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To
THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
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Ordnance Department—Stores—
Supplies.

Kit boxes.—Observations of the Government of India on a suggestion that—be henceforward supplied by the Commissariat Department which provides all articles of barrack furniture in the Madras Presidency, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned with remark.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, MAY 1888, No.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Military Buildings.

Read the following papers :—

No. . From Colonel M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Officiating Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 27th March 1888, No. 974-B.

A recent reference from the General Officer Commanding the Burma Division seems to show the desirability of obtaining from the Government of India an authoritative decision as to whether the Public Works Department (or Military Works Department) or the Commissariat Department should supply weather screens or "jhamps" to permanent public military buildings at stations such as those in Burma and on the Western Coast, where they are essential to protect buildings from the effects of the excessive rain of the monsoons in those localities.

2. O.G. No. 1588-W, dated 24th June 1884 (Military Department No. 3189, dated 3rd July 1884) ruled that the Commissariat Department should supply the articles in question in this Presidency; but the Commander-in-Chief ventures to think that this ruling was based on mistaken premises, inasmuch as the "tatties" referred to in Para. 672 of the Bengal Barrack Regulations quoted in the order are "kuskus" tatties used for cooling barrack rooms and not weather screens or tatties, such as those in question, known as "jhamps" in Bengal, where apparently they are a Public Works (or Military Works) Department supply (*vide* Para. 90, Bengal Barrack Regulations, which provides for their renewal and repair by that department).

No. . To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 21st April 1888, No. 2691.

No. . From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 10th May 1888, No. 863-MW.

Barrack Department.

In reply to your letter No. 2691, dated the 21st April 1888, submitting, for orders, the question as to whether the Public Works Department, the Military Works Department or the Commissariat Department should supply weather screens or "jhamps" to permanent public military buildings at stations such as those in Burma and on the Western Coast, I am directed to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that, under Appendix 21, Page 360, Army Regulations, India, Vol. V, "Commissariat," "jhamps" are not authorized for buildings of a permanent nature, and the Government of India therefore regret that they are unable to sanction their supply.

No. ORDER THEREON, 3^d May 1888, No. 2542

The decision of the Government of India communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.

" Commissary-General.

" Public Works Department.

" Controller of Military Accounts.