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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 20th February 1889, No. 319 M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2613 W., dated 24th August 1888, forwarding certain Proceedings of the Government of Madras relating to the improvement of the accommodation of the British Infantry at Fort St. George, and requesting the allotment of the sum of Rs. 13,925 for providing additional accommodation for 113 men.

2. The Government of India have not been able, with the information before them, to fully understand the proposals of the Military authorities of the Madras Presidency in this case.

3. A letter of the Quartermaster-General, Madras Army, No. 345 A, dated 28th January 1886 (para. 4) states that the existing barracks in Fort St. George affords accommodation for 577 men; of this number there is room for 342 men in the upper storey of the King's barrack, and consequently it would appear that the lower storey has hitherto been reckoned as affording space for (577 — 342 =) 235 men. But the committee recently assembled recommend that only 24 men should be accommodated in the lower storey. With regard to this point, I am to say that the Government of India could not acquiesce in such a reduction of the number of men to be accommodated in the barrack, with the corresponding responsibility for providing additional barracks for the men displaced without conclusive medical evidence of the necessity thereof.

4. In 1886-87 an estimate was sanctioned for providing accommodation for 60 additional men in Fort St. George as follows :—

	Rs.
Conversion of "A" block into single men's barracks	13,400
Repairs to "A" block	2,477
Conversion of Royal Artillery Sergeants' mess and adjacent godowns into latrine and lavatory	3,820
Conversion of the old Adjutant-General's office into barracks ...	5,400
Total ...	25,097

This work has been partly carried out and the following sums have been allotted to the work :—

	Rs.	
In 1886-87		5,955
In 1887-88	{7,445 / 6,017}	13,462
Total ...		19,417

The balance of the estimate, Rs. 5,680, was applied for as a special grant in Madras G.O, dated 6th January 1888, No. 31 W., Public Works (submitting the preliminary military works budget estimate for 1888-89). But the sum was too small to be

dealt with specially and no extra grant was made, and the completion of the work has remained in abeyance.

5. From the correspondence noted in the margin, it is inferred that the works detailed in the preceding paragraph provided additional accommodation for the Garrison Battery as well as for 60 men of British Infantry, and that the works for the Artillery only have been completed.

Madras Government No. 614 W., dated 21st February 1888, and enclosures.
Madras Government No. 2613 W., dated 24th August 1888, and enclosures.

6. The old Adjutant-General's office has been occupied of late by the following offices:—

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.
Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District.
Executive Commissariat officer.
Transport officer.

It is proposed to remove these. The first three are to be accommodated in Nos. 4 and 5, Field officers' quarters, and No. 3, Captains' quarters, which it is assumed are not required now for officers, and have been already appropriated as proposed. It is not stated where the offices of the Executive Commissariat officer and Transport officer are to be accommodated. But the Government of India consider it important that they should be within the Fort; and their removal from the old Adjutant-General's quarters should be contingent on this being practicable. With this condition the conversion of the old Adjutant-General's office into barracks for single men is approved.

7. With regard to the proposal to convert the block containing the main guard with the adjoining Captains' and Ordnance officers' quarters into single men's quarters, I am to offer the following remarks.

It is not clear whether the suitability of the building for the accommodation of single men is dependent on the adjacent officers' quarters being given up, nor whether the two officers' quarters could be still used as such if the main guard is converted into a barrack; nor is it stated what number of men the main guard building will hold.

The provision of quarters for the Captain and Ordnance officer displaced from the quarters near the main guard appears dependent on the reduction of the British Infantry garrison of Fort St. George to a wing by the construction of barracks at St. Thomas' Mount for the other wing of the battalion stationed at the Presidency.

8. With regard to this last point, I am to state that without very clear proof that the measure is absolutely necessary, the Government of India cannot entertain the project for erecting new barracks at St. Thomas' Mount; and it is improbable in any case that funds could be made available at an early date. No work should therefore be undertaken which would directly or indirectly tend to commit the Government of India to the construction of new barracks for any part of the present garrison of Fort St. George. If the conversion of the block containing the main guard with the two adjoining officers' quarters into single men's barracks will not tend to commit Government to further building, the work may be carried out, funds being provided in 1889-90.

9. The Government of India are aware that the troops in Fort St. George are very crowded; but it is believed that the Fort is not unhealthy. But the plan of removing the Accounts offices from the Fort into the old High Court buildings as soon as the new courts are finished has been suggested—*vide* telegram from Secretary to Government of Madras in the Military Department, No. 18, dated 5th January 1885. The Government of India venture to hope that this means of relieving the pressure for proper accommodation for troops in the Fort may be carried out in consideration of the permission granted to erect the new High Court buildings on the Fort Esplanade. I am to inquire if there is any prospect of this.

10. I am to express the regret of the Government of India at the delay which has occurred in dealing with this case.

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From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 4th May 1889, No. 1579 A.

With reference to Military Department No. 1864 of 16th March 1889, and in continuation of this office letter No. 1186 A of the 19th idem, I am desired to offer the following remarks on the subject of providing additional accommodation in Fort St. George for British troops.

2. The requirements of the Garrison Battery in Fort St. George in the matter of accommodation having been fully met by the conversion * of A block family quarters into barracks for single men, and of the Royal Artillery Sergeants' † mess and adjacent godowns into latrine and lavatory, it only remains to consider the requirements of the British Infantry in the Fort.

* G.O., No. 427 W., dated 10th February 1887 (M.D. No. 1054, dated 22nd idem).
† G.O., No. 2685 W., dated 12th October 1887 (M.D. No. 6520, dated 24th idem).

3. The proposal at present before Government is to provide accommodation in the Fort for a wing of British Infantry, the other wing of the battalion being stationed at St. Thomas' Mount, where it has been suggested that barracks should be constructed for its accommodation. Under this proposal therefore accommodation has to be found in Fort St. George for 479 single men. The ground floor and the upper storey of the King's barracks will provide accommodation for 342 men, so that to provide for a wing of British Infantry, accommodation will have to be found for 479 — 342 = 137 single men. In the previous proposals submitted by this office to Government, it was assumed that the King's barracks would accommodate 577 ‡ men, but as pointed out in this office letter No. 2374 A of 29th June 1888, a committee which, under the Commander-in-Chief's orders, assembled to consider how many men ought permanently to be located on the ground floor of the barracks, decided that not more than 24 men should be thus accommodated, and in this view His Excellency entirely concurs. The upper storey of the King's barracks provides accommodation for 318 and not for 342 men as erroneously stated in para. 5 of this office letter above quoted, and therefore, under the arrangements contemplated, these barracks will contain in all 342 and not 366 men as previously stated.

