GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

30th September 1887, No. 6001.

Discipline.

Read the following paper :—

No. 350. *From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 5th September* 1887, *No.* 2370-*C*.

Discipline.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin relating to the contemplated withdrawal of ball ammunition from the immediate possession of British and Native soldiers of the Bengal Army, and to ask that, under the orders of His Excellency in Council, the necessary instructions may be issued in view to the adoption of similar arrangements in the Madras Presidency.

From Adjutant-General in India, No. 2483-D, dated 1st July 1887.
To Adjutant-General in India, No. 1874-C, dated 25th July 1887.
From Adjutant-General in India, No. 3234-D, dated 20th August 1887, and enclosures.
To Adjutant-General in India, No. 2369-C, dated 5th September 1887.

From Major-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., 𝔄.𝔇.ℭ., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, 1st July 1887, No. 2483-D (Discipline).

The frequent instances which have occurred of late of soldiers under sudden impulse or morbid delusion in and about their barrack rooms, loading their rifles with the ball ammunition, now constantly in their possession, and taking or attempting the lives of their comrades or their own lives, induce His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to again address the Government of India in the hope that some steps may be agreed upon to mitigate the evil.

2. The subject has been so thoroughly discussed that His Excellency refrains from repeating the arguments bearing on the question; but makes the following proposal for consideration :—

(1) That no change should be made in the present regulations for the storage and custody of ammunition in magazines.

(2) That the ball ammunition now kept in the pouches of British soldiers shall be kept in an ordinary barrack box, under lock and key, in the charge of a non-commissioned officer in each barrack room, and be served out to men going on guard and on other occasions when ball ammunition is required to be carried; the ammunition so carried being collected from the pouches on the completion of the duty.

(3) That the same rule shall apply to Native soldiers, except that the pouch ammunition shall be kept in custody as may be arranged regimentally according to circumstances; it being understood that no Native soldier shall have access to his ammunition without the intervention of an officer or native officer.

3. With regard to (1), it may be observed that ball ammunition is under present regulations always collected from the pouches whenever blank ammunition is about to be used, so that their is no novelty in the process; and with regard to (2) that on emergency no difficulty could arise in rapidly distributing the ammunition as, if the non-commissioned officers in charge were absent, a single blow would suffice to break open the box. The guards would as now be in possession of ammunition.

4. Men might still through premeditation provide themselves with ball ammunition, but a great step would be taken to remove the temptation to crime arising from several distinct causes.

5. The application of the same rule to British and Native troops would remove many sources of objection to the measure.

6. The Commander-in-Chief would draw the attention of Government to the fact that at all our frontier stations the troops are precisely in the same position as regards their rifles, as His Excellency now proposes to place them throughout India in respect to their ammunition. At those stations it has for many years past been found necessary to place the rifles under lock and key on account of the thieving propensities of the neighbouring tribes. No inconvenience has been felt from this custom, even at important and exposed places like Peshawar and Quetta, and Sir Frederick Roberts would urge that, if men's rifles can be kept from them when off duty, without risk or danger to the public service, there seems to be no reason why there should be any risk or danger in depriving them of their ammunition under similar circumstances.

7. As regards an opinion which the Commander-in-Chief has heard expressed that the withdrawal of ammunition from the pouches of Native troops might be misunderstood and construed as a measure of distrust, His Excellency would remark that this is not the opinion of officers of rank and position who have been consulted about this matter, and he does not think that Native soldiers would view it in such a light; they certainly could not do so if their comrades of the British service are similarly treated.

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, 25th July 1887, No. 1874-C (Discipline).

The Government of India have had under consideration your letter. No. 2483-D (Discipline), dated the 1st July 1887, bringing to their notice the temptation to which the soldier is exposed by the ready possession of ball ammunition, and the frequent recurrence of acts of criminal violence in recent years.

2. Your letter also conveys the proposals of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as to the remedial measures which might be taken to limit the soldiers' opportunities of committing sudden and unpremeditated crime. These proposals are, the Government of India understand, as follows :—

(1) That the pouch ammunition shall, in the case of British soldiers, be stored in an ordinary barrack box under lock and key, the key being kept by a non-commissioned officer of the barrack room, who would issue the ammunition whenever necessary.

(2) The pouch ammunition of Native soldiers be kept in custody under regimental arrangements; no soldier having access thereto except through an officer, European or Native.

