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26TH AUGUST 1885, No. 1985 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chépák, 10th August 1885, No. 2031:—

With reference to your memorandum, No. 396 E., dated 31st July 1885, I have the honor to report that Rs. 8,240 may be transferred from the grant of Rs. 14,000 for the Native Cavalry buildings at Bangalore for expenditure on the coast batteries at Madras.

2. The construction of these Cavalry buildings is postponed also by G.O., No. 1833 W., dated 8th August 1885.

3. There is an urgent demand for funds under Military repairs in the Chingleput division; the reduced allotment of Rs. 10,000 is found before the end of the first half-year of the year to be insufficient to meet absolutely necessary demands, and as the balance Rs. 5,760 is thus set free, I take the opportunity of asking that a further allotment of at least Rs. 5,000 may be given to Chingleput.

4. The difference Rs. 760 may be required to be retained at present in case of liabilities incurred on account of the collection of materials for the Native Cavalry buildings, as explained in paragraph 6 of the enclosed letter from the Executive Engineer, No. 2331, dated the 8th instant.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 443 E.

Referred, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. As recommended by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, a sum of Rs. 8,240 has been provided for remodelling the coast batteries at Madras by transfer from the current year's grant for constructing public buildings for a regiment of Native Cavalry at Bangalore.

3. The favor of His Excellency's opinion is now requested whether, with reference to the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 2503-A., dated 4th August 1885, the construction of Cavalry buildings at Bangalore may be regarded as postponed for the present; and whether a further sum of Rs. 5,000 may be withdrawn from the grant of Rs. 14,000 provided for that work in G.O., No. 1595 W., dated 10th July 1885, to enable the Superintending Engineer to carry out emergent repairs to military buildings in the Chingleput division.

4. His Excellency's views are also requested on Colonel Burton's suggestions with respect to continuing the present arrangement, under which the Native Cavalry regiment at Bangalore is provided with hired buildings.

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

To the Military Department, with papers in original.

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Military Department), dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1885, No. 2691-A.

With reference to paragraph 3 of your memorandum, No. 443 E., of 13th instant,

* Herewith returned with papers.

forwarded to this office under Military Department, No. 4467, of same date, I am

desired to state that, in the opinion of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, the construction of buildings for a regiment of Native Cavalry at Bangalore should not be regarded as postponed, the work being merely deferred till a fresh site can be decided on.

2. The sum of Rs. 8,240 was relinquished by Sir Frederick Roberts at the request of Government from the amount allotted for the Cavalry buildings as it was required for more important work on the coast batteries at Madras, but it being desirable that a commencement should be made this year in the work of constructing the Cavalry buildings at Bangalore, General Rowlands would beg that the further sum of Rs. 5,000, which it is proposed to transfer to the Chingleput division, may not be withdrawn.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of your memorandum under reply, I am to say that the Provincial Commander-in-Chief is not in favor of continuing the present arrangement of hiring buildings for the Native Cavalry at Bangalore. There have been various changes necessary since the project of constructing these public buildings was originally contemplated, chiefly due in the first instance to Colonel Burton having designed a set of buildings of a far more elaborate and costly character than the Commander-in-Chief ever contemplated, and subsequently to certain obligations thrown on the Madras Army which may probably affect the strength of the garrison of Bangalore.

No. 4638, Military.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
21st August 1885.

(Signed)

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

ORDER—dated 26th August 1885, No. 1985 W., Public Works.

The foregoing letter from the Quartermaster-General will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for information and guidance.

2. In the circumstances stated, no further reduction will be made for the present in the current year's grant for constructing public buildings for a regiment of Native Cavalry at Bangalore.

3. The Superintending Engineer must endeavour to propose other arrangements for enhancing the military repair grant to the Chingleput division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with plan.
" Military Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Gobt. of 1885 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th Aug. 1885, No. 1985 W.

AUGUST.