	Men.
‡ Upper storey	318
Ground floor	259
Total ...	577

4. In regard to the concluding part of para. 3 of the Government of India letter No. 319 M.W., dated 20th February 1889, I am desired to submit the accompanying communication § (in original) from the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, from which it will be seen that that officer agrees with the committee in their opinion that not more than 24 men should be permanently accommodated in the lower storey of the barracks. In the face of decided medical opinion therefore, and after a personal inspection of the barracks, His Excellency finds himself unable to recommend that a larger number of men than that proposed by the committee should be accommodated on the ground floor.

§ No. 1114 of 17th April 1889.

5. As pointed out above, to provide for the requirements of a wing of British Infantry in the Fort, accommodation will be required for 137 additional men. The extra accommodation required, the Commander-in-Chief proposed to find by utilizing the old Adjutant-General's office block and by converting the block containing the main guard, No. 6, Captains' quarters, and Ordnance officers' quarters into barracks for single men. By carrying out the proposed alterations to these buildings, accommodation would be found for—

	Men.
Adjutant-General's block	60
Main guard, &c.	70
Total ...	130

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leaving 7 more men to be provided for; but this small number His Excellency would propose not to take into consideration in the present calculations, as it is expected that a few men will invariably be absent at Wellington or elsewhere, and will therefore not require accommodation in Fort St. George.

6. With reference to para. 6 of the Government of India letter under reply, I am desired to invite attention to para. 6 of this office letter No. 2374 A of 29th June 1888, where it was stated that the offices displaced by the above arrangements would be provided for as suggested in this office letter No. 2807 A of 10th August 1887. The suggestions made in the latter were as follows:—

(*a*) The offices of the Executive Commissariat and Transport officers to be accommodated in a portion of the old Quartermaster-General's office block, with the District Staff officer, Barrackmaster and Superintendent, Family Payments and Pensions.

(*b*) The offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and Deputy Surgeon-General, Madras District, in the block containing Nos. 4 and 5, Field officers' quarters, and No. 3, Captains' quarters.

(*c*) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to be provided with office accommodation outside the Fort, not within the Fort as is apparently the impression of the Government of India.

7. As, however, under the present system of combined District Staff offices it will be necessary to place the office establishments of both the District Staff offices in one building, it will not be possible to locate the District Commissariat offices in the building above proposed; but I am to mention that arrangements are now in progress for providing accommodation for the latter offices in a building in the Fort which can be made available and which His Excellency trusts will be found suitable for the purpose.

8. With reference to para. 7 of the Government of India letter under notice, I am to invite attention to paras. 8 and 9 of this office letter No. 2807 A of 10th August 1887, which give information on the points referred to, and in this connection I am to mention that the abolition of the Presidency Pay office will leave clear that building for the use of the Ordnance officer, who will be displaced from his present quarters on their being converted, with the adjoining Captains' quarters and main guard block, into barracks for single men—*vide* also this office letter No. 1517 A of 26th April 1889.

9. It will thus be noted that by the above proposals being carried out, accommodation can be found in Fort St. George for a wing only of British Infantry, so that when a full regiment is again located at Madras, it will either be necessary to provide accommodation at St. Thomas' Mount for the other wing, or else to accommodate a portion of them in the buildings now in occupation by the Accounts Department, which however will only accommodate 210 men, so that additional accommodation will necessarily have to be provided outside the Fort for either a wing of British Infantry or a portion thereof.

10. In para. 9 of their letter, the Government of India allude to the possibility of the Accounts offices in the Fort being moved into the present High Court buildings as soon as the new courts are finished, but from a recent reference to this office from Government in the Marine Department, in connection with accommodation within harbour limits for the Military departments, these buildings have apparently been offered for sale, and so it is presumed they will not be available for the Accounts Department.

11. In conclusion, Sir Charles Arbuthnot desires me to express the hope that it may be found practicable to provide the additional accommodation now required in Fort St. George as early as possible.

ENCLOSURE.

From Sir J. A. HANBURY, M.B., K.C.B., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Ootacamund, 17th April 1889, No. 1114.

In reply to your letter No. 1232 A (Accommodation for Troops—European), dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that, after consulting the Deputy Surgeon-General, Madras

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District, I am of opinion that it is not desirable to locate permanently any men in the lower storey or ground floor of the King's barracks in Fort St. George, or, if any are permanently located, that the number should not exceed 24 as recommended by the committee. I would suggest, what appears to be the most suitable arrangement, that the lower storey be allotted for the use of men passing through, or temporarily detained in Madras, for whom suitable accommodation has long been urgently required.

2. The enclosures of your letter under reply are herewith returned.

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th May 1889, No. 1617 A.

In continuation of my letter No. 1579 A of the 4th instant, I am desired to report, for the information of Government, that as by the conversion of the main guard block into quarters for single men other accommodation will have to be found in Fort St. George for a court-martial room and for a room for His Excellency the Governor's Band to practice in, the upper storey of the building being at present utilized for the above purposes, His Excellency proposes to provide this accommodation in the following manner:—

(*a*) *Court-martial room.*—In a portion of the premises which will shortly be vacated by the clerks of the office of the District Staff officer, 2nd class—*vide* para. 7 of this office letter above quoted.

(*b*) *Practising room for His Excellency the Governor's Band.*—It has been suggested by the General Officer Commanding Madras District that the building in the Fort known as the "old Banqueting Hall" may be used for this purpose. This building is not a military one, but as there is no other available for the purpose, and as it is understood that it is not now in use, His Excellency trusts that the band may be permitted to hold their practices in it.

No. 3893, Military.

The foregoing letters from the Quartermaster-General transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to its endorsement No. 1031 C, dated 1st March 1889.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND, 14th June 1889. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 22nd July 1889, No. 1968 W., Public Works.

In the first of his letters above recorded, the Quartermaster-General discusses the various questions raised by the Government of India in its letter No. 319 M.W., dated 20th February 1889, regarding the provision of additional accommodation for British Infantry at Fort St. George.