3. This question of the custody of pouch ammunition has frequently been brought to the notice of the Government of India, and in concurrence with the views held by many high authorities who have at various times been consulted in the matter, Government have hitherto steadily refused to sanction any change of policy. But the special measures which have now been laid before the Governor-General in Council apparently remove, to a great extent, any risk which might attach to the absence of "pouch ammunition" in the presence of those possible political dangers which it is unwise to ignore.

4. I am therefore directed to say that the Government of India have now, in deference to the strongly expressed opinion of His Excellency, decided that his proposals may be carried out, and they would be glad if the Commander-in-Chief would furnish them with a Draft General Order, in order that they may be in possession of all the details of the plan suggested before communicating with the Governments of Madras and Bombay.

From Major-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., A.D.C., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, 20th August 1887, No. 3234-D (Discipline).

As requested in Military Department letter 1874-C (Discipline), dated 25th July 1887, I have the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to enclose a draft of a General Order and a Confidential Circular which His Excellency proposes to issue with reference to the withdrawal of the pouch ammunition of British and Native troops.

Draft G.O.C.C.

Pouch ammunition of British and Native troops will, in future, be withdrawn from the men's pouches and be stored under the following rules :—

British Troops.

In each barrack room a wooden box of the ordinary barrack furniture pattern will be assigned for the purpose and be secured to the floor by screws or in such a method as will prevent its removal.

In this box the pouch ammunition of the men occupying that room will be kept under lock and key; one key to be in charge of the senior non-commissioned officer of the room, whose duty it will be to make it over to the orderly sergeant of the company in the event of his having to leave barracks. Duplicate keys of all the barrack boxes of the regiment, labelled to correspond with the troop or company and barrack room to which they belong, will be in charge of the sergeant of the quarter guard.

In those cases where married quarters have been converted into single men's rooms and where only three or four men occupy a room, boxes will be provided as above for the occupants of five or six rooms, care being taken that the place allotted to the box is close to the quarters of the men whose ammunition it contains.

Ten rounds per man on guard will be handed over by one guard to another on relief. This issue will be exchanged not less than once a month by the Quarter Master to prevent too great wear and tear or deterioration.

On occasions when ball ammunition is required, issues will be made before the parade, and the ammunition will be collected again either on parade or immediately after it is dismissed.

When troops parade for divine service with fire-arms, 20 rounds per man will invariably be issued.

Non-commissioned officers in charge of keys should be instructed that, in case of alarm, it is their duty to make an immediate issue of the ammunition to the men of the room on their falling-in.

In case of necessity any non-commissioned officer not below the rank of corporal is empowered, should a key not be available in sufficient time, to break open the box and issue the ammunition.

Native Troops.

Where bells-of-arms exist the ammunition of each troop or company will be kept in a wooden box inside the bell-of-arms. To facilitate distribution, each of these boxes will contain four smaller boxes for the ammunition of a section, and in cases of urgency the small boxes would be at once handed over to section commanders, and the distribution thus be made with the least possible delay.

The large boxes will be kept locked, the key thereof being hung up in the bell-of-arms.

Keys of bells-of-arms will be kept as hitherto under regimental arrangements, but duplicate keys should be provided and be kept in the possession of the British orderly officer of the week.

In places where there are no bells-of-arms the ammunition must be kept in the magazine with the same precautions as above detailed, it being understood that no soldier is to have access to his ammunition except through the medium of a British or Native officer.

Issues of ball ammunition to be made as for British troops.

Applicable to both British and Native Troops.

Pouch ammunition will be made over to the men, and be carried in pouch and kept by them whenever they are in camp or on the line of march. Officers Commanding Corps will practice from time to time, and at uncertain intervals, the issue of pouch ammunition, in view of ensuring that the arrangements for its prompt distribution are in working order. Officers Commanding Stations are empowered to authorize the issue of pouch ammunition to the troops to be kept in their possession whenever the local circumstances render such a course desirable. In this case they will report their action by telegram to the General Officer Commanding the Division or District.

On all occasions of the issue of ball ammunition for whatever purpose, a careful examination of pouches should invariably be made when the occasion of the issue is over.

Soldiers are prohibited from retaining ball ammunition in their possession in barracks or elsewhere unless the possession is authorized by order, or in the ordinary course of duty.

From Major-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., A.D.C., Adjutant-General in India, to General Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts,—(No. D (Discipline), dated Simla, 188 .

With reference to G.O.C.C., dated , page , regarding the withdrawal of pouch ammunition of British and Native troops from the men's pouches, the Adjutant-General has the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to request that General

Officers Commanding will cause all possible precautions to be taken against the retention of odd-rounds of ammunition in the men's possession.

