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21st September 1887, No. 2508 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Military Department), dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1887, No. 2950 A.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 2562 A., dated 22nd July 1887, I am desired to bring to your notice the following cases in which delays have taken place in the submission of plans and estimates urgently called for:—

I. *Gun-shed for Royal Artillery at Bellary.*—This work was included in the list of B. works proposed for the budget of 1887-88, and entered in the schedule of military works, plans and estimates for which were called for by Government, but it was not until July 1887 that they were submitted, and then not through the Commander-in-Chief.

Proceedings of Govt., No. 2497 W., dated 25th September 1886.

Vide Proceedings of Govt., No. 1922 W., dated 18th July 1887.

II. *Workshop for Pioneer Regiment, Bangalore.*—An allotment for this work has been made in the budget for the year. The plan and estimate for this work, sanctioned by Government, not providing for a chuckler's shop which was considered essential, a revised plan and estimate, including this requirement, was called for in the end of May, but though repeated applications for their submission have been made, the General Officer Commanding Bangalore Division has not yet succeeded in obtaining them from the Executive Engineer.

Proceedings of Govt., No. 534 W., dated 24th February 1887.

III. *Alterations to old Adjutant-General's office in Fort St. George to adapt it for use as a barrack for British troops.*—The plan and estimate for this were submitted in December last, but were returned as not being required then. The urgent necessity for using this block as a barrack having again been brought forward, the plans and estimates (slightly modified since last year, as conditions have somewhat changed) were called for early in July, but notwithstanding repeated reminders, the General Officer Commanding has not yet succeeded in obtaining them from the Executive Engineer; the proposal to use the building as a barrack has therefore had to be submitted to Government without plans and estimates.

IV. *Butchers' quarters, Bangalore.*—This work is one which became suddenly emergent consequent on the condemnation by the medical authorities of the quarters at present occupied by the sergeant-butcher; plan and estimates for new quarters were accordingly called for early in the month of June last in order that, having been sanctioned by Government, no delay in execution of the work might take place if later in the year funds for it could be made available by reappropriation; but the General Officer Commanding Bangalore Division reports that up to date he has not obtained them though he has frequently called for them.

V. In June last the General Officer Commanding Bangalore Division was asked to furnish a plan and estimate of one of the existing regimental places of arms for Madras Infantry at Bangalore, they being required for transmission to the Commander-in-Chief in India, but notwithstanding repeated calls for them, the Executive Engineer has not yet furnished them. Similar plans, &c., called for from other stations at the same time have been received long since and transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief in India.

2. The Commander-in-Chief regrets that he should find it necessary to bring such facts as these to your notice, but he thinks it desirable that they should be brought forward in the interests of the public service which certainly suffer by such delays, to whatever cause they may be attributable, and which therefore demand that these causes be removed if possible.

No. 5153, Military.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund,
22nd August 1887.
(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 478 D.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for early explanation with respect to items II to V.

2. Copy of paragraph 1, clause I, will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, for explanation.

Ootacamund,
23rd August 1887.
(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Military Department), dated Ootacamund, 25th August 1887, No. 3016 A.

Referring to this office letter, No. 2950 A., of 20th instant, I am desired to state that since its despatch the following plans and estimates have been received in this office:—

I. Plan and estimate for workshops, &c., for the Pioneer Regiment at Bangalore with the addition of a chuckler's shop.

II. Plan and estimate of one of the existing Madras Infantry place of arms at Bangalore adapted for the arms and accoutrements of a whole regiment.

No. 5254, Military.

Forwarded to the Public Works Department in continuation of Military Department, No. 5153, dated 22nd August 1887.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund,
26th August 1887.
(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

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From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 7th September 1887, No. 2382.

In returning your endorsement No. 478 D., dated 23rd August 1887, I have the honor to state that the revised estimate for store-rooms and workshops for the Pioneer Regiment at Bangalore, including provision for a chuckler's shop, was received from the Executive Engineer in my office on the 6th August 1887 (see paragraph 2 of my letter, No. 1983, of 9th August 1887); it was examined in my office and was sent on for the sanction of Government through the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bangalore Division, on the 17th August 1887.

2. As regards the plan and estimate for alterations to the old Adjutant-General's office in Fort St. George, these are for work which is part of the scheme for providing additional accommodation for troops in Fort St. George, and were prepared and submitted to the military authorities at the same time as those for alterations to A block barracks referred to in my letter, No. 1929, dated 4th August 1887, and were repeatedly returned by the military authorities and reforwarded to them, as were those for alterations to A block (see paragraphs 2 and 3 of my letter, No. 1929, above alluded to). The plan and estimate were last returned by the military authorities for revision on the 16th December 1886. Revised plan and estimate, prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the military authorities, were, as desired by them, forwarded for the opinion of the Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, on the 11th March 1887. The Deputy Surgeon-General has made suggestions involving changes in the proposed use of certain portions of the building, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to have fresh plan and estimate made in accordance with the Deputy Surgeon-General's suggestions. These will be submitted with as little delay as possible.