2. The following estimates for affording additional accommodation for British troops in Fort St. George have been sanctioned, of which the first three provide the requirements of the Garrison Battery and the last two those of the British Infantry:—

	RS.
(1) Converting A block family quarters, Fort St. George, into Royal Artillery single men's barracks, and providing a cook-house—*vide* G.O., No. 427 W., dated 10th February 1887	13,400
(2) Repairing and white and color washing the A block family quarters—*vide* G.O., No. 2081 W., dated 4th August 1887 ...	2,477
(3) Converting the Royal Artillery Sergeants' mess and adjacent godowns at Fort St. George into a latrine and lavatory for single men's barracks—*vide* G.O., No. 2685 W., dated 12th October 1887	3,820
(4) Converting the old Adjutant-General's office into barracks for 60 single men—*vide* G.O., No. 3000 W., dated 9th November 1887.	5,400
(5) Converting the block of buildings containing the main guard, No. 6, Captains' quarters, and Ordnance officers' quarters into barracks for single men—*vide* G.O., No. 2612 W., dated 24th August 1888	5,785

3. Items (1) and (2) of the above have already been completed, and item (3) is approaching completion. As regards the conversion of the old Adjutant-General's office into barracks for 60 single men, the Government of India approves the proposal on the condition that the offices of the Executive Commissariat officer and Transport officer which are at present located in the old Adjutant-General's office are accommodated within the Fort. As the Quartermaster-General reports that arrangements are now in progress to provide accommodation for these offices in a building in the Fort which can be made available, the conversion of the old Adjutant-General's office, for which Rs. 5,400, the amount of the sanctioned estimate, have been provided in the current year's budget, may be proceeded with. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will make the necessary arrangements to have the work carried out as early as practicable.

4. With regard to the proposal for converting the block containing the main guard with the adjoining Captain's and Ordnance officer's quarters into barracks for single men, the Government of India remarks that "it is not clear whether the suitability of the building for the accommodation of single men is dependent on the adjacent officers' quarters being given up, nor whether the two officers' quarters could be still used as such if the main guard is converted into a barrack, nor is it stated what number of men the main guard will hold." With reference to these remarks, the Quartermaster-General invites attention to paras. 8 and 9 of his letter No. 2807 A, dated 10th August 1887, in which it is stated that the main guard building has airy and spacious rooms on its upper floor which would answer well for barracks, and, while they are thus occupied, it would be obviously impossible that officers could be quartered in the adjoining rooms which, moreover, are wanted to make up the full accommodation required for single men. The Government of India also remarks that the conversion of the main guard with the two adjoining officers' quarters may be carried out if the proposal will not tend to commit Government to further building. In reply to this remark the Quartermaster-General states that the abolition of the Presidency Pay office will leave clear that building for the use of the Ordnance officer, who will be displaced from his present quarters on their being converted into barracks for single men. As regards the Captain's quarters, which are also proposed to be converted into barracks for single men, it is observed from para. 9 of the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 2807 A, dated 10th August 1887, that they cannot be replaced in any way. As, however, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief desires that the additional accommodation now required in Fort St. George should be provided as early as practicable, the Government of India will be requested to communicate its sanction to the conversion of the main guard with the adjoining officers' quarters being carried out from the grant of Rs. 5,785 provided for the purpose in the current year's Military Works budget.

5. In para. 3 of its letter the Government of India remarks that it is observed from para. 4 of the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 345 A, dated 28th January 1886, that the existing barracks in Fort St. George provide accommodation for 577 men, and that of this number 235 should be accommodated in the lower storey of the King's barracks, there being room for 342 men in the upper storey. The Quartermaster-General, however, now explains in paras. 3 and 4 of his letter No. 1579 A, dated 4th May 1889, that the upper storey provides accommodation for 318 men, not for 342 men as previously stated, and the ground floor for 259 men, and that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, after a personal inspection of the barracks and on consideration of the report made by the committee assembled to consider how many men ought to be permanently located on the ground floor of the barracks, is unable to recommend that a larger number than 24 should be accommodated in the lower storey. As desired by the Government of India in the concluding part of para. 3 of its letter under reference, the Quartermaster-General further submits a letter from the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, No. 1114, dated 17th April 1889, in which that officer reports that it is not desirable to locate permanently any men in the lower storey of the King's barracks, or that if any are permanently located the number should not exceed 24 as recommended by the committee.

6. As regards the provision of accommodation for 137 men for whom quarters are to be found, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief proposes to provide for 130

men as shown below, and does not consider it necessary to provide quarters for the remaining 7, as a few men will invariably be absent at Wellington or elsewhere.

	Men.
Adjutant-General's office block	60
Main guard with Captain's and Ordnance officer's quarters	70
Total ...	130

7. The eventual necessity for the construction of barracks for a wing of British Infantry at St. Thomas' Mount, or for a portion thereof outside the Fort, the other portion being accommodated in the buildings occupied by the Accounts departments, is explained by the Quartermaster-General in para. 9 of his letter No. 1579 A above recorded.

8. With regard to para. 10 of the Government of India letter, the Government observes that it is not likely that the High Court buildings will hereafter be available for occupation by the Accounts departments, as they will probably be required for other purposes.

9. With reference to the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 1617 A, dated 9th May 1889, the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will arrange for the preparation of an estimate to provide a court-martial room in the portion of the premises which will shortly be vacated by the clerks of the office of the District Staff officer.

10. The proposals of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to utilise the old Banqueting Hall as a practice room for His Excellency the Governor's Band are under consideration in the Public Department.

11. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings, together with a copy of the Quartermaster-General's letter No. 2807 A, dated 10th August 1887, be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to its letter No. 319 M.W., dated 20th February 1889, and with the request that the sanction asked for in para. 4 may be communicated at an early date.

(Here enter No. 1969 W., dated 22nd July 1889.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Military Department, } with copies of notes by the Chief Secretary
" Public " } and the Hon. Mr. Stokes, C.S.I.
" Financial Department.
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ENDORSEMENT—dated 22nd July 1889, No. 1969 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 22nd.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 22nd July 1889, Nos. 1968, 1969 W.

JULY.

Additional accommodation for British Infantry at Fort St. George

Forwarding copy of Proceedings on correspondence relating to the provision of — and requesting sanction to the conversion of the main guard with the adjoining Officers' quarters being carried out from the grant provided for the work in the current year's budget.

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Annexture to G.O., dated 22nd July 1889, Nos. 1968-69 W.

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1887, No. 2807 A.

In anticipation of the return to India of one of the British Infantry regiments of this Presidency now employed in Upper Burma, I am desired to bring under the consideration of Government the imperative necessity of definitely settling, without further delay, the question which has been pending now for some years in connection with the provision of accommodation for the British troops forming the garrison of Fort St. George.

2. When Government was last addressed* on this subject, the total strength of single men for whom accommodation was required was placed at 884 men,† the small number of men of British Infantry mentioned being accounted for by the fact that, at that time, in order to relieve the pressure in accommodation in Fort St. George, the regiment garrisoning it furnished the detachment to Malapuram.