Precautions are especially required on return from the ranges and especially on occasions when ammunition has been given out for match-shooting.

The unauthorized possession of ammunition should invariably be treated as an offence.

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, the 5th September 1887, No. 2369-C.

Discipline.

In reply to your letter No. 3234-D (Discipline), dated the 20th August 1887, I am directed to say, for the Commander-in-Chief's information, that the Government of India approve of the Draft General Order and Circular which His Excellency proposes to issue, regarding the withdrawal of ball ammunition from the immediate possession of British and Native soldiers in the Bengal Presidency, and the arrangements to be made for its custody and issue when required.

2. I am to add that steps will be taken in view to similar instructions being issued for the withdrawal of the pouch ammunition from the troops in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, from the Hyderabad Contingent, and from the local corps in Rajputana and Central India.

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1887, No. 6001.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of needful action and report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1887} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

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Dated September, 30th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 30th September 1887, No. 6001.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 350-351.

Discipline.

Ball Ammunition.—Correspondence relative to the contemplated withdrawal of — from the immediate possession of British and Native soldiers of the Bengal Army, forwarded by the Government of India with a request that similar arrangements may be adopted in the Madras Presidency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ILITARY DEPARTMENT.

18th November 1887, No. 7183.

Discipline.

Read the following papers :—

No. 328. *From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 28th October 1887, No. 3092-B.*

In forwarding for the information of Government copy of telegram No. 4084-D, dated Simla, 3rd October 1887, from the Adjutant-General in India, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to say that, as the Government of India has* approved the proposed method of storing ammunition, His Excellency suggests that Government will be pleased to direct that the Ordnance Department at once supply soldiers' boxes, with keys, for British troops, and that the boxes required for Native troops be provided regimentally, the cost being recovered on contingent bills.

2. In the cases of both British and Native troops it will be necessary to require the Public Works Department to secure the boxes to the floors of barracks or places of arms.

* Proceedings of Government, No. 6001, dated 30th September 1887.

No. 329. *From Colonel H. McLEOD, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 2nd November 1887, No. 97-G.*

Forwarded. Boxes (soldiers) can be supplied by this department to the British troops in this circle. I would suggest that the Bombay Government be asked to issue the necessary orders for the issue of the requisite number of boxes to the British troops serving in the Nagpore Force (*vide* Clause 182, India Army Circular, 1884).

No. 330. *Telegram to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 5th November 1887, No. 6763.*

No. 331. *From Captain E. G. BARROW, Officiating Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, the 3rd November 1887, No. 3042-C.*

Discipline.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3818-D (Discipline), dated the 21st September 1887, regarding the supply of the boxes required for the storage of the ball ammunition of British and Native troops in accordance with the arrangements ordered in G.O.C.C., dated 14th September 1887, pages 492—94.

2. In reply I am to say, for the Commander-in-Chief's information, that the Military Works Department in the Bengal Presidency and the Public Works

Department in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies will be authorized to supply as fixtures the kit or barrack boxes (without tills) required for the ammunition of each company, and to arrange for their being bolted or screwed according to the nature of the floor.

3. The G.O.C.C. directs that, in the case of Native troops, each kit box shall be packed with four smaller boxes, each to contain the ammunition of a section. It is doubtful, however, whether four boxes of sufficient capacity to hold the ammunition of a section could be fitted into a kit box. If this should be found impracticable, the Government of India have no objection to two kit boxes being supplied per company or troop.

4. The section boxes may be made up regimentally as proposed by His Excellency, the cost being recovered on contingent bills from the Military Account Department.

5. With reference to the letter from the Quarter Master General in India, No. 4986-B, dated the 3rd October 1887, the necessary orders will be issued for the issue, by the Ordnance Department, of the locks and keys, and duplicate keys, required for these ammunition boxes.

No. 3042-C.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

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(By Order.)

SIMLA,
3rd November 1887.

(Signed) E. G. BARROW,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1887, No. 7183.

The Government of India letter communicated, for information, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned, and for guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

(True Copy)

A Kenney Herbert Brigdr. Genl.
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Inspector-General of Ordnance.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Public Works Department
with a copy of P.G. No. 6001
d/ 30th September 1887

5 C/C

Exd. E. C. Sbunker.

PWC No. 10,286

B. No. 3507 W. dy 22-12-87

Communicated to Supdg: Engineers for guidance as to supply and fixing of the ammunition boxes.

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Govt. of (1887) Madras.

MILITARY.

To

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 18th.

