

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th October 1884, No. 1019-B:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 3369, dated 18th July 1884, directing that early arrangements be made for testing the applicability of the one-barrelled Gardner machine gun to the defence of the sea-face of Fort St. George, I have the honor, by order, to submit, for the information of Government, the accompanying letter*

* No. 262, dated 10th October 1884 (to be returned). from the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, and to request that, under the circumstances therein mentioned,

Government may be pleased to place at the disposal of the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, a special allotment of funds for the erection of two platforms, on the sites selected by the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, on the sea-face of Fort St. George for testing the gun in question.

2. I am to add that there are no funds remaining in the hands of the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, out of the sum placed at his disposal in G.O., No. 4172, dated 27th August 1884, for the erection of the platforms.

ENCLOSURE.

From Brigadier-General A. C. JOHNSON, C.B., Commanding Eastern District, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 10th October 1884, No. 262.

As directed in paragraph 2 of your ^{R.A.}_{Defences}, dated the 10th September 1884, I requested the Executive Engineer, Presidency division, to erect two Gardner gun platforms on the sites selected by me on the sea-face of Fort St. George.

2. In his letter, No. 3542, dated 26th September 1884, the Executive Engineer replies that he is unable to make any arrangements for the erection of these platforms until the sum of Rs. 200 has been placed at his disposal; and, further, that he is unable to say what the erection of these platforms will cost until after they have been completed.

3. As I have no funds at my disposal for this work, I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will move Government to place special funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer for the erection of the platforms in question.

No. 2766.

Transferred.

2. In accordance with the proceedings of Government, No. 3369, dated 18th July last (copy enclosed), the General Officer Commanding Eastern District was asked to select suitable sites for the Gardner guns; and, after having one or two platforms erected on the sites so selected, to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, whether he considered that the platforms and sites would answer all requirements.

3. The annexed letter (No. 262, dated 10th instant) is Brigadier-General Johnson's reply.

OOTACAMUND,
13th October 1884.

To the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund.

(Signed) W. H. CAINE, Colonel,
Assistant Adjutant-General, R.A.

No. 5150, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favorable consideration.

(By Order.)

16th October 1884. (Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 20th October 1884, No. 2574 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will provide for the work by reappropriation from existing grants, there being no funds at the disposal of Government. The proposed transfers of funds should be submitted for formal sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
,, Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Dated October, 20th.

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Encl.

G.O., 20th Oct. 1884, No. 2574 W.

OCTOBER.

Fort St. George

Instructions to the Superintending Engineer for the provision of funds for erection of platforms on certain sites on the sea-face of — for testing the Gardner machine gun.

No. 3202

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, 20th Novemb 1884.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
J. W. D.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G. O. No. 2574 W. dated 20th Ultimo, I have the honor to report, that it is not necessary to make a reappropriation of funds for mounting the Gardner machine guns in Fort St. George, as the work has been provided for in the general estimate of Rs. 42035 for the Fort Armament.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obedt Servt
Chas. Sander
J. W. D.
Superintg Engr
5th Circle

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. S.

Dated

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November 1884

ENCLOSURES.

No. 3202

Gardner Machine Guns—

Reporting that it is not
necessary to make a reappropriation
of funds for mounting—

S. R. V. Circle

S. E. Military Dept

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