* Quartermaster-General's No. 103 T., dated 4th March 1886—P.G., No. 1804, dated 20th March 1886.

	Men.
† British Infantry	780
Garrison Battery	104
Total ..	884

3. Meanwhile, however, a redistribution of the British troops in the Southern district has been made,‡ and the Commander-in-Chief would not wish to make any change in this distribution by again requiring the regiment in Fort St. George to furnish the detachment at Malapuram, because this measure would necessitate the retention at Cannanore or Calicut of a larger number of men than it is desirable to retain in such a climate, for there is no spare accommodation at Wellington which could be allotted to them; moreover, under the latest orders, the percentage of married men in British regiments for whom accommodation has to be provided has been considerably reduced (the actual percentage now is even below that fixed), and the strength of single men to be provided with accommodation has therefore been proportionately increased; thus accommodation is wanted at Madras now for 1,021§ single men, and the whole of this must be provided in Fort St. George, as the old north and south barracks at St. Thomas' Mount have now been condemned for permanent occupation—*vide* Proceedings of Government, No. 4146, dated 13th July 1887.

‡ P.G., No. 7124, dated 15th November 1886.

	Men.
§ British Infantry	917
Garrison Battery	104
Total ..	1,021

The requirements of the Garrison Battery have been fully provided for by the recent conversion into single men's barracks of the old A block family quarters in Fort St. George; it therefore only remains to consider the requirements of the British Infantry.

The King's (British Infantry) barracks in Fort St. George will accommodate 577 men, so that 340 men remain to be provided for.

Having given the matter his careful consideration, the Commander-in-Chief is forced to the conclusion that the only method of providing accommodation to the extent required is by the conversion of the different buildings below noted in Fort St. George into barracks, thus—

Building.	Number to be accommodated.
I. Old Adjutant-General's office block now offices of Surgeon-General with Government of Madras and Her Majesty's Forces, Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, Commissariat offices and Transport offices	60
II. Upper storey, main guard block and adjoining Captain's and Ordnance officer's quarters	70
III. Military Accounts office	105
IV. Accountant-General's office	105
Total ...	340

The offices of the Executive Commissariat officer and of the Transport officer can be accommodated in a portion of the old Quartermaster-General's office block, with the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Barrackmaster and Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions, some of their clerks being allowed to remain in the rooms at the south end of the basement storey of the old Adjutant-General's office block, which would not be suitable for occupation by British soldiers and will not be wanted for subsidiary purposes.

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The offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, can be suitably accommodated in the block now known as containing Nos. 4 and 5, Field officers' quarters, and No 3, Captains' quarters. This block was for years used for the offices of the Presidency Paymaster and Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras (then Surgeon-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department), and though recently condemned as quarters, because the rooms were deficient in ventilation, consequent on certain doors, &c., having been built up to divide the block suitably for use as quarters, they will be well adapted for use as offices if placed in the same state as they were originally when used for that purpose.

It was hoped that circumstances would have admitted of the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras also being accommodated in this block, but in view of the fact that the rooms on the west side are exposed to the full power of the afternoon sun and cannot be protected by a verandah, because space will not admit of one being added on that side, the Commander-in-Chief considers that it is impossible to provide suitably in this building for the two offices and large establishment of the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, and His Excellency must therefore ask that the Government will provide the accommodation required for this office outside the Fort as in the interval between 1882 and 1884.

The main guard building has airy and spacious rooms on its upper floor, which would answer well for barracks, and while they were thus occupied, it would be obviously impossible that officers could be quartered in the adjoining rooms, which, moreover, are wanted to make up the full accommodation required for single men.

The Captains' quarters thus absorbed unfortunately cannot be replaced in any way, but should quarters in the Fort be essential for an Ordnance officer, they could be provided in those now in use as a Presidency Pay office, which office under the present proposals would be moved out of the Fort with the Military Accounts offices.

It need only be pointed out, in conclusion, that unless the offices of the Accountant-General and Military Account Department are removed from the Fort, it will be necessary to provide barracks for 210 British soldiers elsewhere, and Sir Charles Arbuthnot feels sure that the Government of Madras will concur with him in thinking that, while there are many and sound reasons in favor of the concentration of the troops within Fort St. George, where the buildings in question will afford suitable accommodation for them, the offices now in those buildings could without any detriment to the public service or convenience be provided for outside its limits.

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Quarter Master General's Office,
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From

Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE,
Quarter Master General,

To

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Military Department.

Sir,

In anticipation of the return to India of one of the British Infantry Regiments of this Presidency now employed in Upper Burma, I am desired to bring under the consideration of Government, the imperative necessity of definitely settling, without further delay, the question which has been pending now for some years, in connection with the provision of accommodation for the British Troops, forming the garrison of Fort Saint George.

2. When Government was last addressed on this subject, the total strength of single men for whom accommodation was required, was placed at 884 men[x], the small number of men of British Infantry mentioned being accounted for by the fact that

Quarter Master Genl's. No. 103 T. dy 4th March 1886. P. G. No. 1804 dy 20th March 1886.

[x] British Infy. 780
Garrison Batty. 104
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that at that time, in order to relieve the prepare in accommodation in Fort Saint George, the Regiment garrisoning it furnished the Detachment to Mallapuram.

3. Meanwhile however, a redistribution of the British Troops in the Southern District has been made, and the Commander-in-Chief would not wish to make any change in this distribution by again requiring the Regiment in Fort Saint George to furnish the Detachment at Mallapuram, because this measure would necessitate the retention at Cannanore or Calicut of a large number of men than it is desirable to retain in such a climate, for there is no spare accommodation at Wellington which could be allotted to them; moreover under the latest orders the per-centage of married men in British Regiments for whom accommodation has to be provided has been considerably reduced (the actual per centage now is even below that fixed)-, and the strength of single men to be provided with accommodation has therefore been proportionately increased; thus accommodation is wanted at Madras now for

P. G. No. 7124 dated 15th November 186,

British Infy. 917
Garrison Battty 104
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for 1021 single men, and the whole of this must be provided in Fort Saint George as the old north and south Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount have now been condemned for permanent occupation. Vide P. G. No. 4146 dated 13th July 1887.

The requirements of the Garrison Battery have been fully provided for by the recent conversion into single men's Barracks of the old A Block Family quarters in Fort Saint George, it therefore only remains to consider the requirements of the British Infantry.

The Kings (British Infantry) Barracks in Fort Saint George will accommodate 577 men so that 340 men remain to be provided for.

