

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Major W. LOGAN, Commandant, Malabar Volunteer Rifles, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Pálghat, 28th July 1887, No. 1252:—

The Sergeant Instructor attached to the Tellichery Company of the Corps under my command is accommodated in the old jailor's quarters close to the gate of the Tellichery Fort, which is now no longer in use as a jail.

2. The building stands in great need of repairs, as the enclosed * papers will show.

* Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 244-M, dated 9th July 1887, with its enclosures (to be kindly returned).

3. The Officiating Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General on being appealed to to sanction the necessary repairs thought that Government would not sanction a special allotment for repairs because the building had been merely lent for the use of the Sergeant Instructor.

4. And Colonel Beatty upon this, and upon the ground that the Sergeant Instructor has some 700 odd square feet of accommodation over and above what he is entitled to, says that he is unable to dispose of the matter and suggests a reference to Government.

5. The building is a Government building, and ought never to be anything but a Government building in my opinion, as it stands on elevated ground close to the principal gate of the Fort.

6. It is required by no other department; indeed it would be of little use to any other department.

7. If not soon repaired, the Sergeant Instructor will have to vacate it, and it must then go to ruin and be dismantled.

8. This would be a pity, as its appropriateness to its present use is sufficiently manifest. The Company has its magazine and its store of spare arms in a room inside the Fort, and the Sergeant Instructor is the natural custodian of the Fort itself.

9. Moreover, the Sergeant Instructor is entitled to "public quarters" (Volunteer Regulations, paragraph 165), and it is "of great importance" that he should be "quartered in the same building as the armoury or rendezvous of the corps" (Volunteer Regulations, paragraph 191).

10. It is true that the quarters are a trifle larger than he is by rank entitled to claim, but this is an accident, and should not, I think, be allowed to weigh much against the undoubted advantage of having him located in so appropriate a position for the performance of his duties.

11. There would be no objection, I think, to his being nominated as official custodian of the Fort itself with charge of its defences which are still in a wonderfully good state of preservation.

12. If moved from his present quarters, he would probably have to seek a new house in the town at a monthly cost to Government of from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 per mensem (Volunteer Regulations, paragraphs 166, 167), and the arms and ammunition would have to be moved to a much less safe place.

13. Under the circumstances, I have the honor to request that the Public Works Department may be directed to put and keep the building in a state of efficient repair as per the estimate, which forms one of the enclosures to Colonel Beatty's letter under reference.

No. 4708, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to paragraph 13 of the Commandant's letter.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
4th August 1887.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 13th August 1887, No. 2152 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 762, for improvements to the Sergeant Instructor's quarters in the Fort at Tellicherry is sanctioned.

2. The Superintending Engineer will apply for the required funds to the officer commanding the Western districts.

3. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 of these proceedings has been registered as Imperial, Ordinary, No. 27 W. of 1887-88, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with three enclosures.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with the estimate
for note and return to Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

„ Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of 1887 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 13th Aug. 1887, No. 2152 W.

AUGUST.

Sergeant Instructor's Quarters
in the Fort at Tellicherry

Estimate of Rs. 762 for improvements to
the —, sanctioned.



No 2313 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 26th August/87

~~Read the following~~

Erratum.

In para 2 of G.O. No
2152 W of 13 August
1887, —

for Western Districts,
Read Southern District.

Done
24/8/87.

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No. 2313 wa/26th August/87

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