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20TH MARCH 1890, No. 912 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 10th March 1890, No. 3692.

[G.O., No. 3298 P.W., dated 20th November 1889, and Memo. No. 478 C., 28th January 1890.]

I have the honor to report that I have been over all the places where tools are stored in this circle and that I have taken steps to have such closed as are not absolutely necessary.

2. In the Cuddapah division, Vontimitta has been given over to the Forest Department—*vide* G.O., No. 636 W., 28th February 1890. Tools also have been withdrawn from private houses rented at Proddutur and Pulivendla in the same division. As soon as Gurramkonda mahal is ready for occupation we shall be able to give up Ráyachoti, Kadiri and Váyalpád as tools stores. If Cuddapah mahal is given over to us as proposed in connection with the revised estimate for the District Jail now forwarded, all the famine tools in Cuddapah Sub-division can be stored there, and all that will be required to be kept in future at out-stations would be a few Provincial tools at Sub-divisional and Overseers' head-quarters.

3. In Bellary division, Adóni has been given over to the Local funds—*vide* G.O., No. 295 W., 29th January 1890. Covered sheds are being erected in the Executive Engineer's store-yard at Bellary and Anantapur. Store-shed is being put in good order.

4. In the Kurnool division, I propose to utilise old District Engineer's office as a famine tools store and also the import and export sheds on the canal at Nandyál, Dibaguntla and Maidkoor if found necessary.

5. The number of store watchmen to be maintained in future would be as follows. Their pay might be fixed at Rs. 5 a month and pensioners only employed :—

Bellary Executive Engineer's store-yard ...	2 watchmen.			
Sub-divisional officer's stores, Anantapur ...	1 watchman.			
" " " Hospet ...	1 "			
Overseer's stores, Harpanahalli	1 "			
" " Penukonda	1 "			
Total, Bellary ...	6	Cost per annum ...	Rs.	360
Cuddapah Executive Engineer's stores ...	2 watchmen.			
Sub-divisional officer's stores, Madanapalle.	1 watchman.			
" " " Gurramkonda.	1 "			
Overseer's stores, Badvél	1 "			
" " Rajôle	1 "			
Total, Cuddapah ...	6	Cost per annum ...		360
Kurnool Executive Engineer's stores ...	2 watchmen.			
Sub-divisional officer's stores, Nandyál ...	1 watchman.			
Overseer's stores, Cumbum	1 "			
Total, Kurnool ...	4	Cost per annum ...		240
		Total ...		960

From A. S. RUSSELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 8th January 1890, No. 3888.

In continuation of this office letter No. 2690, dated 28th October 1889, I have the honor to report that, after two months' labor in arranging and counting all the tools and in minutely going through one year's stock accounts, the marginally-noted tools in the division store have been found missing, both from Provincial and Famine tools. Owing to the confused state of the accounts and records of the tools, it was impossible to trace exactly until this week the numbers of tools missing. The confusion among the tools is, however, merely a sample of the confusion everywhere prevalent in this division.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Provincial—			
Mamooties 66, valued approximately as per price list at 10 annas each	41	4	0
Famine—			
Axes, pick, quarry, 52, at annas 14 each	45	8	0
Hammer, hand, 484, at annas 13 each	393	4	0
Mamooties, 30, at annas 10 each	18	12	0
Total ...	498	12	0

2. I find that when tools have been issued by the storekeeper on receipts, no proper record of the same has been maintained, thus making it impossible to apply a ready check. I have ordered that in future a personal ledger be open to show the tools outstanding against each contractor and subordinate.

3. The loss of tools must be attributed to the fact that the tools, both Famine and Provincial, have been heaped for years in a yard easily accessible at night by thieves, and in the day time practically open to all. This will be clear from the following:—

(*a*) Adjoining the store-yard there is a private bungalow (unoccupied for a long time) which has windows, through which thieves could easily get into the store-yard. Iron bars have been lately put up to the windows.

(*b*) The walls surrounding the yard are not sufficiently high at several places to prevent thieves climbing over them.

(*c*) When the tools sheds were under construction some time ago, no watchmen were employed to maintain a watch over the scattered tools.

(*d*) As the Sub-divisional office is within the store-yard, the yard is a thoroughfare to everybody.

4. From my previous report quoted in para. 1 of this letter from my inspection notes for October, and from my remarks on the transfer report, when I took charge of this division on the 15th October last, it will be clear—

First.—That in taking over charge. I pointed out that the tools were not safe.

Second.—That there were strong reasons to suspect that pilfering had been going on.

Third.—That I should have a thorough count at once made.

Fourth.—That I had called for estimates for enclosed buildings for the storage of the tools.

