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Dated July, 14th.

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G.O., 14th July 1886, No. 1776 W.

JULY.

Perambur Lines

Ordered that rent for the — be claimed, after twelve months' occupation, in the case of the 15th Regiment, Madras Infantry, now occupying them, and from date of occupation in the case of regiments that may occupy them in future.

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occupation was that this set of lines was constructed at Government expense and retained as Government property specially with a view to their being occupied by regiments going on, or returning from, foreign service in Burma, which would ordinarily be located in Madras for less than twelve months, yet as a matter of fact regiments are not now moved to Madras solely in anticipation of their being sent to Burma, and the Perambur lines are habitually occupied by one of the regiments forming the permanent garrison of Madras.

2. Under these circumstances the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that there is now no reason why rent should not be paid from date of occupation of the Perambur lines, as in the case of the West hutting lines at Bangalore, but His Excellency considers that the change of practice should not be made applicable to the 15th Madras Infantry till it has been twelve months in occupation.

No. 3981, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, and the referred papers returned.

2. The Government, in the Military Department, concur in opinion with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that rent should in future be paid from date of occupation of the Perambur lines, the 15th Madras Infantry, now in them, being allowed the existing privilege of twelve months' exemption.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1886.

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

ORDER—dated 14th July 1886, No. 1776 W., Public Works.

Ordered, accordingly, that rent for the Perambur lines be claimed from the 15th Regiment, Madras Infantry, with effect from the date on which the regiment shall have completed one year's tenancy.

2. The regiment moving into the lines in succession to the 15th will be charged rent from the date of occupation, and this course will be followed in all future similar cases.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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14TH JULY 1886, No. 1776 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

Office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 21st May 1886, No. 145.

Please peruse the accompanying correspondence, and favor me with such orders as you may consider necessary.

This office endorsement, No. 723 S.E., V., dated 13th March 1886 (with all enclosures).
Superintending Engineer's (5th Circle) No. 270, dated 17th April 1886.

2. G.O., No. 3352, dated 8th September 1865, paragraph 7, has apparently been taken to mean that regiments occupying the Perambūr lines are to pay no rent for the first year, though their occu-

pancy may be longer; but at that time the lines seem to have been mainly occupied for short periods by regiments proceeding on, or returning from, foreign service; and the circumstances are now different, as the lines are regularly occupied by one of the regiments forming part of the garrison of Madras. The late Executive Engineer, Presidency division, and present Superintending Engineer, V Circle (see his No. 1627, dated 4th June 1883), urged that the practice at Perambūr and Bangalore (West hutting lines where the regiment pays rent from date of marching in) should be assimilated; and in this opinion I concur.

No. 2032 C.

Forwarded to the Military Department for favor of remarks.

2. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of G.O. (Military), No. 3352, dated 8th September 1865, appear to be somewhat contradictory. From the former it would seem that rent should not be charged for the lines only in cases of regiments on the roster, either for or from foreign service; while from the latter it appears that rent should be levied from corps whose occupancy of the lines exceeds twelve months.

(By Order.)

CHEPÂK,
4th June 1886.

(Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From Colonel E. FAUNCE, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 1st July 1886, No. 2338 B.

In returning the papers referred under your No. 3398, dated 7th ultimo, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to point out that, while the reason given in proceedings of Government, No. 3352, dated 8th September 1865, why regiments should not pay rent for the Perambūr lines for the first twelve months of

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No. 249. Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 1st July 1865, No. $\frac{132}{6857}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government for orders.

2. The Commander-in-Chief is reluctant to occupy the time of Government in considering a question so often submitted. But he thinks that the proposal of the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, in the latter part of his letter, is better adapted to meet the interests of Government and of the men, than the arrangement now existing.

3. It would not be expected that the sum to be paid by each rank, should exceed the limit assigned by Regulations.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Head Quarters, Madras, 20th June 1865, No. 60; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

In forwarding the enclosed letter,* I have the honor to remark as follows: the Officer Commanding 41st Regiment Native infantry was informed that hutting money would not be granted, in accordance with your Office memorandum, No. 4914 of 29th April 1865, nor do I understand

how a claim for such can be justly preferred. Hutting money being an allowance granted for the accommodation of Native Troops in Garrison, public quarters not being provided. With reference to the rent, Government being unwilling to sanction any further outlay in the repair of the Lines, it was determined that a moderate rent should be levied for keeping the huts in repair, and the amount levied is found barely sufficient for the purpose, it is true that if the huts were their own, the men would have to spend a like sum in the repair—but then they would be repairing their own property, instead of as now the property of Government, I would, therefore, as the best means of ending these constant references regarding the Perambore Lines, propose a middle course between that sanctioned by Government in their Order, Military Department, No. 1184, 27th March 1865, and the more liberal measure recommended by the Commander-in-Chief, in your letter to Government, No. 481 of 13th January 1865. The plan I would suggest for consideration is, that the Lines be valued by a Committee, transferred to the Regiment, and the amount recovered from the Regiment by easy instalments. The Government would thus be saved a portion of the outlay and all further expense. The men be allowed to draw Hutting money, cease to pay rent, and by the sale of their houses, on quitting the Station, be enabled to meet expenses of march, &c.

