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Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2395 W

DATED 30 August/97

11/9/97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Records: Allotting with remarks a sum
of Rs. 240 to meet the cost of the boxes
for storage of pouch ammunition supplied
to the Regiment at Quilon and informing
officers of the department that the supply
of these boxes devolves on the Ordnance
department and that G.O. No. 3423 W dated
26 October ~~[illegible]~~ 1888 is still in force.

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Government {1897} of Madras.

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G.O., No. 2395 W., 30th August 1897.

AUGUST.

Funds

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers:—

From Brigadier-General J. H. PRENDERGAST, Commanding Southern District, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, dated Wellington, 22nd December 1896, No. 4689 B.

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Item 2 is a charge of Rs. 240 for providing seven kit-boxes for storage of pouch ammunition of the regiment at Quilon. The Officer Commanding 28th Madras Infantry had demanded boxes from the Public Works Department in July 1894, and on 21st September 1894. I received a letter from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, asking for an allotment of Rs. 240 for providing them, and stating that as they were urgently required by the Officer Commanding, he had sanctioned the estimate. As I considered the charge very high, I called for the estimate which I received on 13th November 1894, and found that much unnecessary expense had been incurred. I therefore returned the estimate to Officer Commanding 28th Madras Infantry, directing its revision and stating that a charge of about Rs. 10 per box should be quite sufficient.

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(ii)

No. B./B. 1424.

For favour of any remarks you may wish to make, as boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition appears to be an ordnance supply. Please return.

Ootacamund, (Signed) A. H. B. CAVAYE, Major,
26th January 1897. *for* Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Madras Command.

(iii)

No. O./18515.

Under Military Department, Government of Madras, No. 7024, dated 22nd October 1888, boxes for soldiers' kit, which are those sanctioned for issue for storage of pouch ammunition, are provided by the Ordnance Department.

The cost of manufacture in the Madras Gun Carriage Factory is given by the Examiner of Ordnance Accounts as Rs. 12-12-8 each.

(Signed) W. E. KERRICH, Capt., R.E.,
13th February 1897. *for* Inspr.-Genl. of Ordnance, M.C.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

(iv)

No. B./B. 2624.

Please say why the boxes in question were not obtained from the Ordnance Department, in accordance with the Proceedings of Madras Government * quoted above.

Return requested.

(By order.)

Ootacamund, (Signed) A. H. B. CAVAYE, Major,
17th February 1897. *for* Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the General Officer Commanding Southern District.

* Copy communicated with Quartermaster-General's No. 3735 B., dated 9th November 1888.

(v)

No. 872 B.

Returned as requested.

The Officer Commanding 28th Madras Infantry at Quilon applied to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, to supply the kit-boxes without any reference to this office. It is suggested that a reference may be made to that officer.

Wellington, (Signed) E. J. LUGARD, Brigdr.-Genl.,
27th February 1897. Commanding Southern District.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Ootacamund.

(vi)

No. B./B. 3508.

Please call upon the Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, to furnish the information asked for in minute No. (iv).

Return requested.

(By order.)

Ootacamund, (Signed) A. H. B. CAVAYE, Major,
2nd March 1897. *for* Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the General Officer Commanding Madras District.

(vii)

No. 818 B.

For early compliance and return.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th March 1897.
(Signed) J. W. CURRIE, Major,
Asst. Adjt.-Genl., Madras District.

To the Commandant, 28th Madras Infantry.

(viii)

No. 113.

The kit-boxes in question were obtained in accordance with G.O.C.C. No. 610 of 9th December 1887, page 395.

MADRAS,
6th March 1897.
(Signed) F. G. PRESTON, Lieut.-Col.,
Commandant, 28th Madras Infantry.

To the Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras District.

(ix)

No. 881 B.

Forwarded.

2. Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7024, dated the 22nd October 1888, appears to have been superseded by Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7730, dated the 19th November 1888, which latter directs that boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition should be supplied as fixtures by the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th March 1897.
(Signed) J. T. CUMMINS, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Madras District.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

(x)

No. B./B. 4731.

For favour of opinion.

2. With reference to Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7730, dated 19th November 1888, which clearly expresses the orders of the Government of India that boxes for storage of pouch ammunition for native troops should be supplied as fixtures by the Public Works Department, any allotment from "minor works" in the matter under reference appears to have been irregular.

