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Superintending Engineer's Office,

3RD CIRCLE

Bellary 5th November 1888.

FROM

Col. H. S. Alley R.E.
~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

IIIRD CIRCLE.

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 3356 of dated 22nd October 1888, I have the honor to request that an appropriation of Rs. 1178 may be made under Imperial Military Original Works to meet the cost of the platforms for stacking grass for horses of the Royal Artillery at Bellary or should no funds be forthcoming the Contractor will be paid for, pending provision of funds later in the year, under para 297 of the Code modified by Standing Order No. 243 of 1887.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

H. S. Alley R.E.

Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Gobt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th Feb. 1888, No. 417 W.

FEBRUARY.

S/1st Royal Artillery at
Bellary

Estimate for constructing three platforms
for stacking grass for the horses of the
—, sanctioned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th January 1888, No. 289 A. :—

In submitting, for the sanction of Government and for transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the accompanying plan and estimate, with report, amounting to Rs. 1,489, for constructing three platforms for stacking grass for the horses of the S/1st Royal Artillery at Bellary, I am desired to state that, as work on them has already been carried out with the approval of the local authorities, in anticipation of sanction, the Commander-in-Chief finds it necessary to submit the same for the sanction of Government; but otherwise the execution of such work would have been disapproved of, considering the fact that the 2nd Battery of Royal Artillery is only temporarily located at Bellary and will not be there after the end of the current year.

No. 503, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th January 1888.

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

ORDER—dated 6th February 1888, No. 417 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,489, for constructing three platforms for stacking grass for the horses of the S/1st Royal Artillery at Bellary, is sanctioned.

2. This sanction has been registered as Imperial, Ordinary, No. 62 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, III Circle, with four enclosures.

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

„ Military Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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MILITARY WORKS.
ACCOUNTS.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 22nd.

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Encl.

G.O., 22nd Oct. 1888, No. 3356 W.

OCTOBER.

Platforms for stacking Grass
for Horses of the Royal
Artillery at Bellary

Cost of erection of — to be borne by the
State.

22ND OCTOBER 1888, No. 3356 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Military Works.
Accounts.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 11th October 1888, No. 1938 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2822, dated 11th September 1888, submitting an explanation by the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, relative to the erection of platforms for stacking grass for horses of the Royal Artillery at Bellary.

2. In reply, I am to state that, under the explanation now afforded, the Government of India have no objection to the case being finally disposed of under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

ORDER—dated 22nd October 1888, No. 3356 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, with reference to G.O., No. 2821 W., dated 11th September 1888. The cost of the work will be borne by the State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 11th.

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G.O., 11th Sept. 1888, Nos. 2821,
2822 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Platforms for stacking grass
for Horses of the Royal
Artillery at Bellary

Forwarding copy of Proceedings on
explanation submitted by the Superintend-
ing Engineer in regard to the erection of —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 10th July 1888, No. 739.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 1666 W., dated 6th June 1888, communicating for my remarks Government of India Military Department No. 931, dated 21st May 1888, I have the honor to furnish the following explanations received from the Executive Engineer, Bellary division :—

“ On receiving in January and February last requisitions from the Officer Commanding S/1st Royal Artillery for two platforms for stacking grass, an estimate was prepared for platforms similar to those previously erected in the cantonment.

“ On completion of these works the Officer Commanding objected to them, saying they were practically useless, unless the spaces between the pillars were covered in with slabs. Urgent letters were also received saying that the contractor had brought his grass to site and had to have it stacked by a certain time. A requisition also came for a third platform ; an estimate was made for one in which the grass rested on slabs, and this was sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer, after approval by the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General. In the meantime, I had ordered the Cantonment Overseer to alter the two platforms first built and send in a revised estimate. In order to utilize all the slabs which had been collected, I had to build the platforms as they are now constructed, otherwise they would have been similar to the 3rd platform and would have cost somewhat less.

“ The revised estimate for the first two platforms was submitted to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General in May and was approved by him.

“ The work was put in hand in anticipation of sanction as the contractor had brought his grass to site where it was all lying about and ran great risk of being set fire to.

“ I consider the old style of platforms objectionable and have just heard that in the G/2nd Royal Artillery forage yard, where the old platforms are in use, 40,000 lb. of grass have been destroyed by damp.

“ The work has been completed and special funds should, I think, be applied for, as the present grant is insufficient seeing that a 2nd battery has been sent to the station.

“ As pointed out in letter No. 1919 of 31st October 1887, the estimates received the approval of the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

“ I would also bring to notice that the estimate for one of the platforms was sanctioned under repairs (*vide* No. 425 of 6th June 1887 from your office). A mistake seems to have been made in imagining that the alteration of the original platforms would be sanctioned under repairs, so that the necessity of obtaining the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was overlooked.

“ I further beg to state that there can be no question that the old style of platform is perfectly useless, and in the event of only one battery being kept in Bellary, it will be possible to use the slabs of the S/1st forage yard for the platforms in G/2nd forage yard.”

2. The Executive Engineer was clearly in the wrong in undertaking the work on the requisition of the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Ceded Districts, in anticipation of a sanctioned estimate, and this he himself admits now, but at the time when the work was done he had not much experience of military works.

3. I trust that, taking all circumstances into consideration, Government will be pleased to provide funds to cover the outlay incurred.

+ Sent to
G.O. office
17-11-88-

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General,
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund,
29th August 1888, No. 3116 A.

In returning the papers referred to the Commander-in-Chief under G.O., No. 4936 of 19th ultimo, regarding the construction without sanction of certain platforms for stacking grass for the horses of the S/1st Royal Artillery at Bellary, I am desired to state that, in His Excellency's opinion, the Public Works Department alone is responsible in this matter, for though the Officer Commanding S/1st Royal Artillery requisitioned for the work as one he considered desirable, and the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General approved it under the orders of the General Officer Commanding, neither the requisition nor approval warranted its execution until the sanction of proper authority had been obtained and funds allotted for it.

2. In view, however, of the fact that the platforms have been useful for two seasons and that the slabs used in them can be made further use of in the forage yard of the Royal Artillery Battery permanently allotted to Bellary, His Excellency recommends that, under the explanation afforded by the Superintending Engineer, funds may be provided to cover the outlay incurred.

No. 6012.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with the remark that, in the opinion of Government in the Military Department, the S/1st Royal Artillery should not be called upon to pay the cost of the platforms in question.

2. The referred papers are herewith returned.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigr.-Genl.,
Secy. to Govt., Military Department.

ORDER—dated 11th September 1888, No. 2821 W., Public Works.

The work was, it is observed, carried out in the first instance in anticipation of sanction; the local authorities of both departments, Public Works and Military, approving. It was subsequently recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and sanctioned by Government, and is still in use by the 2nd Battery stationed at Bellary. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that it should be paid for by the State, but the Executive Engineer and the local Military authorities are equally to blame for allowing the work to be carried out without proper sanction.

2. The correspondence will be forwarded to the Government of India for final orders, with reference to their letter No. 931 M.W., dated 21st May 1888.

(Here enter No. 2822 W., dated 11th September 1888.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 11th September 1888, No. 2822 W., Public Works.

Forwarded to the Government of India, Military Department.

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

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