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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following letter from G. T. WALCH, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 27th December 1883, No. 444 V.Z. :—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 3329 W., dated 22nd November 1883, I have the honor to forward, herewith, for the orders of Government, copy of letter, No. 1790, dated 13th December 1883, from the Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam division, and its enclosures, in original, making certain proposal for disposing of the regimental hospital at Vizagapatam, which I recommend.

1 Copy of Vizagapatam division officer's No. 1790.
1 Letter from Civil Surgeon, Vizagapatam.
1 Letter from Superintendent of Police.

Enclosures.

From the Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated Waltair, 13th December 1883, No. 1790.

I have the honor to enclose letters from the Superintendent of Police and Civil Surgeon with reference to the late regimental hospital.

2. The building is too large to be used solely as a police hospital, but as the Civil Surgeon states that he can make use of one of the two wards as a hospital for peons and other Government servants, I should strongly recommend the building at once being handed over to the departments concerned.

3. The hospital is an excellent one and would not be well suited for use as an office or for other purposes, as there are various cook-rooms, &c., which would not be utilized unless the buildings were retained for the purpose for which it was originally built.

From Surgeon-Major J. B. THOMAS, District Medical Officer, Vizagapatam, to the Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated Waltair, 10th December 1883.

I have the honor, in reference to our conversation regarding the late regimental hospital, to inform you that, in the event of its being given over for a police hospital, I could make use of one ward for Government servants, such as peons in the Post, Salt and Revenue departments, who object to being placed in a general ward of the civil dispensary with lower castes of natives and people suffering from loathsome diseases.

From Major C. HARRIS, Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam District, to the Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated 27th November 1883, No. 580.

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter, as per margin, requesting you to secure the regimental hospital building when it is vacated for the use of the police hospital. The building is now become vacant and should you place it at my disposal, I propose moving the police patients into it from the 1st of December 1883. An early answer is requested.

No. 464, dated 25th September 1883.

ORDER—dated 11th January 1884, No. 72 W., Public Works.

The transfer of the building to the Police department is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 11th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th Jan. 1884, No. 72 W.

JANUARY.

Regimental Hospital at Vizagapatam

Sanctioning the transfer to the Police department of the —.

NO. 444 V.Z. p1

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO, 22/12

THE CHIEF ENGINEER P. W. Department
~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DOWLAISHWERAM, 27th Decr 1883.

Despd 31st Decr 1883

Enclosures
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1 Copy of Vizagapatam Ex. officer's No 1790
1 Letter from Civil Surgeon Vizagapatam
1 Letter from Dept of Police

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Sy

Offg Supt Engr 1st Circle

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No. 72 W a/11th January/84

From

The Superintending Engineer

First Circle

To

The Chief Engineer

P.W. Department

Madras

Dated 27th
Despd. 31st } December/83
Received

Enclosures Three

No. 444 V.2

Regimental Hospital at Vizagapatam. Divisional Officer's letter making certain proposals for disposing of the —— Copy of —— Submits ——

The transfer of the building to the Police Dept is sanctioned

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To

The S.E. First Circle
" Exr. P.W. accts
" Jud. Dept
" Mily Dept

(Ch. Secy Judl. Dept for counterinitials)

With notes

22nd November 1883, No. 3329 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following letter from Major D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Deputy Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th November 1883, No. 8103 :—

With reference to O.G., No. 4130, dated 27th July 1883, sanctioning the abandonment of Vizagapatam as a station for native troops, I have the honor, by order, to report, for the approval of Government, that orders have been issued for the public buildings and lines occupied by the 29th Regiment, Native Infantry, being transferred to the local Public Works Department on the departure of that regiment from Vizagapatam, and to request that the necessary orders may be issued for the Public Works Department to take over charge accordingly.

2. It is suggested that the lines may be sold by the Public Works Department for the benefit of Government under the provisions of paragraph 2308—2319, Madras Army Regulations.