From the Officer Commanding 41st Regiment Native Infantry, Madras, 15th June 1865, No. 117; to the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

As by Proceedings of Madras Government, Military Department, Order No. 1184, dated the 27th of March 1865, the men of the Regiment under my Command pay for their huts, I trust I may be allowed to tender the following remarks thereon; and I hope His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will give them his support.

2. From inquiries made, I have been informed that the contracted period of time for lasting of these huts (as entered in the estimate first drawn up by the Engineering Department) has already expired.

3. Until now no Regiment has ever been called upon to pay for these Lines, and as they have been considered to be purely Governmental, the Regiment occupying them has, under "Pay and Audit Regulations" page 392, paragraph 65, never drawn. "Hutting Money;" and here "*en passant*," I beg to state that I addressed the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, asking in a letter, No. 84, dated 26th April 1865, whether, upon my submitting Abstracts for "Hutting Money" now that the men were put under stoppages for huts, they would be passed and I have been informed that "Hutting Money" will not be granted.

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4. Under the present resolution, a Sepoy of the 41st Regiment Native Infantry will have paid to Government, after a location of four or five years (the usual time for a Regiment to remain at one Station) a sum of about fifteen Rupees, which sum is just three Rupees less than the maximum amount allowed a Sepoy for a tiled house in paragraph 27, page 397 of the "Pay and Audit Regulations;" and on the Sepoy being ordered to march, he does not possess any ready money to meet the expenses of obtaining Carriage for himself or his family, and consequently when the order to march does arrive, the circumstance of having no ready money will involve the Sepoy in great distress, plunging him into almost irrevocable debt; whereas when a Sepoy is ordered to march, say from Trichinopoly to Secunderabad, he has the value of his hut (for which he has paid by instalments on his first arrival in Trichinopoly), which assists him towards the expenses of the march.

5. Feeling as I do, that after four or five years, were this Regiment ordered to march, intense privation and distress would be entailed on the Sepoy when the hour to march arrives, I trust the present resolution may be re-considered and the system adopted as pursued in other Stations and in the other Lines in this Station.

6. In conclusion, I beg to be permitted to remark that the sum of even four Annas (this is the sum in accordance with the alluded to Government Order that is stopped monthly from the Sepoy) a month stopped from a Sepoy is of very serious consideration, particularly when the dearth of food, clothing and almost every thing else is taken into account; and although no remonstrances have reached me, still I am inclined to think, from what I observed in the countenances of the men, that the same buoyant, happy, cheerful and contented heretofore look does not appear to exist.

No. 250. From the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 20th July 1865, A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, correspondence as per margin, transmitted under docket of the Quarter Master General, dated 1st July 1865, No. ¹³²₆₈₅₇.

Letter, No. 60, dated 20th June 1865, Officer Commanding Centre Division, forwards letter from Officer Commanding 41st Native Infantry, having reference to the collection of rent from the Regiment for occupation of the Perambore Lines.

No. 1184, 27th March 1865.

rent to be levied from the Native Officers, Non-Commissioned, and Sepoys of his Regiment for the repair of the houses in the Perambore Lines, bears hardly upon the men. He gives two reasons for this opinion—1stly, that, on marching, the men will not have the ready money usually obtained by the sale of their huts; 2ndly, that the present high rate of food in the market renders even a small deduction from the pay of the men of some moment.

3. To these reasons it may be replied that, if they do not receive the value of the huts on leaving Perambore, they paid nothing on coming into occupation. They have occupied the Lines for one year without any charge; and, although it is even now a matter of some doubt whether the amount levied will suffice to keep the huts in repair, it is very certain, if that amount be not expended, that at the end of three years the huts will have so deteriorated as to be unfit for shelter.

4. It is recommended that the huts be now made over to the Regiment on a valuation, but it is stipulated that no more than the regulated price of tiled huts shall be demanded.

5. In correspondence with the Barrack Master,* I have ascertained the number of occupied huts in the Perambore Lines, and I am thus enabled to lay before Government a detailed statement,† shewing the amount likely to be realized by

* Statement marked A, attached.

† Statement marked B, attached.

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carrying out the suggestion of the Officer Commanding Centre Division. The sale of the huts to the Regiment, as proposed, would realize Rupees 15,340, to which may be added Rupees 540, as the value (to be obtained at auction) of 54 unoccupied huts more or less out of repair, giving a total of Rupees 15,880.