Early return requested.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd March 1897.
(Signed) P. NEVILLE, Lieut.-Col.,
for Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

(xi)

No. 428.

Returned as requested.

2. The kit-boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition should have been obtained by the Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, from the Ordnance Department, that being the department of supply in the Madras Command (*vide* Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7024, dated 22nd October 1888).

3. The above-quoted order does not appear to have been superseded by Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7730, dated 19th November 1888, as stated by the General Officer Commanding Madras District, as the Barrack department in the Madras Command is not a manufacturing department.

4. With reference to the latter portion of paragraph 23, Chapter X, Public Works Department Code, Volume II, the Public Works Department should not apparently have undertaken to supply the boxes, as they are still articles of ordnance supply in the Madras Command.

5. If the boxes had been supplied by the Ordnance Department, they would not have been charged for. The cost of boxes supplied by the Ordnance Department is Rs. 89-8-8 against Rs. 240 charged by the Public Works Department.

6. The boxes having been supplied by the Public Works Department at Quilon, it is considered that the charges incurred on that account should not have been met from any allotment under "minor works."

MADRAS,
26th April 1897.
(Signed) G. W. SAWYER, Lieut.-Col.,
Controller of Military Accounts.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

(xii)

No. B./B. 7088.

For favour of remarks.

The price charged for these boxes by the Public Works Department at Quilon appears greatly in excess of the requirements of the case.

5th May 1897.
(Signed) P. NEVILLE, Lieut.-Col.,
Asst. Quartermaster-General.

To the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

No. 2565 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for report as to why the work was undertaken by the Public Works Department, and for explanation as to the alleged high price charged.

19th May 1897.
(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer.

From the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 2nd June 1897, No. 315.

With reference to your No. 257/W.C., dated 24th May 1897 (herewith returned), I have the honour to invite your attention to the correspondence ending with this office No. 125, dated 11th March 1895, from which it will be observed that the kit-boxes were supplied in October 1894 on emergent requisition from the Officer Commanding Quilon.

2. The estimate of Rs. 240 was framed by the Chief Engineer, Travancore, and sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer in circle register No. 49 of 1894–95, and the work was executed by the Travancore Public Works Department.

No. 306/W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his endorsement No. 2565 C., dated 19th May 1897, herewith returned with its enclosures.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
7th June 1897. Supg. Engineer, IV Circle.

No. 558 D.

Forwarded to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, with reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Neville's endorsement of 5th May 1897 herewith returned with enclosures.

2. The local Public Works officers appear to have been misled by G.O., No. 7730, Military, dated 19th November 1888, and thus undertook the supply. The work was carried out by the Chief Engineer, Travancore, on behalf of the Madras Public Works Department, there being no agency of the latter department at Quilon. This probably accounts for the high cost.

3. It should apparently be made clear that G.O., No. 7730, Military, dated 19th November 1888, is not applicable to the Madras Command, and that G.O., No. 7024, Military, dated 22nd October 1888, is still in force. If His Excellency the Lieutenant-General approve, the necessary orders will be issued to Public Works officers; meanwhile the charge should be admitted.

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
17th June 1897. *for* Chief Engineer.

Office-note from Lieutenant-Colonel P. NEVILLE, Assistant Quartermaster-General, dated 24th June 1897.

It is not clear *why* G.O., No. 7730, dated 19th November 1888, is "not applicable to the Madras Command." Please explain.

2. It is also not clear *by whom* it is intended that the charge should be admitted. His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding refuses to sanction any more than the Ordnance charges.

P.S.—The favour of *early return.*

Memorandum to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, dated 5th July 1897, No. 715 D.

In returning Lieutenant-Colonel Neville's endorsement of 24th June 1897, and connected papers, the undersigned has the honour to reply as follows:—

(1) The assumption that G.O., No. 7730, Military, dated 19th November 1888, is not applicable to the Madras Command, was based on the remarks in the Controller's endorsement No. 428, dated 26th April 1897, to the effect that the Ordnance Department is the department of supply in the Madras Command for boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition, and that G.O., No. 7024, Military, dated 22nd October 1888, was not superseded by G.O., No. 7730, Military, dated 19th November 1888.