No. 6270, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for final orders.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George,
19th November 1883.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 22nd November 1883, No. 3329 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, who will take charge of the buildings referred to on the departure of the 29th Regiment, Native Infantry, from Vizagapatam.

2. The sepoy lines will be sold to the best advantage by auction or otherwise, and the Superintending Engineer will, in communication with the local civil authorities, submit proposals for disposing of the regimental public buildings.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Gobt. of {1883} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated November, 22nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 22nd Nov. 1883, No. 3329 W.

NOVEMBER.

Native Infantry Lines

Regarding the disposal of the — and buildings at Vizagapatam about to be vacated by the 29th Regiment.

(Ch. Secy [illegible]
[illegible] Counterinitials).

Write [illegible]

No. 179 C

Vizagapatam Dn. Office
Waltair 13th Decr. 1883

From,
The Executive Engineer
Vizagapatam Dn.

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To,
The Supg. Engineer
1st Circle.

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose letter from the Superintendent of Police and Civil Surgeon with reference to the late Regimental Hospital.

2. The Building is too large to be used solely as a Police Hospital, but as the Civil Surgeon states that he can make use of one of the two Wards as a Hospital for Peons and other Government servants, I should strongly recommend the building at once being handed over to the Departments concerned.

3. The Hospital is an excellent one and would not be well suited for use as an Office or for other purposes, as there are various Cook rooms &c. which would not be utilized unless the buildings were retained for the purpose for which it was originally built

built.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) H. E. Clerk
Asst. Engr. in charge
Vizagapatam Dn.

(True Copy)

C. Ewart
Offg. Supt. Engr. 1st Circle

JK

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Waltair
18 Dec/83.

From Surgeon Major
J. B. Thomas 72/10
Dist. Medical Offr.
Vizagapatam.

To The Executive Engineer
Vizagapatam.

Sir

I have the honor in reference to our conversation regarding the late Regimental Hosp. to inform you, that in the event of its being given over for a Police Hosp. I could make use of one ward for Govt. Servants built.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) H. E. Clerk

such as those in the Post-
Salt- & Revenue departments
who object to being
placed in a general
ward of the Civil Dispensary
with lower castes of natives
& people suffering from
loathsome diseases.

JK

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
J. E. Thomas
Surgeon Major
Dist. Medl. Officer

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built –

I have &c &c &c

G.L. No 1483
11-12-83

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for orders

From

Surgeon Major J. B. Thomas
Civil Surgeon
Vizagapatam

To The Executive Engineer
Vizagapatam Dt.

Dated 10th
Recd. 11th } Decr. 1883

Regimental Hospital late. Informs the arrangements made for utilizing the building as Police Hospital &c –

JK

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No 1431
29-11-83

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Vizagapatam District 27th Novemb 1883.

No. 580

From
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
VIZAGAPATAM DISTRICT.

To
THE Executive Engineer
Vizagapatam

SIR,

Enclosures.

No. 464 Dt. 25th September 1883

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter as per margin requesting you to secure the Regimental Hospital building when, it is vacated for the use of the Police Hospital. The building is now become vacant and should you place it at my disposal I propose moving the Police patients into it from the 1st of December 1883 – An early answer is requested –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt.

C. Manis Major
Superintendent of Police

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Distribution of Army—Native Army.

No. 2746-A.

From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FORT ST. GEORGE,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

To the Government of India, No. 1862, dated 21st April 1882.
From the Government of India, No. 555-S.C., dated 11th July 1882.

I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Most Honorable the Governor-General in Council, with reference to the correspondence cited in the margin, the annexed copy of a letter from the Quartermaster-General, No. 167, dated 25th April 1883, conveying the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that Vizagapatam be abandoned as a station for Madras troops in favor of Vizianagrum, the latter being considered a far healthier and, in other respects, a more suitable station for the location of troops.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in Sir F. Roberts' proposal and submits it for the sanction of the Government of India.

3. It will be observed that the Madras Government, in the Political Department, have no objection to the proposed change.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
15th May 1883.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Countermman

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1883, No. 2746.