Issued

Recd. 15. 12. 87 *Encl.* 1

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Reminder for 75 papers 17/12

G.O., 18th November 1887, No. 7183.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 328—332.

B. No. 3507 W. dy. 22-12-87

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Supdg: Engrs ✓

Exr. P.W. Accts. ✓

Despd. 22-12-87

Discipline.

Boxes for storage of ball ammunition.—Orders passed by the Government of India in connection with the supply of — belonging to British and Native troops.

9th January 1888, No. 75 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following letter from Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th December 1887, No. 3623 B. :—

Referring to proceedings of Government, No. 7183, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to request that the Public Works Department may be moved to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of the funds required for the supply of the boxes in question, and to issue instructions to Superintending Engineers to meet the demands of the military authorities for these boxes at once, in anticipation of the supply of the necessary funds.

No. 7927, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favor of early attention.

Fort St. George, 15th December 1887.
(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brgdr.-Genl., Secretary to Govt.

Order—dated 9th January 1888, No. 75 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for guidance, in continuation of G.O., No. 3507 W., dated 22nd December 1887.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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Exd. E. Fernandez.
Spare Copies.

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 9th.

Recd.

G.O., 9th Jan. 1888, No. 75 W.

JANUARY.

Ammunition

Endorsement in the Military Department transferring letter from the Quartermaster-General requesting instructions may be issued to Superintending Engineers for the supply of boxes for storage of ball — in anticipation of the provision of funds, communicated to Superintending Engineers.

Quarter Master General's Office

No. 3747

N.B.—*Please quote the number and date of this letter in future communication on this subject.*

P. W. D.
Nilgiri Division Office,
Station Ootacamund 30th March 1888.

Enclosures. 2
1 Estimate
1 Report

From
W. B. de Winton Esqre.
Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division,
Ootacamund,

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Fourth Circle,
Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to G.O's Nos. 3507 W dated 22nd December /87 & 75 W dated 9th January /88 I have the honor to forward herewith an estimate amounting to Rs 390 for Providing Cup boards for securing ball ammunition of soldiers in the barracks at Wellington for early Sanction.

2. This estimate provides for cupboards in walls secured with iron bolts & nuts fitted with 3 shelves to each cup board instead of boxes let into the floor as required in G.O. No. 3,507 W dated 22nd December /87. This deviation has been made at the request of the Military authorities

authorities. The report accompanying explain what is proposed to be done and the estimate has received the countersignature of the Brig: General Commanding Southern Dist.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Sert.

Exe: Eng. Nilgiri Dn.

No: 126/MW

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department for favor of sanction of the deviation, mentioned in para 2 of this letter.

If the deviation is approved the estimate may be sanctioned in this Office.

Coimbatore
7th April /88

L. Beatty. Colonel R.E.
Supg. Engineer 4th Circle

SUPDG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
NO. 195 R.9
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P. W. D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

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From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
NILGIRI DIVISION,

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
4TH CIRCLE.

Dated 30
Despatched 30 } March 1888.
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No. 3747

Enclosures. 2

Subject.

Submitting Estimate Rs 390 for providing cup-boards for securing the ball ammunition of soldiers &c for sanction

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No. 95 W of 9.1.88.
" 3507 W of 22.12.87 not connected

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From

The Supt Engineer,
Fourth Circle

No. 43 D. P. W. Department
Ootacamund 13th April 1888

Forwarded for the approval of Government in the Military Department.

(By order)

W C Baddeley Captain R.E.
Under Secy to Govt P. W. Dept

Dated 7th }
Recd 10 } April 1888

No: 126
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Cupboards for securing Ball Ammunition

Submitting for sanction an Estimate of Rs. 390 for providing at Wellington.

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Former papers.

P.G. 20.1.88. No 526/27 R
" 30.9.87. No 350/51.
" 18.11.87 328 332

Ootacamund
16. April 88

No 2531.

REQUESTED TO BE
RETURNED WITH REPLY

Referred to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief for favor of report as to the circumstances under which the deviation was approved by the local military authorities without previous sanction of Government.

2. In P.G. No 6001 of 30: September 1887 the Government of India approved of ammunition boxes being screwed down to floors of barracks - vide also P.G. No 7183 of 18: Novr 1887.

(By Order)

AKenney Herbert Br. Genl
Secy to Govt
Mily Dept.

MILITARY (1888) DEPARTMENT.

No. 2738

From

The P. W. Deptt

No. 43/D

Dated 13 April 88
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PW 4269/88

ENCLOSURES.

