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9th November 1887, No. 3000 W., Public Works.

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, 8th October 1887, No. 3762 A.:—

With reference to this office letter, No. 2807 A., of 10th August 1887, I have the honor, by order, to forward for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, &c., below mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned:—

Estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,400, for converting the old Adjutant-General's office block into barracks for 60 single men, British Infantry, Fort St. George, with report and plan.

No. 6483, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George,
24th October 1887.

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

Order—dated 9th November 1887, No. 3000 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,400, for converting the old Adjutant-General's office, Fort St. George, into barracks for 60 single men, is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 19,697 referred to in G.O., No. 2685 W., dated 12th October 1887.

2. The submission of the information called for from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, in paragraph 2 of the Government Order above quoted, should be expedited in view to application being made to the Government of India for a special allotment of funds for the extra accommodation required for increased strength of British troops in Fort St. George.

3. This sanction has been registered as Imperial Ordinary No. 46 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, V Circle, with four enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with the duplicate abstract estimate.
" Military Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of 1887 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th Nov. 1887, No. 3000 W.

NOVEMBER.

Old Adjutant-General's Office, Fort St. George

Estimate of Rs. 5,400 for converting the — into barracks for 60 single men, sanctioned with remarks.

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24TH AUGUST 1888, No. 2612 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 27th July 1888, No. 5123, Military.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th June 1888, No. 2374 A.

In this office letter No. 2807 A, of 10th August 1887, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief submitted, for the consideration of Government, the want of accommodation for British troops in Fort St. George, and his proposals for augmenting it by removing the offices of the Controller of Military Accounts, the Accountant-General and the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras from within the Fort, and by locating the offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces and Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, in a building now vacant in the Fort.

2. The arrangements then contemplated were, however, superseded by the proposal to provide barracks for a wing of British Infantry at the Mount, which is now under the consideration of Government, and consequently it was stated in para. 2 of this office letter No. 479 A, dated 1st February 1888, (recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 1530, of 3rd March 1888,) that if barracks for a wing of British Infantry are provided at St. Thomas' Mount, there will be no necessity to disturb the offices of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras and of Her Majesty's Forces to make way for single men British Infantry in Fort St. George.

Quartermaster-General's letter No. 51 A., dated 6th January 1888, to Government; Military Department, No. 260, dated 12th January 1888.

Quartermaster-General's letter No. 2363 A., dated 29th June 1888.

3. When inspecting the barracks in the Fort in February last, the great desirability of doing away with the use of all or nearly all the rooms in the ground floor of the King's barracks as dormitories, pressed itself on the notice of the Commander-in-Chief as a measure which would add immensely to the comfort and health of the troops, seeing that the Fort walls and numerous buildings with which the Fort is crowded seriously impede the ingress of fresh air and render the lower stories of all buildings not on the sea face more or less close and confined.

4. Under His Excellency's orders, a committee assembled to decide how many men ought permanently to be located in the lower story of the King's barracks; from its proceedings enclosed, it will be observed that the committee consider that not more than 24 men should be thus accommodated.

5. The upper story of the King's barracks provides accommodation for 342 men, and therefore, under the contemplated arrangements, these barracks will contain 366 men in all.

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6. Assuming that the strength of single men in a head-quarter wing of a British Infantry regiment stands at 479,* accommodation for 113 additional men remains to be provided, and this Sir Charles Arbuthnot proposes to find by utilising the old Adjutant-General's office block, now occupied by the offices of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, Executive Commissariat and Transport Officers, and the upper story of the Main Guard block with the adjoining Captain's and Ordnance officer's quarters, provision being made for the offices thus disturbed, as suggested in this office letter No. 2807 A, of 10th August 1887, para. 6, and for the Captain and Ordnance officer in other quarters, which will be available if the British Infantry garrison is permanently reduced to a wing.

	No.
* Drummers	16
Corporals	20
Privates	450
	486
Deduct married at 1½ per cent. ...	7
Total ...	479

7. I am accordingly now desired to submit, for the sanction of Government, the estimates marginally noted, and to solicit that the estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,400, for the alteration of the old Adjutant-General's office block, which was held in abeyance, *vide* Proceedings of Government No. 1530, of 3rd March 1888, may now be revised; the necessary steps being taken towards obtaining the funds requisite to carry out the works, which the Commander-in-Chief considers ought to be undertaken in the current year.