Having given the matter his careful consideration the Commander-in-Chief is forced to the conclusion that the only method of providing accommodation to the extent required is by the conversion of the different buildings below noted in Fort Saint George into Barracks, thus;

Building.	Number to be accommodated
I, Old Adjutant Genl.'s Office Block now Offices of Surgeon General with Government of Madras, and Her Majesty's Forces, Dy. [illegible] d. Eastern Dt. Commt offices and Transpot Offices	60
II	

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Building.		Number to be accommodated.
II,	Upper Story, Main Guard Block and adjoining Captains and Ordnance Officers' Quarters	70
III,	Military Accounts Office —	105
IV	Accountant Generals' — " —	105
		340

The Offices of the Executive Commissariat Officer and of the Transport Officer, can be accommodated in a portion of the old Quarter Master Generals Office Block, with the Dy. Asst. Quarter Master General, Barrack Master and Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions, some of these clerks being allowed to remain in the rooms at the south end of the basement story of the old Adjutant Generals Office Block, which would not be suitable for occupation by British soldiers, and will not be wanted for subsidiary purposes.

The Offices of the Surgeon General Her Majesty's Forces and Dy. Surgeon Genl. Eastern District can be suitably accommodated in the block now known as containing Nos. 4 & 5 Field Officers' Quarters, and No. 3

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It was hoped that circumstances would have admitted of the Office of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras also being accommodated in this block, but in view of the fact that the rooms on the west side are exposed to the full power of the afternoon sun, and cannot be protected by a verandah, because space will not admit of one being added on that side, the Commander-in-Chief considers that it is impossible to provide suitably in this building for the two offices and large

large establishment of the office of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, and His Excellency must therefore ask that the Government will provide the accommodation required for this Office inside the Fort as in the interval between 1882, and 1884.

The Main Guard building has airy and spacious rooms on its upper floor, which would answer well for Barracks, and while they were thus occupied, it would be obviously impossible that Offices could be quartered in the adjoining rooms, which moreover are wanted to make up the full accommodation required for single men.

The Captains' quarters thus absorbed unfortunately cannot be replaced in any way, but should quarters in the Fort be essential for an Ordnance Officer, they could be provided in those now in use as a Presidency Pay Office, which Office under the present proposals would be moved out of the Fort with the Military Accounts Offices.

It need only be pointed out, in conclusion, that unless the Offices of the

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the Accountant General and Military Account Department are removed from the Fort, it will be necessary to provide Barracks for 210 British soldiers elsewhere, and Sir Charles Arbuthnot feels sure that the Government of Madras will concur with him in thinking that, while there are many and sound reasons in favor of the concentration of the troops within Fort Saint George where the buildings in question will afford suitable accommodation for them, the Offices now in those buildings could without any detriment to the public service or convenience be provided for outside its limits.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Brig. General
Quarter Master General

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P.C. 29.6.1887 Nos: 313-314 R.
P.C. 15.11.1886 Nos: 183-186.
P.C. 20.3.1886 Nos: 259-262.

Military (188⅞) Department.

No. 5502

From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 2807 A

Dated 10th August
Received 11th

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UNDISCUSSED

Regarding accommodation for British Infantry in Fort Saint George.

Mil. Works
22nd July 1889 No. 1968 P

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Accounts.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on the subject.

No. 319 M. W. 1968

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William ~~Simla~~, the 20th February 1889.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

+ P.C. No. 2612 W dt. 24.8.88

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2613 W. dated 24th August 1888, forwarding certain Proceedings of the Government of Madras relating to the improvement of the accommodation of the British Infantry at Fort St George, and requesting the allotment of the sum of Rupees 13,925/- for providing additional accommodation for 113 men.-

2. The Government of India have not been able with the information before them to fully understand the proposals of the Military Authorities of the Madras Presidency in this case.-

3. A letter of the Quartermaster General

General, Madras Army, No. 345 A dated 28th January 1886 (paragraph 4) states that the existing barracks in Fort St George affords accommodation for 577 men, of this number there is room for 342 men in the Upper Storey of the King's barrack, and consequently it would appear that the lower storey has hitherto been reckoned as affording space for (577 - 342 =) 235 men. But the Committee recently assembled recommend that only 24 men should be accommodated in the lower storey. With regard to this point I am to say that the Government of India could ~~only~~ not acquiesce in such a reduction of the number of men to be accommodated in the barrack, with the corresponding responsibility for providing additional barracks for the men displaced without conclusive medical evidence of the necessity thereof.

4. In 1886-7 an estimate was sanctioned for providing accommodation for 60

60 additional men in Fort St George as follows:-

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Conversion of 'A' block into single-men's barracks — Rupees 13,400
Repairs to 'A' block ——— " — 2,477
Conversion of Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess and adjacent godowns into latrine and lavatory —— " — 3,820
Conversion of the old Adjutant General's Office into Barracks ——— " — 5,400

Total Rupees 25,097.

This work has been partly carried out and the following sums have been allotted to the work.

	Rupees.	
In 1886-7	5,955	
—"—1887-8 — Rs: 7,445		
—"— 6,017		13,462

Total Rupees — 19,417.

The balance of the estimate, Rupees 5,680/- was applied for as a special grant in

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Madras Government Order dated 6th January 1888, No. 31-W. Public Works (submitting the preliminary Military Works Budget Estimate for 1888/9). But the sum was too small to be dealt with specially and no extra grant was made; and the completion of the work has remained in abeyance.-

5. From the correspondence noted in the margin, it is inferred that the works detailed in the preceding paragraph provid- ed additional accommodation for the Garrison Battery as well as for 60 men of British Infantry; and that the works for the Artil- lery only have been completed.

- Madras Government No. 614 W dated 21st February 1888 and enclosures.
- Madras Government No. 2613 W dated 24th Augt. 1888 and enclosures

+ G.O. No. 613W 21.2.88

6. The old Adjutant General's Office has been occupied of late by the following offices:-

Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

Surgeon General, Her Majesty's Forces.

Deputy Surgeon General, Eastern District.

Executive

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Executive Commissariat Officer. 31

Transport Officer.

It is proposed to remove these. The first three are to be accommodated in Nos. 4 and 5 Field Officers' Quarters and No. 3 Captains' Quarters, which it is assumed are not required now for Officers, and have been already appropriated as proposed. It is not stated where the Offices of the Executive Commissariat Officer and Transport Officer are to be accommodated. But the Government of India consider it important that they should be within the Fort; and their removal from the old Adjutant Generals' Quarters should be contingent on this being practicable. With this condition the conversion of the old Adjutant Generals' Quarters into barracks for single men is approved.-

7. With regard to the proposal to con- vert the block containing the main-guard with the adjoining Captain's and Ordnance Officer's Quarters into single men's quarters, I am to offer the following remarks.

