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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Military Buildings—Native Lines.

Read the following paper:—

No. . From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 25th July 1884, No. 620-S.C.

Military Buildings—Native Lines.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2780, dated the 11th June 1884, forwarding a letter from the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, reporting the progress which has been made in the lines under construction at Trichinopoly, and asking for a special assignment of Rs. 58,600 for the construction during the current year of lines at Bangalore and Pallavaram, where the men of the 1st Light Cavalry and the 12th Native infantry have been since 1881 without proper accommodation.

2. The Governor-General in Council had intended that the further prosecution of more lines on the system should be deferred until, by the completion of those at Trichinopoly, the cost of this the first experiment had been completely ascertained. But as it is now reported that at Bangalore the 1st Light Cavalry and at Pallavaram the 12th Native Infantry have actually been under canvas for more than three years, a state of things which is not fair to the men, His Excellency in Council therefore sanctions the commencement of the two sets of lines at these places at once.

3. It will probably not be possible to complete the lines within the present financial year, and therefore the whole grant asked for will not be required, but a sufficient sum will be allotted at a future date to allow of the work being pushed on with due vigour.

4. I am to observe that the continuance of this system of providing lines for Native troops and its extension to other stations in the Madras presidency must depend upon the expenditure being kept within the most moderate limits, and that therefore, in the interest of the Madras army, it is highly important that the utmost care and economy be exercised in the construction of the lines now to be built at Bangalore and Pallavaram.

5. One obvious condition of economy is to keep down the amount of accommodation given to what is actually necessary. I am to ask that plans of the lines being built at Trichinopoly, and to be built at Bangalore and Pallavaram, and of the huts for each rank, together with a specification of the work, may be submitted, at an early date, for the information of the Governor-General in Council; but the beginning of the work at Bangalore and Pallavaram need not be delayed on this account.

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Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2779, dated 11th June 1884.

2. It is requested that the plans of specification called for in para. 5 may be submitted at an early date.

(True Extract.)

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To the Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Public Works Department.
" Adjutant-General, for information.