Funds

Orders on correspondence regarding — for
certain military works.

No. 2031

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, 10th Aug. 1885.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures. 3

1 Letter from
the Executive Eng.
Presidency No. 2331
dated 8th August
1885 — with
Copy of 2nd Mr.
General's letter
No. 2508 dated
1st August/85
and
Tracing of site plan.

With reference to your
Memo No. 396 E. dated 31st July/85.
I have the honor to report that
No. 8240 — may be transferred
from the Grant of Rs 14,000 for the
Native Cavalry buildings at Bangalore
for expenditure on the fort Batteries
at Madras.

2. The construction of these
Cavalry Buildings is first found
also by G. Act 1835 W. dated 7th
8th August 1885.
3. There is an urgent demand
for funds under Military repairs
in the Chingleput Division, the
reduced allotment of Rs 10,000 —
is found before the end of the
first

first half year of the year, to be
insufficient to meet absolutely
necessary demands: and as the
balance No 5760 is thus set free, -

I take the opportunity of asking that
a further allotment of at least -
No 6,000, may be given to Chingleput.

4. The difference No 760 - - may
be required to be retained at
present, in case of liabilities incurred
on account of the collection of Malis:
also for the Native Cavalry buildings
as explained in para 6 of the
enclosed letter from the Executive
Engineer No 2331 dated the 8th instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant,

Henry Barendse Col M B.

Superintending Engineer
S. S. Circle.

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From

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P.W. Dept.



Dated

10 August 1885.

Recd.

ENCLOSURES. 3

No. 2031.

Trans.

Reports that
Rs 8240 may be trans-
ferred, from the Grant
of Rs 14000 for Manufacturing
Bgs. Bangalore, for expenditure
on fort Batteries
Madras.

By S. 4072.

Public Works Department,

Colacammund, August 13th 1885.

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No. 443 E.

Memorandum.

Letter from the Suptg. Eng. V Circle No. 2031 of
August 10th 1885.

Referred, through the Military
Department, to His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief.

2. As recommended by the Suptg.
Engineer V Circle, a sum of Rs 8,240 has
been provided for remodelling the
Coast Batteries at Madras, by transfer
from the current year's grants for
constructing public buildings for a
regiment of native cavalry at
Bangalore.

3. The favour of His Excellency's opinion is now requested whether, with reference to the Quarter Master General's letter No 2503 A of 4th August 1885, the construction of cavalry buildings at Bangalore may be regarded as postponed for the present, and whether a further sum of Rs 5,000/- may be withdrawn from the grant of Rs 14,000 provided for that work in G.O. No 1595 W of 10th July 1885, to enable the Dypty Engineer to carry out emergent repairs to military buildings in the Chingleput Division.

4. His Excellency's views are also requested on Colonel Burton's suggestions with respect to continuing

S. 4078.

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the present arrangement, under which the native cavalry regiment at Bangalore is provided with hired buildings.

13-8-85
Mansel Stuart
Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Govt, P.W. Dept.

To,

The Military Department,
with papers in original.

E. E. S.

Buildings
Funds.

This Military Department.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,

20th August 1885.

No. 2691
A

From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,

SIR,

* Herewith returns
with papers.

With reference to para 3 of your memo: No: 443E of 13th Instant, forwarded to this Office under Military Department No: 4467, of same date, I am desired to state that in the opinion of the Provincial Commander-in-chief the construction of Buildings for a Regiment of Native Cavalry at Bangalore should not be regarded as postponed, the work being merely deferred till a fresh site can be decided on.

2. The Sum of Rupees 8240 was relinquished by Sir Frederick Roberts at the request of Government from the amount allotted for the Cavalry Buildings as it was required for more important work on the Coast Batteries at Madras, but, it being desirable that a

Commencement

Commencement should be made this year in the work of constructing the Cavalry buildings at Bangalore, General Rowlands would beg that the further sum of Rs. 5000 which it is proposed to transfer to the Chingleput Division may not be withdrawn.

