *Miscellaneous.*

No. 96. *From the Public Works Department, dated 28th July* 1884, *No.* 393-*E.*

No. 97. *Telegram to the Government of India, dated 1st August* 1884, *No.* 3689.

No. 98. NOTE *by the Secretary to Government in the Military Department on the case of the proposed removal of the offices of the Military Accounts Department to Bangalore.*

The Government of India having approved the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the offices of the Military Accounts Department should be removed from Fort St. George, the Controller of Military Accounts, on the 5th November following, proposed that, with the exception of the Presidency Pay Office, the several branches of the department should be located at Bangalore.

Proceedings of Government No. 5464, dated 9th October 1883.

2. On the 17th March 1884, he reported that the buildings in the Fort at Bangalore, about to be vacated by the Ordnance Department, would suitably accommodate the six offices of his department: and, on the 24th idem, estimated the financial effect of his proposal as under:—

	Per Annum. RS.
Saving in Presidency house-rent to departmental officers	9,300
Saving in office-rent at Madras, at Rs. 215, per office, being the average monthly rental paid on account of two other public offices, Rs. 1,290 per month	15,480
	24,780
Cost of removal to Bangalore	7,000
Saving first year	17,780
Annual saving afterwards	24,780

3. The Government then directed Colonel Carter to discover and report how the subordinates in his office would be affected by the proposed transfer from Madras to Bangalore, and whether they would have any real grounds of complaint. In reply they were informed, on the 31st idem, that out of 241 clerks only 74 raised objections to the measure; 30 of these being men holding outside employment whom the move would affect in a pecuniary point of view.

Military Department Memorandum, No. 1508, dated 27th March 1884.

4. The Controller showed, at the same time, that the cost of living at Bangalore (which some of the objectors urged was greater than at Madras) was, in the most important items of food, cheaper at Bangalore, and that the objection on that plea was groundless.

5. At the commencement of this correspondence, the Government called for a report from the Public Works Department on Colonel Carter's proposal, and for an approximate estimate of the cost of adapting the buildings in the Fort at Bangalore to accommodate the several offices of the Military Accounts Department.

Military Department Memorandum, No. 1138, dated 6th March 1884.
Military Department, No. 1493, dated 25th March 1884.

6. Crossing the latter requisition, a preliminary report, dated 24th March 1884, drawn up by the Executive Engineer, was submitted to Government by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle. In this the former officer stated that having "carefully inspected all the buildings" at Bangalore, he considered that, with certain necessary additions and repairs, they would "make very suitable offices".

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Initial Expenditure.

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Military Department, No. 2757, dated 9th June 1884.

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