3. I would mention that the frequent revisions of estimates for particular works at the suggestions of the military and the medical authorities and special calls from the military authorities for plans and estimates must cause considerable delay in order that a due share of attention may be given to estimates for other works, military and civil, of which there is a very large number every year in the Presidency division.

4. I have, however, directed the Executive Engineer to expedite the revised plan and estimate for alterations to old Adjutant-General's office. As regards the plan and estimate for new butchers' quarters, Bangalore, the approximate cost of the work was reported by the Executive Engineer to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bangalore division, on the 10th July 1887, and then a detailed plan and estimate for the work were called for by the military authorities on the 15th August 1887, upon which the preparation of the detailed plan and estimate was commenced, and these will be ready this week. Looking to the circumstance of the detailed plan and estimate having been called for on the 15th August, there seems to have been no delay in this case on the date of the Quartermaster-General's letter, the 20th August. The plan and estimate of one of the existing place of arms for Madras Infantry Regiment required for the Commander-in-Chief were forwarded by the Executive Engineer to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bangalore division, on the 17th August 1887.

Order—dated 21st September 1887, No. 2508 W., Public Works.

The Superintending Engineer's letter will be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief through the Military Department.

2. A revised plan and estimate for constructing workshops for the Pioneer Regiment at Bangalore were received in this department with Military Department endorsement, No. 5253, dated 26th August 1887, but as the question of the commencement of the work has had to be referred to the Government of India, the estimate has not yet been sanctioned. The Superintending Engineer states that the revised estimate was received by him from the Executive Engineer on the 6th August 1887, but

the delay in its preparation in the Executive Engineer's office between the end of May and that date has not been explained. This should now be done.

3. The alleged delay in the preparation of estimates for alterations to the old Adjutant-General's office, Fort St. George, and for butchers' quarters, Bangalore, appears to have been due to intermediate references between the Public Works and Military authorities.

4. The Superintending Engineer will explain the delay which took place in the Executive Engineer's office between June and the middle of August with respect to supplying the Officer Commanding Bangalore Division with plan of a regimental place of arms.

5. The Superintending Engineer, III Circle, will expedite the submission of a reply to paragraph 2 of reference No. 478 D., dated 23rd August 1887, relative to delay in preparing an estimate for a gun-shed for the Royal Artillery, Bellary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" " " III "

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

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 21st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 21st Sept. 1887, No. 2508 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Military Works

Orders on correspondence relating to the delay in the submission of plans and estimates for certain — by the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

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Read the following [illegible]

Through Military Department. P1

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QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
20th August 1887.

No. 2950. A.

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. FAUNCE,
~~Officiating~~ QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works ~~Military~~ DEPARTMENT.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedt. Servant

Brigr. Genl.
Quarter master Genl.

No. 5153

Forwarded.
[illegible] Herbert Major Genl.
Secy. to Govt. M. D.
Ootacamund
22. Augt. 87

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Ootacamund

No. 478 D of 23 Augt 87.

Referred to the Supply Engineer V Circle for early explanation with respect to items II to V.

2. Copy of para 1, Clause I will be forwarded to the Supply Engineer III Circle for explanation.

[illegible] Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

[illegible] III Circle [illegible]
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Referred

Through Milty Deptt.

Military (1887) Department.

No. 5750

P.W.C. No. 6657

From

THE [illegible]. QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
P.W. ~~Military~~ DEPARTMENT.

No. 2950.A.

Dated 20 } August
Received 2

P.C. 25-8-87

ENCLOSURES. Nil

Bringing to notice the delay in the P.W.D. in submission of Estimates &ca for certain works.

Through Military Department

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
25th August 1887.

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No. 3016. A

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. FAUNCE,
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedt. Servant,

Brigr. Genl.,
Quarter Master Genl.

No. 5254 6 R

Forwarded to the Public Works Department in prosecution of Mily. Department No. 5557 dated 22d August 1857.

Henry Herbert. Brigr. Genl.
Secretary to Government.

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Military (1887) Department.

No. 5856

From
THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

LON No. 30

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3016 A

Dated 25 } August
Received 28 }

ENCLOSURES. Nil

States certain plans &c. have been received since the despatch of this office letter No. 2950 A of 20th instant.

No. 478 D d/ 28.8.87

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V Circle, Madras,
Chepâk, 7th September 1887.

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From
Colonel H. M. Vibart. R.E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

Enclosures.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt.

[illegible] Cuthbert Col. R.E.

Superintending Engineer
3d Circle

From R.W. Chr 7216.

The Superintending Engr.
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To

The Chief Engineer.
P.W. Department

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Dated 7
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Enclosure 1

No. 2382

Submission of Plans and Estimates &c for certain Works.

Report regarding the delay in the ___ 1

No. 2508

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21 Sept. 1887

READ the following

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Endt. in the Mily. Department " No. 5153, of 22-8-87

Letter from the Quarter Master General " No. 3016 A of 25-8-87

Endt. in the Military Dept. ——— " No. 5254, of 26-8-87.

Letter from the Supdg. Engr. V Circle, " No. 2382, of 7-9-87.

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G.O. 21 Sep 1887, No. 2508 W.

Military Works

Orders on correspondence relating to the delay in the submission of plans and estimates for certain — by the Executive Engineer Bangalore Division

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