Distribution of Army—Native Army.

Read the following papers :—

No. 209. *From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 25th April 1883, No. 167.*

Adverting to Proceedings of Government, No. 1861, dated 21st April 1882, and to this office letter, No. 48, dated 17th April 1882, embodied in the above proceedings, in which His Excellency Sir Frederick Roberts proposed that Vizianagrum be one of the stations to be abandoned on the reduction of the army of this Presidency, and to O.G., No. 542-W., Public Works, dated 19th February 1883, I am desired to observe that the Commander-in-Chief having called for a report from the Officer Commanding Eastern District as to the relative advantages of Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum as a station for Native troops, that officer reports that, whilst the climate of the former place is most unhealthy, and that, after a short residence, the men are attacked by a disease called beri-beri, the latter station is possessed of good lines (which Vizagapatam is not) and of excellent ground for the manœuvring of troops.

2. This opinion being referred to the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, that officer reports that he has no hesitation in saying that, from a medical point of view, Vizianagrum is decidedly superior, and he annexes a table showing that, whilst during the last five years there have been admissions from beri-beri at Vizagapatam to the extent of 36·65 per thousand, the disease was unknown at Vizianagrum.

3. Under these circumstances, Sir Frederick Roberts has no hesitation in recommending the abandonment of Vizagapatam, and he proposes that the measure shall take place during the ensuing reliefs.

4. This measure will necessitate some alteration in the reliefs of corps of Native infantry proposed in this office letter, No. 1091 (confidential), dated 2nd October 1882, to your address, which I am desired by His Excellency to say shall be submitted at a very early date.

5. Copies of the letters of the Officer Commanding Eastern District and of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, are enclosed.

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, C.B., Commanding Eastern District, to the Quartermaster-General; dated Fort St. George, 13th March 1883, No. 84-G.

With reference to your memorandum of 28th February, on Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 19th February last, No. 542-W., and to former correspondence on the same subject that took place during my absence on leave last year, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that, after my late inspection of the 29th Regiment at Vizagapatam, I have not the least hesitation in condemning the place as a station for troops.

2. Vizagapatam has no capabilities for the working of a regiment and keeping the men up to the required mark in drill and discipline.

3. The climate for the sepoys is most unsuitable. After eighteen months or a couple of years a large percentage are attacked by the disease called "beri-beri" (a sort of paralysis); 170 were thus rendered unfit for any work last year. The cause is unknown, but supposed to be either from the drinking water or from the position of the lines which face the hot breezes that, during a certain time of the year, blow right into them over miles of salt marsh.

4. The lines, which are at some distance from the officers' quarters, are a disgrace to any state approaching civilization. Each day thirty men are on piquet for the sole purpose of extinguishing fires, and when the battalion goes to parade a company is left behind for this duty.

5. Again, the regiment has nothing to do but to sit down and fear probable illness and fight among themselves on questions of religious rites and ceremonies, &c. When I inspected the 29th Regiment the other day, several Mussulmen officers and men of all ranks fell out and made "complaints." These complaints turned out to be quarrels among themselves regarding the performance of certain ceremonies in the Musjid. The matter in itself puerile to a degree, but none the less does it lead to great troubles and grave insubordination.

6. The 29th Regiment should be moved to a large station as soon as opportunity offers, and, if it be possible, I would put it down near Pallávaram, and let it build the lines for the contemplated second regiment there.

7. All this aside, I have nothing to say in favor of retaining Vizagapatam as a station for troops. On the contrary everything is against it.

8. Vizianagrum is well adapted for either one or two regiments. The ground around is excellent for the manœuvring of troops of all arms. The present lines are in good repair. The station is very healthy, and as regards embarkation for foreign ports, there is but an easy march of about sixteen miles over a good road to Bimlipatam.

9. I repeat my opinion that Vizagapatam be abandoned as a military station, and that the 29th Regiment be moved to Pallávaram or to Vizianagrum (new lines required in either case) and put in brigade with the other regiments there, an arrangement that would benefit both officers and men.