6. The original cost of the huts was Rupees 38,485.* The loss to Government by the sale of the huts would thus amount to Rupees 22,605, to which must be added Rupees 1,806, being the hutting money claimable by the Corps, if obliged to purchase the huts.

7. The loss to Government is very great, and it is difficult to perceive the advantage that will be derived by the Regiment, should Government consent to the arrangement.

8. The Corps has already completed one year of its service at Madras. For the next fifteen months, allowing the Sepoys the indulgence of paying only one rupee a month, they would be under stoppages to that amount in addition to the sum to be expended by them in repairs—certainly not under three Rupees a year—at a time when, as the Commanding Officer observes, "the sum of even four Annas a month, stopped from a Sepoy, is a very serious consideration."

9. As the natural consequence of this pressure, the Sepoy would resort to the Regimental Sahoucar; incurring a debt, on which exorbitant interest would be charged, in order that at the end of his service at Madras, he may be put in possession of the value of his hut, a large proportion of which would be swallowed up in the interest paid on his loan. The concession of Government would thus be of no real benefit to the men, who should be taught to make provision for the expenses of a march apart from money received by the sale of their huts, for which they have again to pay at their new Station.

10. This subject is, it appears, under consideration, and will be reported upon by the Quarter Master General's Department hereafter; but it is matter of fact that, if the Sepoys of the 41st are willing to purchase their huts now at the maximum rate, paying for them by heavy instalments, it would be more conducive to their comfort and advantage to allow a comparatively small stoppage to be made, which would at the end of four years place them in possession of a sum equivalent to that which they would have received for their huts.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, Fort Saint George, 10th July 1865, No. 435; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

With reference to your letter, dated 8th July 1865, No. 295, I have the honor to forward the enclosed Statement shewing the huts that are occupied and un-occupied in the Lines of the 41st Regiment Native Infantry, at Perambore.

Enclosure 1.

[Statement

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.

A.
STATEMENT shewing the huts that are occupied and unoccupied in the Lines of the 41st Regiment Native Infantry, Perambore.

	Original number of huts.	Number of huts retained.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.	Remarks.
Subadars	10	8	9	...	
Jemadars	10	8	9	...	
Havildars	53	41	43	...	
Naigues	50	46	42	...	
Sepoys	710	595	550	41	
Drummers	18	21	14	5	
Drum and Fife Majors			2		
Puckallies		8	9		
Lascars		8	...	7	
1st and 2nd Tindals		2	...	2	
Dressers		1	...	1	
Unrepaired huts (old)		54	...	54	
Total...	851	792	678	114	

1 Subadar, 1 Jemadar, and 2 Havildars occupy, as a temporary measure, the huts allotted to the Sepoys.

10th July 1865.

(Signed) W. K. WORSTER, Colonel,
Barrack Master.

B.
STATEMENT shewing the number of huts occupied by the 41st Regiment in the Lines at Perambore, and the value thereof at the maximum rates allowed by Regulation.

	Value of each description of house.	Value of the house of each rank.	Total.
1 Subadar Major	RS.	RS.	RS.
7 Subadars	106	106	
8 Jemadars	94	658	
41 Havildars	62	496	
40 Naigues	34	1,394	
550 Privates	23	920	
2 Drum and Fife Majors	18	9,900	
14 Drummers	34	68	
9 Puckallies and Lascars	23	322	
	18	162	
2 Naigues—Supernumerary	23	46	14,026
To which add the value of Sepoy huts occupied by 1 Subadar, (4 huts)			46
1 Jemadar (3 ")		72	
2 Havildars (2 ")		44	
		72	
Number of huts (60) now unoccupied, but which may be required on the strength of the Corps being complete			188
Total...			1,080
			15,340

Original cost of the huts at Perambore, (Minutes of Consultation, 13th February 1854, No. 436)

	RS.	RS.
Deduct.—The value to be realized from the Corps		38,485
Probable value of 54 old huts at Rupees 10 each, to be sold at auction	15,340	
	540	
		15,880

In the event of the huts being sold to the Regiment, as proposed, the men will be entitled to the regulated Hutting Money amounting to Rupees 1,806.
OFFICE OF CONTR. OF MILY. ACCTS., }
FORT ST. GEORGE, 21st July 1865. }
(Signed) C. H. DRURY, Major,
Ag. Controller of Military Accounts

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No. 251. ORDER, No. 3352, 8th September 1865.