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It is not clear whether the suitability of the building for the accommodation of single men is dependent on the adjacent officers' quarters being given up, nor whether the two officers' quarters could be still used as such if the main-guard is converted into a barrack; nor is it stated what number of men the main-guard building will hold.-

The provision of quarters for the Captain and Ordnance Officer displaced from the quarters near the main guard appears dependent on the reduction of the British Infantry Garrison of Fort St George to a Wing by the construction of barracks at St. Thomas' Mount for the other Wing of the Battalion stationed at the Presidency.-

8. With regard to this last point I am to state that without very clear proof that the measure is absolutely necessary, the Government of India cannot entertain the project for erecting new barracks at St Thomas' Mount; and it is improbable in any case that

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that funds could be made available at early date. No work should therefore be undertaken which would directly or indirectly tend to commit the Government of India to the construction of new barracks for any part of the present garrison of Fort St. George. If the conversion of the block containing the main guard with the two adjoining Officers' quarters in single men's barracks will not tend to commit Government to further building, the work may be carried out, funds being provided in 1889-90.-

9. The Government of India are aware that the troops in Fort St George are very crowded, but it is believed that the Fort is not unhealthy. But the plan of removing the Accounts Offices from the Fort into the old High Court buildings as soon as the new Courts are finished, has been suggested vide telegram from Secretary to Government of Madras in the Military Department No. 18 dated 5th January 1885. The Government of

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venture to hope that this means of relieving the pressure for proper accommodation for troops in the Fort may be carried out in consideration of the permission granted to erect the New High Court buildings on the Fort Esplanade.- I am to enquire if there is any prospect of this.-

10. I am to express the regret of the Government of India at the delay which has occurred in dealing with this case.-

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E J Allen

Secretary to the Government of India.

P. W. Dept.
To be returned with reply.

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Current No.

From Govt of India
Milty: Dept.

ENCLOS.—

No. 319. R. W.
Dated 20. 2. 89
Received

SUBJECT.

Replying to letter No. 2613 W
d 24. 6. 88 from the Madras
P. W. D forwarding its proceedings
rel. to the improvement of
the accomn of the B. infantry
at Fort St. George and req.g
a Sct allotment for provision
of addl accomn req.d for 113
men during the current year

DISPOSAL.

No. 1031 C Dated 1st March 1889

Referred to the
Military department
for favour of report.

Colonel R. E.
Secy. to Govt P. W. D.
20. 2. 89
And

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Former papers.

P.G. 9.1.1888 no 131.
" 16.2.1888 no 1078.
" 25.1.1888 no 522 R
" 21.2.1888 no 650 R.
" 24.8.1888 no 6321 R

REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Ft St George
13th March 89. 61P

No. 1795. Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to P.G. No. 6321, 3 19th Sept 88.

By order,

A Kennet Herbert Lt Col
Secretary to Govt. M.D.

To The Quarter Master Genl

No.

MILITARY (1889) DEPARTMENT.

No. 1629 E

From

THE Public Works Departt.

No. 1031 C

Dated 11th
Recd. 14th } march.

Registered E.3. P.H. 5594 84

ENCLOSURES.

P.G., No. , dated

Referring, for report, letter from the G.G.I forwarding certain pros: relating to the improvement of the accommodation of the Brit Infy at Fort St George.

Form No. 7 B.

HEADING Accomdtn. for Troops. European. 19689

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
4th May 1889.

It is requested that the heading, number, and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 1579. A.

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I.,
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to Military Department, No. 1864, of 16th March 1889, and in continuation of this office letter No. 1186 A of the 19th Idem, I am desired to offer the following remarks, on the subject of providing additional accommodation in Fort Saint George for British troops.

2. The requirements of the garrison Battery in Fort Saint George in the matter of accommodation, having been fully met

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by the conversion of A block family quarters into barracks for single men, and of the Royal artillery Sergeants Mess and adjacent godowns into latrine and lavatory, it only remains to consider the requirements of the British Infantry in the Fort.

3. The proposal at present before Government is to provide accommodation in the Fort for a Wing of British Infantry, the other Wing of the Battalion being stationed at Saint Thomas' Mount, wherein has been suggested that barracks should be constructed for its accommodation. Under this proposal therefore, accommodation has to be found in Fort Saint George for 479 single men. The ground floor, and the upper storey of the

King's

* O.G. No. 427 W of 10th Feby '87. (M. D. No. 1054 dated 22nd Idem.)

* O.G. No. 2685 W of 12th Octr '87. (M. D. No. 6520 dated 24th Idem.)

King's Barracks, 1968-9 will provide accommodation for 342 men, so that to provide for a Wing of British Infantry, accommodation will have to be found for 479 - 342 = 137 single men. In the previous proposals submitted by this office to Government, it was assumed that the King's Barracks would accommodate 577 men, but as pointed out in this office letter No. 2374 A of 29th June 1888, a Committee which, under the Commander-in-Chief's Orders, assembled to consider how many men might permanently be located on the ground floor of the barracks, decided that not more than 24 men should be thus accommodated, and in this view His Excellency entirely concurs. The upper storey of the King's Barracks provides accommodation for 318, and not for 342 men, as erroneously stated in para 5 of this office letter above quoted, and

	men.
Upper Storey	318
Ground floor	257
Total	577

Mem. 577 318 259

therefore

therefore under the arrangement to
contemplated, these Barracks will
contain in all 342, and not 366
men as previously stated.

4. In regard to the concluding
part of para 3 of the Government
of India letter No. 319 M.W. dated 20th
February 1889, I am desired to sub-
mit the accompanying communi- × No. 1114 of 17th April.
cation (in original) from the
Surgeon General H.M's Forces, from
which it will be seen, that that
Officer agrees with the Committee
in their opinion that not more
than 24 men should be perma-
nently accommodated in the
lower Story of the barracks.
In the face of decided medical
opinion therefore, and after
a personal inspection of the
barracks His Excellency finds
himself unable to recommend

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be provided for as suggested in this
Office letter No. 2807 A of 10th
August 1887. The suggestions
made in the latter were as
follows:—

(a) The Offices of the Executive
Commissariat, and Transport
Officers, to be accommodated
in a portion of the Old Quarter
master Generals' Office block,
with the District Staff Officer,
Barrack master, and Superin-
tendent Family Payments, and
Pensions.

