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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 June 1885, No. 1945 A :—

Adverting to G.O., No. 1254 W., Public Works, of 29th May 1885, received on the 13th instant with G.O., No. 3175, Military Department, dated 11th instant, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to say that His Excellency was about to address Government on the subject of reduction in expenditure on military works, regarding which reports had been called for from divisions and districts in accordance with G.O., No. 2657, of 18th May 1885, paragraph 2.

2. Sir Frederick Roberts desires me to remark that, whilst anxious to meet the wishes of Government, he regrets the necessity for postponement of such works as

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2. Addition to prison, Bangalore.
3. Buildings for cavalry corps, Bangalore.

those noted in the margin, and hopes that hereafter it may be found possible to take them into consideration, more particularly the two latter.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the above Government order, I am to remark that the work referred to therein is, in His Excellency's opinion, one of defence, which should not be postponed, it being necessary to render the Vellore fort, which has been selected as a defensive post, secure.

4. I am desired also to draw attention to the necessity of providing funds for the works in connection with the defence of the fort at Cannanore, plans and estimates for which were sanctioned in G.O., No. 4960, dated 6th October 1884, and G.O., No. 5400, dated 4th November 1884.

No. 3258, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
16th June 1885.

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

ORDER—dated 25th June 1885, No. 1480 W., Public Works.

The Government will keep in view the desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief expressed in paragraph 2 of the Quartermaster-General's letter above recorded, and will endeavour to obtain funds for the prosecution of the three works named in the event of any relaxation of the orders restricting expenditure.

25TH JUNE 1885, No. 1480 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

2. The Government regret that it is not possible to provide funds at present for the construction of a drawbridge and gate for the Vellore fort (estimate Rs. 6,450), the small sum available for distribution being inadequate to meet demands for incomplete works and urgent minor new works.

3. In the orders distributing the reserve under Military, funds will be allotted for the two works sanctioned in G.O., No. 2368 W., dated 24th September 1884, and No. 2571 W., dated 20th October 1884, viz., "Converting the old cells in the Cannanore fort into a double magazine and treasure-room" (estimate Rs. 2,420), and "Putting the Cannanore fort in a state of defence" (estimate Rs. 2,958). Meanwhile the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, is directed to proceed with the works.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 25th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 25th June 1885, No. 1480 W.

JUNE.

Military Works

Orders on letter from the Quartermaster-General regarding reduction of expenditure on —.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,

15 June 1885.

No. 1945
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From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

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2. Addition to Prison,
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3. Buildings for
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to remark that the work referred to therein
is in His Excellency's opinion one of defence which
should not be postponed, it being necessary to render
the Vellore Fort, which has been selected as a defensive
post, secure.

Construction of draw-
bridge and gate to
Vellore Fort No 6450

4. I am desired also to draw attention to the
necessity of providing funds for the works in
connection with the defence of the Fort at Canni-
nore, plans and Estimates for which were sanctioned
in G.O. No. 4960 of 6th October 1882, and G.O. No.
5400 of 4th November 1882.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W Stewart

Brigadier General

Quartermaster General

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No 2368 Wd/24.9.84
 " 2571 Wd/20.10.84
 " 2657 d/18.5.85 Mitz
 " 1255 Wd/29.5.85. Engr
 " 1039 Wd/4.5.85
 " 1167 Wd/18.5.85
 " 528 Wd/7.3.85
 No 3258

Transferred to
 the Public Works Depart-
 -ment.

(Byndu)

Kennedy Herbert Lieut Col
 Offg. Secy. to Govt.

Ootacamund }
 16 June 1885

Military (1885) Department.

No.

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.



No.

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No 1480 Wd/25-16-85

ENCLOSURES.

Regarding reduction in expendi-
 ture on military works.

J. W. Department.

Letter from the Quartermaster General No 1945 d/June 15th 1885
 Endorsement thereon in the Military Dept. 3258 d/ "16th"

FOR ORDERS

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With adavance to para: 2
 of the letter above quoted, the
 undersigned has the honour
 to state that, at the request
 of A.C. the Commander in Chief
 in Council, a note ^{made} was against
 the undermentioned two works,
 in the statement of surrenders,
 to the effect that His Excellency
 considered them most important
 in the event of any relaxation
 of restrictive orders:—

- (1) Covered Gymnasium, Madras.
- (2) Additions to Military Prison,
Bangalore.

A similar note will be

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made against the third work mentioned in the Quartermaster General's letter, viz.,

(3) Public buildings for native cavalry - Bangalore.

With respect to paras 3 & 4 of the letter, the accompanying statement shows the demands received from Suptg Engineers on account of military incomplete and minor works.

The requirements amount to Rs 45,404/-, while the sum available for distribution is Rs 22,203/-.

Of the demands, Rs 10,930/- are on account of incomplete works of last year, and this charge must first be provided for. Deducting this sum from the amount available, Rs 11,273/- remains

for new works, major & minor, for which the demands amount to Rs 32,341/- 1480

Of these new works, the following ^{apparently} must first be provided for out of the Rs 11,273/-

"Presidency, Parade barracks, provost cells" - already commenced Rs 427

"Surface drains of barracks, parade barracks" - completed .. 780

"Nilgiris, converting a portion of N. 5 Barracks, Wellington, into canteen, &c." .. 1130

"West Coast. Alterations to the recreation room, &c., at Cannanore" .. 710

"Nilgiris, barracks for the detachment of N. I. at Ootacamund." .. 660

"Presidency - Rifle range for the British Infantry at Fort St. George." .. 1830

"Chingleput, 5 bungalows for family quarters of Royal Artillery at St. Thomas' Mount, &c." .. 625

Total Rs 6,862

see a large sum
not given

range made to S. S. IV
23.6.75

This leaves Rs 4,411 for other new works, of which "Putting the Cannanore Fort into a state of defence," Rs 2958, and "Drawbridge and gate to the Fort at Vellore," Rs 6450, apparently have the first claim to allotments: also, although not included in the statement, "Converting the old cells at Cannanore Fort into a double magazine," Rs 2420.

