

17TH JUNE 1895, No. 1456 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 3rd June 1895, No. 1581 G.

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin for information, and with request that the same may be circulated to all warrant and non-commissioned officers employed under its orders.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana, Central India and Baluchistan.
The Director-General of Military Works.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.

2. The designs should be sent to the nearest regiment; but if this is found inconvenient, the competitor should address the Staff Officer of the District with a view to the design being submitted to the District Committee.

ENCLOSURES.

General Orders by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated Simla, the 12th March 1895.

242. The Government of India have decided to offer to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of British Corps serving in India, prizes amounting to Rs. 500 for approved designs of fixed and portable arm-racks for securing the rifles and carbines of British troops in camp and quarters.

The prizes will be allotted in two series as follows:—

(a) For drawings and specifications of an arm-rack for use in barracks, which may either be of a new pattern or a modification of existing patterns—

One prize of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25

(b) For drawings and specifications showing the best portable rack or other device for securing arms in tents—

One prize of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25

The object to be attained is, the production of simple and inexpensive racks, which will allow of rifles being at once removed and replaced by their owners, and will minimize the possibility of thieves abstracting them without disturbing the occupants of rooms or tents.

Competitors will submit their designs to a regimental committee, who will select the three best in each class and submit them to the General Officer Commanding the district by the 1st July 1895.

General Officers Commanding will detail a board of experienced officers to consider the various designs received, and will forward their proceedings, with the best three designs and specifications in each class, (a) and (b), to the Adjutant-General in India, Simla (through Lieutenant-Generals Commanding), by the 31st idem.

The first prize in each class will be withheld if none of the designs submitted for competition is judged worthy of trial.

This order is to be published in District, Station, and Regimental Orders on three different occasions, and its provisions are to be made known to all warrant and non-commissioned officers and men wishing to compete.

From Captain H. MULLALY, R.E., for Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India, dated Simla, the 6th May 1895, No. 1155 M.W.

In reply to your letter No. 2004 E., dated the 26th March 1895, and in supersession of Military Department letter No. 203 M.W., dated the 22nd January 1895, I am directed to state, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Government of India sanction, as a charge against Grant 14, Miscellaneous—Contingencies, the offer of prizes aggregating in value Rs. 500 to the warrant and non-commissioned officers and men of the army and on the unattached list, for the best specifications of racks suitable for general adoption for the safety of the arms of the British troops in India.

2. I am to add that specifications should be submitted for—

- (i) making the existing arm-racks secure; and
- (ii) ensuring the safety of arms on the line of march and in camps, where barrack arm-racks are out of place; and that the prizes under these two heads should be as follows:—

For barrack room arm-racks.

One prize of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	325

For arm-racks for the line of march and camps.

One prize of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175

From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 5th June 1895, No. 1600 G.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin for information and further action in continuation of Public Works Department No. 1581 G. of 3rd June 1895.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
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The Director-General of Telegraphs.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of G.O.C.C. No. 508, dated 24th May 1895, regarding designs and specifications for arm-racks.

508. The competition for approved designs of fixed and portable arm-racks for securing the rifles and carbines of British troops in camp and quarters, referred to in G.O.C.C. No. 242 of 1895, is also open to departmental warrant and non-commissioned officers. Their drawings and specifications should be submitted to the Officer Commanding the nearest British regiment for disposal in accordance with the instructions contained in the above quoted G.O.C.C.

ORDER—dated 17th June 1895, No. 1456 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for the information of all warrant and non-commissioned officers of the department.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.

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Encl.

G.O., 17th June 1895, No. 1456 W.

JUNE.

**Prize competition for designs
for arm-racks**

Correspondence intimating the decision of the Government of India to offer to warrant and non-commissioned officers and soldiers of British corps serving in India, prizes for approved designs of fixed and portable arm-racks for securing the rifles and carbines of British troops in camp and quarters, communicated to Superintending Engineers for the information of all warrant and non-commissioned officers of the department.