Fifth.—That I had doubled the staff of watchmen.

5. It is impossible to say when the tools were stolen. Mr. Clift informed me he had never checked their numbers thoroughly and for aught that is known the thefts might have occurred long ago.

6. It is plainly impossible that the Executive Engineer can be responsible for the safe custody of the tools until they have been stored safely away in an enclosed building and until an efficient and trustworthy storekeeper is appointed. The present storekeeper is perfectly incompetent and only gets Rs. 15 per mensem. It is not possible to get an efficient man for such a sum.

7. If Government continue to consider it necessary to keep such enormous numbers * of tools in stock—and hitherto this has been done by special orders of Government †—a responsible storekeeper, on a salary of Rs. 75 per mensem and with heavy security deposited, should be employed, as it is obviously impossible that the Executive Engineer can devote twice a year about a fortnight's time for the purpose of counting the tools himself.

* *Vide* tools return.

† G.O., No. 920 W., dated 4th April 1884.

8. The estimate for enclosed building for the tools will be submitted for sanction very shortly.

No. 3701.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. An estimate for a closed shed has been sanctioned and ordered to be put in hand at once from savings on other works.

2. Two sheds have been constructed in the yard during the past two years, but not covered in; no doubt there has been inadequate protection for stores hitherto.

3. There is no old Government building available at Bellary for such purposes; with the multiplication of railways it does not seem necessary to keep the great number of famine tools we are now obliged to keep by orders of Government. If we must keep so many, the storekeeper should be a man highly paid than 15 rupees a month and should furnish security, and store watchers might, and nay must, be entertained.

(Signed) H. SMALLEY, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, III Circle.

10th March 1890.

Order—dated 20th March 1890, No. 912 W., Public Works.

The Government does not consider it desirable to disturb existing arrangements under which famine tools are stored in the various districts. The present pay of the storekeeper seems inadequate, but the amount proposed by the Executive Engineer is excessive. A proposition statement for increasing the pay of the appointment should be submitted, with the Superintending Engineer's recommendation as regards the amount of security to be taken. The deficient tools will be written off the returns.

2. The Superintending Engineer's proposals in para. 4 of his letter, No. 3692, as regards the employment of watchmen, are approved and sanctioned—registered as Provincial No. 64 W. of 1889-90, and classified as Establishment, Temporary.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. P. L. Pereira.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1890} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Mar. 1890, No. 912 W.

MARCH.

Famine Tools and Plant

Passing orders regarding the storage, &c., of — in the III Circle, and the establishment to be in charge of the same.

No. 1092

Superintending Engineer's Office,
3RD CIRCLE,
Bellary 17th March 1890

FROM,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
IIIRD CIRCLE.

To,
THE

Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.

with the revised Estimate for the District just now forwarded all the Famine tools in Cuddapah & Sub Division can be stored [illegible] that will be required to be kept in future at out stations would be a few [illegible] at each Divisional and Overseers Quarters.

3. In Bellary Division Store Sheds for Supervisor & the Chief Overseers Overseers Covered sheds are being erected in the Executive Engineers Storeyards at Bellary and Hunsdapoor Store shed is being put in good order.

3 In the Kurnool Division I propose to utilize the old District Engineers Office as a Famine Tools store and also the Serjeant and Export sheds in the Canal & Nandial Bot Gazettes and Madhavaram if found necessary.

4. The number of store watchmen to be maintained in future would be as follows.

Muster pay might be fixed at Rs a month

[illegible]

Bellary Exe. Engrs Storeyard 2 watchmen

S.D. Offrs Store Anantapoor 1

Hospet 1

Nurnoor 1

Kumtah 1

Total Bellary 6 as per annexure B

Cuddapah Exe Engrs Store 2

S.D. Offrs Madanapalle 1

Gunnicotah 1

Nurnool Rutlah 1

Rajole 1

Total Cuddapah 6 as per annexure B

Kurnool Exe Engrs store 2

S.D. Offrs Nundial 1

Overseers Cumbum 1

Total Kurnool 6 as per annexure B

Total 18

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt

H Bradley Col RE
Supdg Engineer 3rd Circle

P.W. Cell 2588

From

From.

The Superintending Engineer,

IIIrd Circle,
Bellary.

The Supdg Engineer

To

The Chief Engineer

Date

Received } 18

Dated 10 March 89

Enclosures.

No.

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Subject.