	Rs.
For converting the block containing the Main Guard No. 6, Captain's quarters and Ordnance officer's quarters into barracks for single men (with plan)	5,785
For repairing and cleaning, &c., Nos. 4 and 5 Field Officer's quarters and No. 3 Captain's quarters to render them fit for occupation by the offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District	1,160

Order—dated 27th July 1888, No. 5123, Military.

With his letter above recorded, the Quartermaster-General submits two estimates, amounting to Rs. 6,945, for the sanction of Government, in view to accommodation being provided in Fort St. George for a complete wing of a British Infantry regiment.

2. It is reported that not more than 366 men should be quartered in the King's barracks, and additional accommodation for 113 men is stated to be required.

3. The estimates for this purpose are recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and approved by Government. They will accordingly be forwarded to the Public Works Department for favor of the further necessary action.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Quartermaster-General's letter, it is remarked that the Government await the proceedings of a committee assembled under the orders† of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to fix upon a site to the south and west of the cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount (if a suitable one can be found) for the erection of barracks for a wing of a British Infantry regiment.

† Para. 5 of the Quartermaster-General's No. 2363 A, dated 29th June 1888.

5. The Public Works Department will be requested, with advertence to para. 7 of the foregoing letter, to take the necessary steps for obtaining the sum of Rs. 5,400, referred to in para. 3 of O.G. No. 613 W., dated 21st February 1888, in view to the conversion of the Adjutant-General's former office into barracks for 60 single men.

6. The Government in the Military Department hope that it may be found practicable to provide the additional accommodation required for 113 men during the current year.

(True Extract.)

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

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Order—dated 24th August 1888, No. 2612 W., Public Works.

Of the following two estimates received with the Proceedings above recorded, the first, being for a repair work, is returned to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for sanction under para. 267 (*e*) of the Public Works Code, and for early execution:—

	Rs.
(1) Repairing and cleaning Nos. 4 and 5 Field Officer's quarters and No. 3 Captain's quarters for the accommodation of the offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and the Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District	1,160
(2) Converting the block of buildings containing the Main Guard, No. 6 Captain's quarters and Ordnance officer's quarters into barracks for single men	5,785

2. The estimate of Rs. 5,785 is sanctioned and registered as Imperial, Ordinary, No. 33 W. of 1888-89, and classified as Military, Original Works.

3. With reference to para. 7 of the Quartermaster-General's letter, the Superintending Engineer will, in communication with the officers concerned, revise the estimate sanctioned in G.O. No. 3000 W., dated 9th November 1887, for alterations to the old Adjutant-General's office, and submit the same with the least possible delay.

4. In para. 6 of their order, the Government in the Military Department express a hope that it may be found practicable to provide the additional accommodation required for 113 men during the current year. But as there are no funds available with the Government, the Government of India will be requested to provide a special allotment of Rs. 11,185, or Rs. 13,925 inclusive of charges for "Establishment" and "Tools and Plant."

5. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India, Military Department, with the request that the sum of Rs. 13,925 referred to in para. 4 of these Proceedings may be allotted at an early date.

(Here enter No. 2613 W., dated 24th August 1888.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle,
with seven enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts,
with the duplicate abstract estimate of Rs. 5,785.
" Military Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 24th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Aug. 1888, No. 2612 W.

AUGUST.

Fort St. George

Sanctioning the estimate for converting the block of buildings containing the Main Guard No. 6 Captain's quarters and Ordnance officer's quarters into barracks for single men; and requesting the Government of India to sanction a special allotment for the provision of additional accommodation required for 113 men during the current year.

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8TH OCTOBER 1888, No. 3145 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 3rd October 1888, No. 6671, Military.

From Sir J. A. HANBURY, M.B., K.C.B., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to the Quartermaster-General, dated Ootacamund, 1st September 1888, No. 2349.

With reference to your letter No. 3063 A, dated 23rd August, to the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, which was forwarded to my Secretary, I have the honor to enclose, for your information, a copy of the latter officer's reply.

2. The future quarters selected for my office are close and ill-ventilated and in a bad state of repair and contain no suitable rooms for me or my Secretary, although there is ample accommodation for the establishment and records. I therefore consider it necessary that two separate rooms should be built over the upper storey with bath-rooms attached for myself and my Secretary.

ENCLOSURE.

From Surgeon-Major G. F. BEVAN, Acting Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Eastern District, dated Fort St. George, 31st August 1888, No. 2339.