(2) The charge having been incurred by the Chief Engineer, Travancore, on behalf of the Madras Public Works Department, the outlay must be adjusted. It will be admitted by Government as a debit to the grant for Military works in charge of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer.

From the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th July 1897, No. B./B. 11028.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your memo., No. 715 D., dated the 5th instant, I have the honour to request you will be so good as to move Government to allot the amount outstanding on account of the charges referred to therein, in view to the early adjustment of the same.

From the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, 29th July 1897, No. B/B. 11739.

Order—No. 2395 W., dated 30th August 1897.

A sum of Rs. 240 is allotted under Minor works by transfer from the reserve with the Government under Imperial—Military—Repairs, to meet the cost of the boxes for storage of pouch ammunition supplied to the regiment at Quilon. The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, will arrange for the early adjustment of the outlay.

2. The officers of the department will be informed that the supply of these boxes devolves on the Ordnance Department and that G.O., No. 3423 W., dated 26th October 1888, is still in force.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
,, other Superintending Engineers.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

A / H.V.E.

No. 2395 W, D/ 30-8-97.

Military expenditure at Quilon -

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Genl Acct

READ the following.

Print [illegible]

From the Assistant Quarter Master General No 7088 d/ 5th May 1897

Print

Endt to the Suptg Engr IV circle, No 2565c d/ 19th May 1897
From the Suptg Engr IV circle, No 306w d/ 7th June 1897
Endt to the Deputy Adjutant General Madras Command, No 558D d/ 17th June 1897
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Memo to the Deputy Adjutant General Madras Command, No 715D d/ 5th July 1897
From the Deputy Adjutant General, Madras Command, No B/B 11028 d/ 17th July 1897

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From 13 S.P. & ——, No B/B 11.739 d/ 29th July 1897.

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To The S.E. IV circle
Other S. Es
- Examr. P.W. Accts
- Dy Adjutant Genl, Madras Command, for the information of H.E. the Lt Genl Commanding the Forces.

D 1/9/97

[P. W. 40. / 1,500—13-4-97.]

H.E. 20-8-97 R 26-8-97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 7644

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Order

From The Dy: Adjutant General
Madras Command.

No. B/B 11739

Dated 29 July 1897

Received 30 Do

Enclosures Deps: 2.8.97 / 11

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SUBJECT.

Kit boxes. Forwards the correspondence re: — provided by the P.W.D for the storage of pouch ammunition of the Regiment at Quilon

[P. W. 29. / 1,000—27-4-97.]

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No 715 D

L. G. C.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Diary No. B/12164 Ch
Recd. 6 JUL 1897 7.7.97
Branch

Ootacamund
Dated ~~Madras~~, 5th July 1897.

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[illegible] Campbell Col R.E.,
Chief Engineer.

To

The Dy. Adjutant General,
Madras Command,
(with original papers returned)

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This heading and No. to be quoted in reply.

Ordnance Department
Stores - Supplies
No. B
B 11739

Ootacamund,
29th July 1897.

From

The **DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, MADRAS COMMAND,**

To

The Chief Engineer
with the Government of Madras
P. W. D

~~(Through~~ ~~District)~~

REFERENCE, YOUR ~~Letter~~ MEMO. ~~MY~~ ~~Endorsement~~ No. 950 D of the 27th Instant

MEMORANDUM.

The correspondence asked for in the above, is herewith forwarded.

Please return when no longer required.

J. Neville Colonel
Asst: Dy. Mr. General
For Dy: Adjt. General

C.B. 1000
I.B. 8-7-97.

Public Works (1897) **Department.**

CURRENT No.

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D

From The Dy. Adjutant General
Madras Command.

~~Order~~

Memo.
No. 950 ~~D~~ & 27th July 1897

with reference to letter No. B/B 11028 dated 17th July 1897 from the Dy. Adjutant General, Madras Command, the undersigned has the honour to request that the papers returned with this Office Memo No. 715 D dated 5th July 1897 may be forwarded for reference.

26/7/97
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No. B/B 11028

Dated 17th July 1897
Received — Do
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SUBJECT.