(b) The Offices of the Surgeon
General H.M's Forces, and Deputy
Surgeon General, Madras
District, and the block con-
taining Nos. 4, and 5, Field
Officers Quarters, and No. 3,
Captains Quarters.

(c) Surgeon General with

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the Government of Madras to be provided with Office accommodation outside the Fort, not within the Fort, as is apparently the impression of the Government of India.

7. As however under the present system of combined District Staff Offices, it will be necessary to place the Office Establishments of both the District Staff Offices in one building, it will not be possible to locate the District Commissariat Office in the building above proposed, but I am to mention that arrangements are now in progress for providing accommodation for the latter office in a building in the Fort which can be made available and

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which His Excellency trusts will be found suitable for the purpose.

8. With reference to para 7, of the Government of India letter, under notice, I am to invite attention to paras 8 and 9 of this office letter, No. 2807 A, of 10th August 1887, which give information on the points referred to, and in this connection I am to mention that the abolition of the Presidency Pay Office will leave clear that building for the use of the Ordnance Officer, who will be displaced from his present quarters on their being converted, with the adjoining Captains Quarters, and main guard block, into barracks for single men - Vide also this Office letter No. 1517 A of 26th April 1889.

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Transport Dept. Naval Dept.

9. It will thus be noted that by the above proposals being carried out accommodation

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can be found in Fort Saint George for a wing only of British Infantry, so that when a full Regiment is again located at Madras, it will either be necessary to provide accommodation at Saint Thomas Mount for the other wing, or else to accommodate a portion of them in the buildings now in occupation by the Accounts Departments, which however will only accommodate 210 men, so that additional accommodation will necessarily have to be provided outside the Fort for either a wing of British Infantry or a portion thereof.

10. In para 9 of their letter, the Government of India allude to the possibility of the Accounts' Offices in the Fort being moved into the present High Court buildings

Reading

Accommodation for Troops European.

Enclosure 13 & 21

No. 1114

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SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, H. M.'s FORCES,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Ootacamund
~~Fort St. George,~~ 17th April 1889.

From

Sir. J. A. Hanbury, M.B., K.C.B.,
SURGEON-GENERAL,
H. M.'s FORCES,

To

THE Quarter Master General,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1232 A
Accommodation for Troops European dated 23rd ultimo, I have the
honor to state that after consulting the Deputy
Surgeon General, Madras District, I am of opi-
-nion that it is not desirable to locate permanent-
-ly any men in the lower storey or ground
floor of the King's Barracks in Fort Saint George,
or if any are permanently located that the
number should not exceed 24 as recommended
by the Committee. I would suggest what appears
to be the most suitable arrangement, that the
lower storey be allotted for the use of men
passing through or temporarily detained in
Madras for whom suitable accommodation
has long been urgently required.

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2. The enclosures of your letter under reply are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t

A. R. Munro M.D.,
C.B. Surgeon General,
Dep.t Her Majesty's Forces.

Sir B. Hy. Bovart

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From

The Surgeon General,
H. M's. Forces,

To

The Quarter Master General,
Ootacamund.

No. 1114
Ootacamund 14th April 1889.

Submits remarks relative to proposal to locate — permanently Troops in the ground floor of the Kings' Barracks in Fort Saint George.

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Qr Mr GENERAL'S OFFICE.
RECEIVED 22 APR. 89
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QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
9th May 1889.

It is requested that the heading, number, and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 1617. A.

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I.,
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 1579 A of the 4th instant, I am desired to report for the information of Government, that, as, by the conversion of the main guard block into quarters for single men, other accommodation will have to be found in Fort Saint George for a Court martial room and for a room for His Excellency the Governor's Sand to practice in, the upper storey of the building being at present utilized for the above purposes, His Excellency

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proposes

proposes to provide this accommoda-
tion in the following manner:-

(a) Court martial room. In a portion of the premises which will shortly be vacated by the Clerks of the offices of the District Staff Officer 2nd Class, Vide para 7 of this Office letter above quoted

(b) Practising room for His Excellency the Governor's Band. It has been suggested by the General Officer Commanding Madras District that the building in the Fort known as the "old Banqueting Hall," may be used for this purpose. This building is not a Military one, but as there is no other available for the purpose, and as it is understood that it is not now in use, His Excellency trusts that the Band may be permitted to

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hold their practices in it.

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

W. Robertson Brigr. Genl
Quarter Master Genl
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Proposal to utilize the old Banqueting Hall as Garrison theatre under reps to the Public Dept with enquiry reps to 1115 18.5.69

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Military (1889) Department.

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From

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1617 A.

Dated 9th
Received 10 } May 1889.

ENCLOSURES. Nil.

Regarding provision of accommodation for Troops European, in Fort Saint George

In 1876 vide
Cons 3570 RKL
Ent Issued 2.7.89

Dated at Ootacamund 14th June 1889

No 3893.

17 JUN 89
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT MADRAS
P.W. DEPARTMENT

Submitted. Copy of letters from the Quarter Master General transferred to this Public Works Department with reference to his endorsement No 1031 C dated 1st March 1889.

(By Order)

A Kennedy Herbert Lt Col
Secretary to Govt
Mily Dept.

Cons 3200 587
Ent 20.6.89
Issued 13.6.89
Ent 1.7.89

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Mily 10th

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Letter from the Govern=ment of India — No. 319 M.W. dated 20th Febry 1889

Letter from the Quarter Master General — No. 1579 A dated 4th May 1889.

Do — Do — Do — No. 1617 A dated 9th May 1889.

Endorsement thereon by the Military Department — No 3893 dated 14th June 1889.

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1. In the point of his letters above recorded the Quarter Master General discusses the various questions raised by the Government of India in its letter No. 319 M.W. dated 20th February 1889 regarding the provision of additional accommodation for British Infantry at Fort Saint George.

2. The following estimates for affording additional accommodation for British troops in Fort Saint George have

have been sanctioned, of which the first three provide the requirements of the garrison Battery and the last two those of the British Infantry.