From C. D. MADDEN, Esq., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George; dated Madras, 30th March 1883, No. 618.

In reply to your No. 2147, of 14th March 1883, enclosing certain correspondence regarding the comparative suitability of Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum as stations for Native troops, I have the honor to submit the following remarks to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. From the annexed table it will be seen that, during the past five years (that is from 1878 to 1882 inclusive), the men of the Native regiment stationed at Vizianagrum were healthier than the Native garrison of Vizagapatam. During the period in question the ratios per mille of strength were for all diseases at each of the two stations as follow:—

	Vizagapatam.	Vizianagrum.
Admitted	1542·3	1147·79
Daily sick	63·8	34·8
Died	16·2	11·9
Invalided	111·6	92·9

3. It will further be observed that, during the five years specified, there was no beri-beri at Vizianagrum, but that the admissions for this formidable disease at Vizagapatam were in the ratio of 36·75 per thousand of strength. The results as regards the other diseases specified in the table are also all in favor of Vizianagrum.

4. Taking these facts, therefore, and also the past history of the two stations into consideration, I have no hesitation in saying that, from a medical point of view, Vizianagrum is the more desirable of the two as a station for troops.

Average Ratio per Mille of Strength during the five Years from 1878 *to* 1882.

DISEASES.	STATIONS.							
	Vizagapatam.				Vizianagrum.			
	Admitted.	Daily Sick.	Died.	Invalided.	Admitted.	Daily Sick.	Died.	Invalided.
Beri-beri	36·75	...	1·3	23·2	...	...	...	...
Malarial Fevers	805·82	...	5·2	41·9	599·2	...	3·8	17·4
Dysentery	40·9	...	2·4	1·7	29·3	...	1·9	0·9
Diarrhœa	17·3	...	0·3	0·3	15·4	...	...	...
Cholera	7·6	...	5·2	...	1·2	...	...	...
All diseases	1542·3	63·8	16·2	111·6	1147·79	34·8	11·9	92·9

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No. 2420.

Referred to the Political Department for favor of remark as to whether there is any objection in that department to the proposed change.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
26th April 1883.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 210.

No. 860.

Returned with the intimation that there is no objection in the Political Department to the retention of Vizianagrum as a Cantonment and the abandonment of Vizagapatam.

OOTACAMUND,
30th April 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1883, No. 2746.

Forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India.

No. 211-A. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 15th May 1883, No. 2746-A.*

(True Copies.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
„ Adjutant-General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Political Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

MILITARY.

From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
FORT ST GEORGE,
Military Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Military Department.

Dated May, 15th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

15th May 1883, No. 2746-A.

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No. 211-A.

Distribution of Army—Native Army.

Vizianagrum.—Proposal to abandon Vizagapatam as a station for Madras troops in favor of —, submitted to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

27th July 1883, No. 4130.

Distribution of Army—Native Army

Read the following papers :—

No. 354. *Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla ; dated* 30*th June* 1883, *No.* 427-*S.C.*

No. 355. *From the Quartermaster-General ; dated* 9*th July* 1883, *No.* 4911.

No. 356. *With report from Controller of Military Accounts ;* 10*th July* 1883, *H.*

No. 357. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department ; dated* 12*th July* 1883, *No.* 3886.

No. 358. *Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated* 26*th July* 1883, *No.* 548-*S.C.*

Your 2746-A., of 15th May, and 3886, July 12th. Proposed abandonment Vizagapatam for Vizianagrum, sanctioned.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1883, No. 4130.

The sanction of the Government of India communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Political Department, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2746, dated 15th May 1883.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
,, Adjutant-General.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Political Department.
,, Commissary-General, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 27th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 27th July 1883, No. 4130.

JULY.
Nos. 354—359.

Distribution of Army—Native Army.

Vizagapatam.—Proposal to abandon—as a station for Madras troops in favor of Vizianagrum, sanctioned by the Government of India.

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