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FROM
COLONEL J. BEATTY R. E.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE.

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ENCL: July, 1887

Malabar Volunteer
Rifle Corps Amoury
at Calicut: -

Reports that the
necessary recovery
Rs. 240 on account
of repairs to — has
been made & the
amount paid into
the Treasury.

B. 10. 1867

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Examination of
P.W. Accounts.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 23rd July 1886, No. 272 E.W.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for sanction, an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,200, for improving and putting in thorough order the old jailor's quarters at Calicut for the use of the Sergeant Instructor of the Malabar Rifles, and for an armoury and store godown, and orderly room.

2. The original value of the building was Rs. 2,064, and when the work now in hand is completed, it* may be entered in the register of buildings at Rs. 3,264. Consequently the work must be treated

* The Sergeant Instructor's quarters.
as a new work under paragraph 1065 of the Public Works Code.

3. The following is a history of the case gathered from the correspondence herewith sent:—

The building was originally Government property. It was an appurtenance of the old district jail, and used as jailor's quarters. By G.O., No. 1381, of 6th November 1868, it was transferred to the municipal commissioners on the recommendation of the District Magistrate. It remained in the hands of the municipality until July 1885, when it was placed by the municipal chairman at the disposal of the Collector for the use of the volunteer corps. The Collector now observes that it "has not as yet been surrendered by a formal vote of the council, and that at present it is legally vested in the municipal commissioners."

4. It is consequently not now borne on the register of buildings of this department, and its re-transfer requires the consent of the commissioners, and a fresh order of Government. In his letter to me, No. 616, of 19th instant, the Commandant of the Malabar Rifles has promised to obtain this; and the Executive Engineer in his letter, No. 399, of 30th ultimo, informs me that he has written to the Collector asking him to have the formal surrender of the building to Government "effected as early as practicable, so that it may be regularly entered on the register of buildings of this department."

5. When placed by the municipal chairman at the disposal of the Collector, it was evidently in bad order, for the Commandant appears to have begun writing to the Executive Engineer about repairs early in February; that he "wrote several times pointing out the dangerous state of the house"; and that repairs were "rendered absolutely necessary by the roof of one of the rooms having fallen in." It appears that this occurred on the 9th of April, and the Executive Engineer then ordered that any repairs that were "absolutely necessary" should be "carried out."

6. In my opinion he should, in February last, have declined undertaking any repairs until the building had been duly re-transferred to this department; and until an estimate for the extensive repairs and improvements, costing more than half the original value of the building, had been sanctioned by Government.

7. However, on the strength of the Executive Engineer's order of 9th April, the work of repairs was commenced, "nearly the whole of the wood work of the roof found to be rotten or destroyed by whiteants," the roof was removed, and new wood work provided.

8. When things had arrived at this stage, the present Executive Engineer, on 21st May, received the estimate; and he states that he "was not aware till then that such extensive repairs were required, or they would not have been undertaken without sanction."

9. He reports that the walls and foundations are of laterite-in-chunam in good order; but that "the roof was in a very dilapidated state, especially the wood work"; and that the improvements consist of new wood work, where required, to the roof, the substitution of mission tiles for the old pan tiles, and white cedar planking to the ceilings of the rooms to be used as armoury, stores and orderly room.

10. On receipt of the estimate in this office on 26th May, it was found to be incomplete, and had to be returned for further information. On re-submission with the Executive Engineer's letter of 30th ultimo, No. 399, I sent it to the Commandant of the Malabar Rifles and asked him to obtain Government sanction to the re-transfer of the building to this department, as well as to the estimate of repairs and improvements, which had been undertaken at his request, as clearly appears from his letter herewith sent.

11. The general result is that, owing to the irregular proceedings of the former Executive Engineer, the work for which sanction is now solicited, to a building not at present borne on the register of buildings of the department, has probably been already completed.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 26th July 1886, No. 278 E.W.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 272, of 23rd instant, regarding the old jailor's quarters at Calicut, I have the honor to forward copy of an extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council of Calicut, dated 10th instant, which I have just received. I presume that on this orders may be passed for the re-transfer of the building to the Public Works Department for use as a Sergeant Instructor's quarters, armoury, store and orderly room.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the proceedings of the Municipal Council of Calicut, at their meeting on the 10th July 1886.

7. Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 30th June 1886, No. 2631, requesting that the transfer of the old jailor's quarters to him for use in connection with the Malabar Volunteer corps may be formally sanctioned by the council.

Resolution.—The council accord their sanction to the transfer of the building.

No. 501.

True extract forwarded to the Collector of Malabar, in reference to his letter quoted in the above.

CALICUT,
15th July 1886.

(Signed) C. KUNHI KANAN,
for Chairman, Municipal Council.

No. 2965.

True copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, West Coast division.

CALICUT,
21st July 1886.

(Signed) C. KUNHI KANAN,
for Collector.

No. 459.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, in continuation of this office No. 399, of 30th June 1886.

CALICUT,
23rd July 1886.

(Signed) H. S. TAYLOR,
Executive Engineer, West Coast Division.

No. 478 D.

Referred to the Military Department for favor of information whether the whole of the expenditure is correctly chargeable to the Imperial Military Works grant.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd August 1886.

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

No. 4738, Military.

Only such portion of the expenditure as is due to the Sergeant Instructor's quarters should be charged to the Military Works grant, the balance must be met from the regimental capitation grant.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
9th August 1886.

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

ORDER—dated 17th August 1886, No. 2063 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,200, for improving the old jailor's quarters at Calicut to fit them as quarters for the Sergeant Instructor of the Malabar Volunteer Rifles, and also as an armoury, store godown, and orderly room, is sanctioned.

2. With reference to the extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council at Calicut recorded above, in which the old jailor's quarters are transferred for the use of the Malabar Volunteer Rifles, the Government direct that the building be again brought on the books of the Public Works Department.

3. The proceedings of the former Executive Engineer, West Coast division, Colonel Ross Thompson, in authorising extensive repairs to a building which was not borne on the books of the Public Works Department, were irregular, and he will be called upon to explain his action in the matter.

4. A portion of the expenditure incurred being chargeable to the regimental capitation grant, the Superintending Engineer will arrange to make the necessary recovery from the Officer Commanding the corps.

5. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 of this proceedings has been registered as Imperial Ordinary, No. 15 W. of 1886-87, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with two enclosures.
„ Colonel Ross Thompson, R.E., through the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with estimate, for note and return to Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.
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MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th Aug. 1886, No. 2063 W.

AUGUST.

Old Jailor's Quarters at Calicut

Estimate of Rs. 1,200 for improving the
— to fit them as quarters for the Sergeant
Instructor of the Malabar Volunteer Rifles,
and also as an armoury, store godown, and
orderly room, sanctioned with remarks.

G.O. No 1487 W. 1. 6. 87.

Superintending Engineer's Office 4th Circle.

Coimbatore 4th July 1887.

No. 279
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FROM,

COLONEL J. BEATTY R. E.,

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FOURTH CIRCLE.

TO,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

SIR,

With reference to para 4 of
G.O. No 2063 W. of 17th August 1886,
I have the honor to report that the
necessary recovery Rs 240 has been made
and the amount was paid
into the Treasury on 4th ultimo.

*on account of
repairs to Mala-
bar Volunteer
Rifle Corps
Armoury at
Calicut

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. servt.

J. Beatty. Colonel R.E.
Suptg. Engineer IV
Circle

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