1. Converting A block family quarters, Foot Sandpeep into Royal Artillery single men's barracks and providing a cook-house vide f.O. No. 427 W dated 10th February 1887 - Rs 13,400.
2. Repairing and white and colour washing the A block family quarters vide f.O. No. 2081 W dated 4th August 1887 Rs 2,477
3. Converting the Royal Artillery Sergeants messes and adjacent godowns at Fort George into a cabins & lavatory for single men's barracks vide f.O No. 2685 W of 12th October 1887 - Rs 3,820
4. Converting the old Adjutant General's office into

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into barracks for 60 single men vide f.O. No. 3000 W dated 9th November 1887 - Rs 5,400

5. Converting the block of buildings containing the main guard, No 6 Captain's quarters and Ordnance officer's quarters into barracks for single men vide f.O. No. 2612 W dated 24th August 1888. — Rs 5,785

N.B. — Items 1 and 2 of the above have already been completed, and item 3 is approaching completion. As regards the conversion of the Old Adjutant General's office into barracks for 60 single men, the Government of India approve the proposal on the condition that the offices of the Executive Commissariat officer and Transport officer which are at present located in the old Adjutant General's office are accommodated within

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have been sanctioned, of
which the first three hav

within the Fort. As the
Quarter Master General
reports that arrangements
are now in progress to provide
accommodation for these
offices in a building in the Fort
which can be made available,
the conversion of the old
Adjutant General's office,
for which Rs 5,400, the amount
of the sanctioned estimate,
have been provided in the
current year's budget, may
be proceeded with. The Super
= intending Engineer V Circle
will make the necessary arrange
= ments to have the work
carried out as early as practicable
= With regard to the proposal
for converting the block containing
the main-guard with the
adjoining Captain's & Ordnance
officer's quarters into barracks
for single men, the Government
of India remarks that "it
is not clear whether the suit
= ability of the building for
the accommodation of single
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O.W. No. 2576.

With reference to
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[illegible] who will also be displaced
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[illegible] Master General No. 2807 A

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ave been sanctioned, of
hich the first three hav

d 10th August 1887 which
is said to contain the
required information has
not been received in the
Department, the Military
Dept was asked by telephone
to furnish a copy of the
letter. A reply has this
day been received to the
effect that the papers
at Poly and have been
sent for.

Orders are solicited
to keep back the current
till the letter referred
to is received.

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May 24/6.

The letter ought to be in
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may be carried out if the proposal will not tend to commit Government to further building. In reply to this remark the Quarter Master General states that the abolition of the Presidency Pay office will leave clear that building for the use of the Ordnance officer who will be displaced from his present quarters on their being converted into barracks for single men. As regards the Captain's quarters which are also proposed to be converted into barracks for single men, it is observed from para 9 of the Quarter Master General's letter No. 2807 A dated 10th August 1887 that they cannot be replaced in any way. As however H.E. the Commander-in-Chief desires that the additional accommodation now required in Fort St. George should be provided as early as practicable, the Government of India will be requested to communicate its sanction to conversion of the main guard with the adjoining officers' quarters

Adjutant General's office into

quarters being carried out from the grant of Rs 5,785 provided for the purpose in the current year's Military Works budget.

9 - In paragraph 3 of its letter, the Govt of India remarks that it is observed from para 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter No 345 A dated 28th January 1886 that the existing barracks in Fort Saint George provide accommodation for 577 men, and that of this number 235 should be accommodated in the lower storey of the King's barracks there being room for 342 men in the upper storey. The Quarter Master General however now explains in paras 3 and 4 of his letter No 1579 A dated 4th May 1889 that the upper storey provides accommodation for 18 men, not for 342 men as previously stated, and the ground floor for 259 men, and that H.E. the Commander-in-Chief after a personal inspection of the barracks and on consideration of the report made by the Committee assembled to consider how

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many men ought to be permanently located on the ground floor of the barracks, is unable to recommend that a larger number than 24 should be accommodated in the lower storey. As desired by the Govt of India, in the concluding part of para 3 of its letter under reference, the Quarter Master General further submits a letter from the Surgeon General Her Majesty's Forces No. 1114 dated 17th April 1889 in which that officer reports that it is not desirable to locate permanently any men in the lower storey of the King's Barracks, or that if any are permanently located, the number should not exceed 24 as recommended by the Committee.

6.— As regards the provision of accommodation for 137 men, for whom quarters are to be found, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief proposes to provide for 130 men as shown below, and does not consider it necessary to provide quarters for the remaining 7, as a few men will invariably be absent at Wellington or elsewhere.

Adjutant

Adjutant General's office
into

Adjutant General's office block ——— 60
Main guard with Captain's & Ordnance officer's quarters ——— 10
Total 130 men

7.— The eventual necessity for the construction of barracks for a wing of British Infantry at St Thomas' Mount, or for a portion thereof outside the Fort, the other portion being accommodated in the buildings occupied by the Accounts Departments, is fully explained by the Quarter Master General in para 9 of his letter No. 1579 A above recorded.

8.— With regard to para 10 of the Government of India letter, the Government observes that it is not likely that the High Court buildings will hereafter be available for occupation by the Accounts Department, as they will require, but only as the Government has other to be required for other purposes in connection with the Accounts Department.

9.— With reference to the Quarter Master General's letter No. 1617 A dated 9th May 1889 the Superintending Engineer V Circle will arrange for the preparation

This addition has been made by the Honble Sir Henry Stokes

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preparation of an estimate to provide a Court-Martial room in the portion of the premises which will shortly be vacated by the clerks of the office of the District Staff officer.

10.- The proposal of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief to utilize the old Banqueting Hall as a practice room for H.E. the Governor's Band, are under consideration in the Public Department, to ~~which it~~

11.- Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings, together with a copy of the Quarter Master General's letter No. 2807A dated 16th August 1887, be forwarded to the Secretary of State with reference to his letter No. 719 M.W. dated 28th February 1889, and with the request that the sanction asked for in para 4 may be communicated at an early date.

H.E. No. 1969 W.D.

Forwarded.

W.C.B. 12.7.89

Dated 18.7.89

Ord. 25/6. Cl. 15/7.

Issue

There is no harm in letting the brass stands of the military and police bands be let into the Govt. Office at all, and it would be better to make the Banqueting Hall into a Court martial room & build the Band stand in the building proposed to be done in that compound. 2 Hall

I have communicated the Resolution in para 10 in appreciation of unnecessary as the matter to which it appears to refer is under the Dept. This case with the view of the matter has been framed

Consent (including 1st. The C in C) have agreed with the letter to Govt. Thanks. The Secretary Government

To
The Supply Engineer V Circle
" Daily Dept. } with copies of
" Public Dept. } letter by the
" Financial Dept. Chief Secty.
D 2117 and the
Hon. Mr. Stokes C.S.I.

To
The Secretary to Government for favour of
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Dated 11th July 1889

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British Agency at
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with the adjoining offices now being carried out from the ~~current year's~~ grant provided for the work in the current year's budget