In the foregoing papers the question of the disposal of the Perambore Lines is again raised, with advertence to Proceedings of Government marginally noted—
No. 1184, 27th March 1865.

the late Commander-in-Chief, Sir Hope Grant, recommended that the Lines should be made over gratuitously to the Regiment then in occupation, leaving the men to execute the necessary repairs, reimbursing themselves by the sale of the Huts to the Corps relieving them. Then as now the Government apprehended that the cost of the necessary repairs would prove to be quite beyond the means of the men, owing to the originally expensive and faulty construction of the Huts, and would probably involve their return on the hands of Government in a worse state even than that in which they are now represented to be. It was accordingly resolved to adopt the suggestion of Major General McCleverty, then Commanding the Troops in Garrison, to levy a small rent on the Huts to meet the annual repairs.

2. Objection is now taken by the Officer Commanding the Regiment occupying these Lines to the imposition of the rent in question, on the grounds that it bears hardly upon the Sepoy, to whom the stoppage of the sum of even four Annas a month is matter of very serious consideration, as he will obtain no return for the money so spent, and who will moreover, at the expiration of four or five years, have paid Government a sum equal to the maximum authorised price of tiled Huts. On this representation, Major General Smyth recommends that the Lines be valued by a Committee and sold to the Corps. For the reasons given in paragraph 1 of this Order, the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction this measure; moreover, His Excellency fails to perceive how the Sepoy could afford to pay the required instalments for the purchase of the Huts, in addition to the cost of repairs, when the trifling rent now levied is declared to be beyond his means.

3. In reviewing the subject of these Perambore Lines, the Governor in Council observes that much of the present difficulty has arisen from a disregard of the original object for which they were constructed.

4. So far back as 1846, owing to the serious losses and hardship suffered by the Regiment then stationed at Perambore, from the flooding of the Lines by two inundations in that year, Government, with a view of obviating the recurrence of similar disasters, constructed the basements on which the Lines are built, at a cost exceeding Rupees 10,000. It was not, however, until 1852, that regular Lines were constructed, the men of the Regiments quartered at Perambore having meanwhile to provide for their own accommodation in the neighbouring bazars at a heavy cost, involving considerable inconvenience and distress, no Regiment having remained long enough at the Presidency to admit of their building permanent Huts.

5. It was then urgently represented to the late Court of Directors, that Lines should be built by Government both at Perambore and at Vepery, for the reasons quoted in the Extract of the Court's Despatch entered in the margin, viz., the great expense to the State for Hutting money, consequent on the short detention
Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 19, dated 30th March 1853.
Paragraph 16. "The peculiarity of the circumstances in which Native Regiments stationed at Perambore and Vepery are placed, is thus described by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief," viz.

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Corps reaching the Presidency, generally speaking, to do so either from Foreign Service or for the purpose of proceeding thereon. Their stay therefore, is usually a limited one. Hence the great expense to the State of an average annual expenditure of Hutting money for one Corps at each of the Station, Vepery and Perambore. This year (under certainly peculiar circumstances) four Regiments have received Hutting money at Perambore, and one at Vepery, making altogether a sum of Rupees 10,011. For Perambore alone, where it is proposed to build Lines, the cost had

* Letter from Quarter Master General of the Army, dated 11th November 1852.

this year been Rupees 7,860, or somewhat in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the sum required in Estimate (31,000) to build substantial Lines.*

17. "It appears also that the Native Troops have great difficulty in providing themselves with Huts, on the ground allotted by Government at these Stations, and that they in consequence are compelled to rent Houses in the neighbourhood."

the ordinary Garrison at the Presidency. The Regiment has already occupied the Lines for a year free of charge, and may now be fairly required to pay the moderate rent authorised; as such occupation of the Lines prevents their being utilized for Foreign Service reliefs, and consequently the saving in Hutting money which would otherwise accrue to Government.

7. For these considerations, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that it is expedient to retain the Perambore Lines, as Government property, and to utilize them, as far as practicable, as originally intended; the repairs being executed at the public cost, and the rent now fixed levied from Corps, whose occupancy of them may exceed twelve months, the amount accruing from the rent, and the savings involved by the non-disbursement of Hutting money, being appropriated to meet the expense of their maintenance in repair.

8. Orders will be issued accordingly in the Department Public Works, for the work being executed as required; immediate repairs being restricted principally to the prevention of leakage, and such other minor requirements as may be found to be absolutely necessary on Sanitary grounds, and to be executed at the most moderate expense compatible with efficiency.

9. The necessary provision will likewise be made in ensuing Budgets, for the ordinary annual repairs.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Controller of Military Accounts

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th September 1865.*

No. 398. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Intimating that orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the execution of the repairs and minor improvements required to the Lines occupied by the Native Infantry at Perambore, Presidency District, and that provision will be made in future Budgets for the ordinary annual repairs.

(Here enter 8th Sept. 1865, No. 3,352.)

No. 399. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1865, No. 2,739.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 22.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, whose particular attention will be requested to the orders in paragraphs 8 and 9.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Endorsement

Office note from the Exam^r P.W. Accts N^o 145 dated 21st May 1886.

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