No. 2307

Reporting on the present state of the tools and Plant on the Z. Circle & obtaining the N. sp. allowances to be maintained in future

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Copy of letter No 3888 dated 8th January 1890 from A. C. Russell Esqr Executive Engineer Bellary Division to the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle

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Provincial
Crowbars 66 weighing approximately 2 lbs each 41-4-0
at 10 annas each
Shovels 45-0-8-0
Spanning Quarry 52 at Rs 4-0 each 393-4-0
Hammer Sledge 484 at " 13-0-0 18-12-0
Crowbars 30 at " 10-0-0 498-12-0
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maintained, thus enabling it impossible to apply a ready check. I have ordered in future that a personal ledger be opened to show the tools outstanding against each Conductor and subordinate.

3. The loss of tools must be attributed to the fact that the tools both Imperial and Provincial, have been heaped for years in a yard easily accessible at night by thieves and in the day time practically open to all. This will be clear from the following:-

(a) As I examine the store yard there is a private Bungalow (unoccupied for a long time) which has windows through which thieves could easily get into the store yard. Iron bars have been lately put up to the windows.

(b) The walls surrounding the yard are not sufficiently high at several places to prevent thieves climbing over them.

(c) When the tools sheds were under construction some time ago, no watchmen were employed to maintain a watch over the sheds to obviate.

(d) As the Sub Divisional Office is within the store yard, the yard is a thoroughfare to everybody.

4. From my previous report quoted in para 1 of this letter from my inspection notes for October, and from my remarks on the transfer report, when I took charge of this Division on the 15th October last, it will be clear to

First — that in taking over charge I pointed out that the tools were not safe

Second — that there were strong reasons to suspect that pilfering had been going on

Third — that I should have a thorough Count at once made

Fourth — that I had proposed for estimates for suitable buildings for the storage of the tools.

Fifth — that I had doubled the staff of watchmen.

5. It is impossible to say when the tools were stolen. Mr Clift informed me he had never checked their numbers thoroughly and for aught that is known the thefts might have occurred long ago.

6. It is plainly impossible that the Superintending Engineer can be responsible for the proper custody of the tools until they have been stored safely away in an enclosed building and until an efficient and trustworthy Storekeeper is appointed. The present storekeeper is hopelessly incompetent and only gets Rs 15 per mensem. It is not possible to get an efficient man for such a sum.

7. If Government continue to consider it necessary to keep such enormous numbers* of tools in stock and hitherto this has been done by special orders of Government, the responsible storekeeper on a salary of Rs 50 per mensem and with heavy security deposited, should be employed, as it is obviously impossible that the Executive Engineer can devote twice a year about a fortnight's time for the purpose of counting the tools himself.

8. The Estimate for an enclosed building for the tools will be submitted for sanction very shortly.

* vide Tools Return

No 3701

(Copy)

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer & Secretary. An estimate for a pucka shed has been sanctioned and ordered to be put up but it is far from being complete.

2. The tools have been constructed in the yard during the past two years but not covered in; no doubt there has been adequate protection for stores hitherto.

3. There is no old Government building available at Bellary for such purposes; with the multiplication of Railways it does not seem necessary to keep the great number of famine tools we are now obliged to keep by orders of Government. If we must keep so many the storekeeper should be a man highly paid than 15 Rs a month and should furnish securities and store watchers might and may must be entertained.

H. Malley Lt RE

Superintg: Engineer 3 Circle

10th March 1890

The Supply Engr

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I think there proposals should be sanctioned.
No information is given regarding the cost of the buildings which it is proposed to adopt as contrast for the storage of famine tools, but the sanctions of these will be within the powers of the S. of S.

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Apparently, these two Circulars should be disposed of together.

The deficient tools might be written off.

The chief point to be decided is whether it is necessary to keep so large a stock of famine tools in a district traversed by railways. The greater portion might be kept in the Stores at Madras, & they could be sent up at short notice if required.

Until he decides that the tools must be retained in the District, it will be necessary to sanction the Retention

P.W.C. No 2381

From
The Supdg Engr
III Circle
Bellary

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.
Madras

Dated March 18/90

Ro 1890

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a statement showing the number of water tanks, Subterranean tanks, and of large pattai wells in the Bellary District which can be used to store the famine tools, and the number of buildings required for the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Supdg Engr
III Circle

14.3.90

Pleased see statement attached to P.W.C. No 824 dated 14-3-90

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No 912 dated 20-March 1890

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
~~RAILWAY BRANCH.~~

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

From the Supdg Engr III Circle (H.E. No 3602 dated 10.3.'90)
From the ~~Chief~~ do (" " 3701 dated 10.3.'90)

The Government does not consider it desirable to disturb existing arrangements under which famine tools are stored in the various districts. The present rate of pay of the storekeeper seems inadequate, but the amount proposed by the Executive Engineer is excessive. A ~~—~~ proposition statement

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Dated 26th March 90 No. 912 W.

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