3. With reference to para 4 of your Memo: under reply, I am to say that the Provincial Commander-in-chief is not in favour of continuing the present arrangement of hiring buildings for the Native Cavalry at Bangalore. There have been various changes necessary since the project of constructing these Public Buildings was originally contemplated, chiefly due in the first instance to Col. Burton having designed a set of buildings of a far more elaborate and costly character than the Commander-in-chief ever contemplated, and subsequently to certain obligations thrown on the Madras Army which may probably affect the strength of the Garrison of Bangalore.

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

W. Stewart

Brigadier General

Quartermaster General

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Forwarded.

Attest
Lieut. Col.

Off. Secy. to Government

Col. Rowlands
21 August 1885

Nos 1877W- 14.8.85.
 445W. 13. - -
 396W. 31. 7. -
 1552W. 20.6.84.
 1413W. 5.6.84.
 858W. 31.3.84.
 47W. 10.1.84.
 1935W. 11.7.83.
 1507W. 29.5.83.
 106W. 13.1.82.

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No. 490

From

The Quarter Master

To The Secy: to Govt
 P. W. Department

No. 2691
 A

Dated 20 Aug 1885

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Encls. 6.

Reg: funds for public
 works at Bangalore for
 Cavalry Regiment at
 Bangalore.

No. 2503
 A.

Ottacamund.
 4 Aug. 85.

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department.

Sir,

Adverting to P.M.G. No. 1595 of 21.
 10th July 1885 (M.D. No. 4042 of 24th idem)
 reallotting funds to certain Military
 Works in this Presidency, I have
 the honor, by order, to request that,
 as a change in the site originally
 selected for the erection of public
 buildings for the Native Cavalry
 Regiment at Bangalore may become
 necessary, Government may be
 pleased to issue instructions to
 the local public works authorities
 requiring them to communicate with
 this office before commencing
 the work.

I have &c.

/s/ R. Stewart P.M.G.
 Quarter Master General

(True copy)

W. H. Hunter
 Asst. Secy to Govt.

Aug. 87/8

No. 2331

MADRAS, D. P. W.,

Bangalore, 8th August 1885

From,

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Presidency Division,

To,

THE *Superintending Engineer*

5th Circle.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 1928 of 5th August as also to Quarter Master General's letter No. 2503 A of 4th August 1885 copy enclosed, I have the honor to report that it seems obligatory and preferable to postpone the work entirely, and I would request permission to do so.

2. But I would point out the extreme Departmental inconvenience involved in the whole history of this work from its first inception under G.O. No. 106 W of 13th January 1882; estimates of 3 sets of buildings were separately called for before those now sanctioned were finally accepted, and it is very questionable whether the buildings eventually sanctioned are

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1 plan
1 copy of
a letter
from Mr.
Mr. Gaul

are the best suited for a Native Cavalry Regiment.

3 Again in the month of September 1884 the late Captain Hamilton whilst acting as Executive Engineer under the approval of the Chief Engineer, vide his Memo No. 885 C of 21st April 1884, accepted Messrs Smith and Narraiusawmy Mudd. Contractors tender, and he then marked out the works and ordered collection of materials on the sites shown in the plans formally sanctioned by Govt. of Madras and approved of by Govt. of India in G.O. No. 1552 W of 20th June 1884.

4 Some misapprehension appears to have occurred in July 1884 about the allotment of funds available and the work was stopped by Captain Hamilton R.E.

5 Subsequently, viz. in the month of December 1884 without my being referred to as the local Departmental authority, but not without my representing the matter to the local Military authorities, the site chosen by the Major General commanding and

and approved by H.E. the Command⁹⁵er-in-Chief was taken possession of by the Officer commanding 14th M.F. on which to build lines for his Regiment, and I was so informed, by means of enclosed plan, that the Native Cavalry Buildings would be built elsewhere, than as duly sanctioned, viz. on sites shown on that plan.