For the first and third of these works the balance available will very nearly provide; and, if His Excellency desires it, they will at once be put in hand.

For the drawbridge and gate at Vellore, there appears to be no possible way of providing funds, unless —

1480 His Excellency would desire a special application to be made to the Government of India, or unless the following works can be put off:—

Canteen at Wellington Rs 1130

Recreation room at Cannanore - - - } 710

Converting old cells at Cannanore into a double magazine. } 2420

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W.

None other like the drawbridge and gate to the Fort at Vellore be put off than any other of these works some raised,

22.6.85

Th.

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Urgent

FOR ORDERS



Mrs Excellence, the
Commander in Chief

Disposal according to H.R.
wishes.
Make reference regarding
cost of work - rocks

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With reference to
Accey. letter from L.M.G.
& my note to W. ~~W. H. H.~~
put up soon, a
handwritten note showing
what prospect there
is of providing funds
for the three works

- (1) Vellore - estimate Rs 6450
- (2) Cannanore - estimate Rs 2420
- (3) Cannanore - estimate Rs 2958

It is possible that
the two latter are being
considered in connection with
the demand
statements -

In returning the
file to D.O. please
put up complete
original file connected
with G.O. No. 12554/829.55
What W wishes to see
particularly is the

statement of proposed
movements, in which
he made a red ink
note against the works
mentioned in para 2
of present letter, to
effect that D.S. the C. in C.
considered them of special
importance &c &c.

Please have put
also the G.O. re-
turning estimate for
the work at Vellore
Fort, & the G.O.
containing the G.O.
telegram & letter
read at hand of
D.S. No 1255W &
29.5.85.

Please submit
your note through D.A.W.
& D.W., & return the
file by return of
post, if possible.

note & C. in C.
file (7.6.85)
are submitted
19/7

East No 3255 & 14.6.85

To W.

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In original D.S. No

1255W & 29.5.85, a

note was entered by you
opposite the three works

mentioned in para 2 of

the D.S. No 1255W letter, to

the effect that D.S. the

C. in C. attached much

importance to them, &

that they should be the

first to receive consideration

when the financial pressure

was removed. This note

was entered under the

directions from D.S. the

C. in C. in Council.

It will probably

be found impossible

to provide funds for

the draw bridge & Gate

to Vellore Fort

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29.6.85. C. in 22/6. R. 23/6/85

be necessary.

With respect to the
works connected with the
Cameroon Fort (estimated
Rs 24209 2958), a
reference to the Director
of the works will be necessary
to ascertain whether it
has been found possible
to provide funds for
them in connection with
Supply & Stores demand
statements.

For orders.

C.
17.6.85

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Memo. relative to estimate
for arm racks for N.I.
Obtainment, submitted
for approval. Limit will
be seen from Rs. 28220
of 11.11.84, that the estimate
was approved by H.B. the
C. in C. prior to sanction.

I have spoken to Major
Smith who explains C.
that the estimate provided 3.6.84
for arm racks according to standard
design. This memo is unnecessary.
24/6

W. Department

Memo.

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The Suptg. Engineer
IV. Circle is requested to
forward for reference the
estimate sanctioned in G.O.
No. 2822. W of 11 November 1884,
for constructing arm racks
for the detachment Native
Infantry at Ootacamund.

It should be reported
whether any reduction in the
amount is feasible, as
the 660 appears to be a large
sum to expend on racks for
so few arms.

IV. Circle.

Approved to C. 20.6.85

48.6576. Cw 22/6. R^d 23/6/85
22.6.85

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Under date the 25th June/85
Read the following

Letter from the Quarter Master Genl: N.E. N^o 745 of 15 June/85
End^d thereon by the Mily: Sept: " " 3258 of 16 June/85.

The Government will keep in view the desire of N.E. the Commander-in-Chief expressed in para 2 of the Quarter-master-General's letter above recorded, and will endeavour to obtain funds for the prosecution of the three works named, in the event of any relaxation of the orders restricting expenditure.

2. The Government regret that it is not possible to provide funds at present for the construction of a drawbridge

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Vertical handwritten note: H.C. Meador was sent to the office yesterday

S.A.W.
Please attach this to the orig^l let sent down yesterday, on letter from Is by Genl asking for early construction of draw bridge & gate for Vellur Fort, defence works at Cannanore &c &c -
Write them that N.E. the Comdr giving on the note for orders, relative to high cost of construction for N.E. at Cannanore, has not been lost sight of. C.L. 6/85

Handwritten: Aug. 10/86.
Aug. 25/86.
25.6.85

and gate for the Vellore Fort
(estimate Rs 64.50), the small
sum available for distribu-
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meet demands for incomplete
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room" - estimate Rs 24.20, &
"Putting the Cannanore Fort into
a state of defence," estimate
Rs 2958. ^{Meanwhile} the Suptg. Engr.
the Circle is directed to proceed
with the works ~~immediately~~.

CD.
19.6.85

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So
The Mily. Dept. ✓
"S. E. Circle ✓
"S. E. V. Circle ✓
"Ex. P.W. accts. ✓
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G.O. 15 June 1885, No. 14804

Public Works

*Orders in letter from the
S. M. Genl. regarding
reduction of expenditure
here on —*

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