P. G., No. , dated

Submitting for approval an estimate for providing cupboards for securing ball ammunition at Wellington.

Quarter Master General's Office

Ootacamund 2nd May 1888

No. 1424 B

From

Colonel M Protheroe C.B. C.S.I.

Offg: Quarter Master General

[redacted]

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

Sir

In returning Reference Order No 2531 dated 16th April 1888, I have the honor, by order, to forward for the information of Government copy of letter No G/185 dated 26th April 1888 from the General Officer Commanding Southern District, and to request that, under the circumstances therein explained, the Estimate for the cupboards in question may be cancelled.

2 The General Officer Commanding Southern District has been informed that the cupboards should not have been demanded even

as

as a temporary makeshift as there was no authority for their provision.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

M. Protheroe Colonel
Offg: Quarter Master General

Ex.

Quarter Master General's Deptt.
Head Quarters Southern District
Wellington 26th April 1888

No. G/185 ✓

From
Brigadier General G. C. Hodding C.B.
Commanding Southern Dt.

To
The Quarter Master General
Ootacamund

Sir

With reference to your No. 1329 B dated 26th Inst. with enclosures herewith returned, regarding substitution of cupboards for boxes for storage of pouch ammunition of men of the British Regiment quartered at Wellington, I have the honor to state that the Executive Engineer Nilgiri Division was evidently under a misapprehension in thinking that it was intended that cupboards were required as a permanent substitute for boxes.

2. An urgent requisition was sent in from this office on 26th January last to the Executive

Engineer

1 Engineer Nilgiri Division asking that the Barracks be supplied either with boxes or cupboards, it being deemed necessary that either one or the other, which could be supplied with least delay, being furnished, there being no intention however, that

2 the latter were to be a permanent substitute for the former, full instructions being afterwards issued in regard to boxes being supplied

3 I request that the approved estimate for fixing cupboards may be cancelled as a number of Kit boxes in charge of the Barrack Department here have just been placed in a serviceable condition and it is intended to utilise them for storage of pouch ammunition till others are provided by the P.W.D who have been asked to expedite their supply

I have &c

(Signed) A. G. Burn Captain
Offg: Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl: S. Dn
for Brigadier General Comdg: Southern Dn

"True Copy."

D. J. S. McLeod
Lieutenant Colonel
Dy. Quarter Master Genl

43 D. 13-4-88.
75 W/ 9-1-88
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B/ No. 1376 W. d/ 11th May 1888

Communicated to the Supdg Engr IV Circle - The proposed deviations are not approved.

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Ootacamund
4: May 1888

No 3005

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.
-4 MAY 88

Transferred to the Public Works Dept: and the previous papers returned, with the remark that in the circumstances stated by the Qr Mr General the Estimate for the cupboards in question may be cancelled.

(By Order)

A Kenney Herbert

Br Genl
Secy to Govt
Mily Dept.

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Military (1888) Department No 1407

No ~~3244~~

From

The Quarter Master General

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

No 1424 B

Dated 2d
Received ~~4~~ } May 1888.

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No 1376 W. d/ 11th May 1888

Requesting that the Estimate submitted by the General Officer Comdg: Southern Dt for cupboards for the storage of ammunition at Wellington may be cancelled as there was no authority for their provision

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the wall instead of boxes let into the floor as required in G.O. No 3507 W d/ 22nd December/87

The deviation it is stated was made at the request of the Military Authorities and the Estimate has been countersigned by the Brigadier General Commanding the Southern District

The rates are fair.

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The deviation may require the approval of Govt: in the Mily: Deptt:

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Public Works Department.

Current No. 3304

Letter No. 126 E.W.

Dated 7th April 1888

From the Supg: Engineer IV Circle

NOTE OF REMARKS.

The accompanying Estimate amounting to Rs 390 provides for cupboards for securing the ball ammunition of soldiers in the barracks at Wellington.

The estimate is submitted only for sanction to the deviation viz the substitution of cupboards in

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 3304.

From The Supdg Engineer IV Circle

ENCLOS.—

No. 126. E.W.

Dated 7th } April 1888.

Received 10th }

SUBJECT.

Cupboards for securing ball ammunition in the barracks at Wellington—

Submitting for sanction an estimate of Rs 390 for providing—

DISPOSAL.

No. 43 D Dated 13th April 1888

Forwarded for the approval of Government in the Military Department.

(By order)

(Signed) W.C. Baddeley Captn R.E.

Under Secy to Govt P.W. Dept.

Desp: 15th/88

O.L.S. $\frac{65}{IV}$