Saddle rooms it will be observed are included in that plan, although saddle rooms had been especially included in the first two sets and struck out of the 3^d viz. the sanctioned estimate - so even this plan is not a safe guide to P.W. Department.

6 Again upon receiving notice of the grant of Rs 14,000 on the 20th ultimo, I felt obliged under before-mentioned circumstances to give Messrs Smith and Narraiusawmy the opportunity of re-submitting their former tender as already approved by the Chief Engineer which they did, and I

have

have passed my word to sign the Contract Form; have marked out the work; given them the possession of the site and ordered them to collect materials for the Place of Arms, Armourer's Shop, Guard Room and Bells & Regimental School, estimates of which amount to Rs 13,322: and so far as I know they have made every arrangement in the District to procure materials. I am therefore unable to now state the liabilities incurred, but I would represent to the Chief Engineer the extreme inconvenience of the whole course adopted in regard to the Native Cavalry Lines buildings.

Every step taken by the D.P.W. in the matter has been first called for then if approved subsequently put up set.

The Regiment, although no doubt put to considerable inconvenience during

* probably very small for stone only.

G.O. No: 106 W. Dt. 19. 1. 82
 G.O. No: 1547 W. Dt. 29. 5. 83
 G.O. No: 47 W. Dt. 10. 1. 84
 G.O. No: 253 W. Dt. 19. 9. 84
 Clk. Muzumdar No: 558 Dt. 21. 4. 84
 G.O. No: 1413 W. Dt. 5. 6. 84
 G.O. No: 1552 W. Dt. 25. 6. 84
 G.O. No: 1595 W. Dt. 10. 7. 85

during

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 during the last 4 years by the want of the buildings; is now accustomed to it; and it has the use of very convenient, if old, hired buildings; for which D.P.W. pays Rs 60 monthly as rent, and to give it the one building, which Rs 6000 would pay for, will not add to its convenience, in my opinion.

It would seem more to the interest of Govt. to let me settle with the above Contractors in the best way I can, surrender the funds and again revise the estimates; in this latter respect I would state that buildings arranged round a large square enclosure somewhat after the style of the Silladar Lines here or the above mentioned old buildings hired for the Native Cavalry is far preferable to that shown in the enclosed plan, even if the inclusion of the saddle room is correct.

I have &c.

W. H. Minton Col R.E.

From,

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Presidency,

To,

*The Suptg Engineer
1st Circle*

No. 2331

Dated

8th

Recd.

} August 1885.

Subject.

*Native Cavalry
Buildings.*

*States that it's
preferable to postpone
the construction of*

*for reasons stated
within.*

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Former Papers.

MILITARY (1885) DEPARTMENT.

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From

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P. W. 56:

No. 443.8.

Dated 13 Aug.

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ENCLOSURES.

P.G., No. , dated

Transferring funds
for public buildings at
Bang. for Natl. Carz.
Regt. on Coast
Batteries, Madras.
etc.

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1985 W. dated 13 Aug 1885

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

From the S.D.V Circle No 2031 of 10. 8. 85.
Memo to the Dir, Dep. 4438 of 13. 8. 85.
From the Dir, Dep. 2691 A of 20. 8. 85.
Encl. Mils. Dep. 4628 of 21. 8. 85.

The foregoing letter
from the Dir, Dep.
will be communicated
to the S.D.V Circle for
information & guidance.

2. In the circumstances
stated, no further
action will be made
for the present in the
current year's grant
for constructing public
buildings for a region
of

of Native Cavalry
at Bangalore -

3. ~~The Budget Officer~~
~~must endeavor to~~
Propose other arrangements
for enhancing the
military & repair grant
to the Chingleput Dist.

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G.O. 26 Aug. 1885, No. 19056

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Orders in connection
with the
— for certain
military works

W. S. P. M.

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