In returning your circular No. 3496, dated 29th instant, with its accompaniments, has the honor to state that he has, in communication with the Deputy Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Eastern District, inspected the building, and that it has been mutually arranged to locate the Deputy Surgeon-General's office in No. 3, Captains' quarters, and the Surgeon-General's office in Nos. 4 and 5, Field officers' quarters.

No. 3418 A.

Submitted for the consideration of Government in continuation of this office letter No. 2374 A of 29th June 1888, with a plan showing how it is proposed to divide the buildings between the offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, and Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
18th September 1888.

(Signed) M. PROTHEROE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Quartermaster-General.

Order—dated 3rd October 1888, No. 6671, Military.

Referred to the Public Works Department with the request that, should there be no objection on engineering grounds to the erection of two rooms and bath-rooms on the roof of the existing building, the necessary plans and estimates may be

submitted as early as practicable through the prescribed channel for the approval of Government in this department.

(True Extract.)

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

Order—dated 8th October 1888, No. 3145 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will cause the requisite plans and estimates to be prepared, should there be no objection on engineering grounds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with plan.
„ Military Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 8th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 8th Oct. 1888, No. 3145 W.

OCTOBER.

Accommodation for the Offices of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and the Deputy Surgeon-General, Eastern District, Madras

Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to submit plans and estimates for — in the Captains' and Field officers' quarters, Fort St. George.

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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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22ND JULY 1889, No. 1968 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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	Rs. 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.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 22nd July 1889, No. 1969 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

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

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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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16TH AUGUST 1889, No. 2236 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1889, No. 2253 A.

With reference to G.O., No. 3145 W., * dated 8th October 1888, I am desired to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, plan, &c., below mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plan and estimate have been countersigned.

* Military Department No. 7038 of 23rd October 1888.

Plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,915, for constructing two rooms and bath-rooms on the second floor of Nos. 4 and 5 Field officers' quarters in Fort St. George, to render the building suitable for occupation as offices for the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and for his Secretary.

No. 5146, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

OOTACAMUND,
1st August 1889.

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

ORDER—dated 16th August 1889, No. 2236 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,915, for constructing two rooms and bath-rooms on the second floor of Nos. 4 and 5 Field officers' quarters in Fort St. George, to adapt them for use as offices for the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and his Secretary, is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. This sanction has been registered as Imperial No. 11 W. of 1889-90, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(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,
with four enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts,
with duplicate abstract estimate.
" Military Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.
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Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 16th.

Recd. *Encl*

G.O., 16th Aug. 1889, No. 2236 W.

AUGUST.

Field Officers' Quarters in Fort St. George

Estimate for constructing two rooms and bath-rooms on the second floor of Nos. 4 and 5 —, to adapt them for use as offices for the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and his Secretary, sanctioned.

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30th September 1889, No. 2733 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following paper :—

From Brigadier-General E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 11th September 1889, No. 1820 M.W.

With reference to your endorsement No. 1969 W., dated 22nd July 1889, and in continuation of Military Department telegram No. 1819 M.W., dated 11th September 1889, sanctioning the conversion of the main guard with the adjoining officers' quarters into barracks for single men at Fort St. George conditionally on this being the only present expense involved, I am directed to ask that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be furnished with a report showing exactly what is required beyond the conversion above referred to.

Order—dated 30th September 1889, No. 2733 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, and to the Military Department, in continuation of G.O., No. 2600 W., dated 19th September 1889.

2. The Quartermaster-General will be requested, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit the report called for.

(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.

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Dated September, 30th.

Read. *Enclr.*

G.O., 30th Sept. 1889, No. 2733 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Barrack accommodation in Fort St. George

Orders on letter from the Government of India requesting a report showing exactly what is required in regard to — beyond the conversion of the main guard and adjoining officers' quarters into barracks.

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Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort St George Cantonment, the 15th October 1889.

Read the following:-

From the Quarter Master General to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 3491. A. dated Cantonment, 11th October 1889.

In acknowledging receipt of P.W.D.* No. 6724 dated 1st October 1889, I am desired by the Commander in Chief to request that instructions may be issued in view to the work of the conversion of the Main guard, with adjoining Officer's quarters, into Barracks for single men at Fort Saint George, being delayed for a short period, pending the settlement of a question now raised by the

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* P.W.D. No. 2 boxes of 19th September 1889.

General Officer Commanding Madras District
regarding this matter.

Order:- Communicated to the
Public Works Department with reference
to P.G. No 2600.W. dated 19th September 1888
for favor of issue of the necessary orders

(True Extract)

H S Talbot
Colonel
for Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department.
Quarter Master General.

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Communicate
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