Kit boxes supplied at Quilon

Requests to arrange for the early adjustment of the charges incurred on

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he Dy. Adjutant-General,
Madras Command. } D&W 27/7

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Ordnance Dept: Stores. Supplies

Ootacamund,
17th July 1897

No. 13/13.11028

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From

The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, MADRAS COMMAND,

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Government of Madras
Public Works Dept.

ENCLOSURES.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

P. Neville Lt: Colonel
Asst: Quartermaster General
for Dy: Adjutant General.

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Memo
No. 715 DD 5th July 1897

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3/7/97

To the Dy Adjt. Genl. Madras Command (with orig. papers returned)

D/No 5/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6353

Order

From The Assistant Quarter Master General.

No.

Dated 24.6.97.

Received 30.6.97

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SUBJECT.

Kit boxes. Requests to be furnished with certain further information in connection with the charges incurred on the supply of — to the Military Buildings at Quilon

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A.Q.M.G. 10P

It is not clear why G. O. No 7730 of 19.11.88 is "not applicable to the Madras Command." Please explain.

2. It is also not clear by whom it is intended that the charge should be admitted.

The L. G. C. refuses to sanction any more than the Ordnance charges

P. Neville Lt Col.
A. Q. M. G.
24. 6. 97

P. S.
The favour of Early return

~~L.G.C.~~

Dy. Chief Secretary P. W. D.

A.Q.M.G.

~~L.G.C.~~

Dy Sec^y

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Public Works (1897) Department.

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~~Order~~ Sent.

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CURRENT No. ~~5759~~ E.9 ~~6553~~/97 7644/97

From The Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

No. 306 / W

Dated 7th June 1897

Received 12.6.97

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C W R Burton.
Dy Chief Engr.
for Chief Engr. P.W.D.

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SUBJECT.

Kit boxes for Military buildings at Quilon –

Returns the Correspondence on the supply of ——— duly explained by the Ex: Engr. West Coast Division –

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Ordce. Deptt
Stores - Supplies

Dy. No. B. 16572
28-12-96.
Received in B Branch 14-1-97

Head Quarters, Southern Dt.
Wellington 22d. December 1896.

No. 4689-B.

From

The General Officer Commanding
Southern District

To

The Deputy Adjutant General,
Madras Command,
Ootacamund.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. Servant
Sd/ J.H. Prendergast, Brig. Genl

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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
No. ....
21 MAY 97
FOURTH CIRCLE.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
No. 2/226
28 MAY, 97
P.W.D.
WEST COAST DIVISION.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. ....
4 JUN 97
FOURTH CIRCLE

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II

Ootacamund, 26th January 1897.

No: B/B. 1424.

OFFICE OF INSPR. GENL. OF ORDNANCE, M.C.
No. 19951
23 JAN. 1897

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I. G. O. Madras Command.

For favor of any remarks you may wish to make, as boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition appears to be an Ordnance supply.

Please return.

A. H. W. Cavaye Major,
Dy: Assistant Adjutant General,
for Dy: Adjutant General.

Diary No. B/2963
Recd. 14. FEB. 1897
Branch ....

A.H.W.C.
15/2/97

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III

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D. A. G. Madras Command

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R. Merrick Capt. for Colonel R.A.
Inspector General of Ordnance M.C.

IV.

Ootacamund, 17th February 1897.

No: B / B. 2624.

G. O. C. Southern District.

Please say why the boxes in question were not obtained from the Ordnance Department, in accordance with the P. M. G. quoted above.

Copy communicated with Q.M.G.'s No: 3735/73 dated 9th November 1888.

Return requested.

"By Order."

A. H. B. Cavaye Major,
Dy: Assistant Adjutant General,
For Deputy Adjutant General.

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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
No.
21 MAY. 97.
FOURTH CIRCLE.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
No. 3/226 W
28 MAY. 97
P. W. D.
WEST COAST DIVISION.

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Rs. 2
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Cup. 977
Boxes;

V

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICE
No. 872 B.
27th FEB. 97
SOUTHERN DISTRICT

5P

Diary No. B / 3899
Recd 28 FEB. 1897 A.H.B.C.
Branch 1/3/97

To.

The Dy. A. G. Ootacamund.

Returned as requested.

The officer Commanding 28th M. I. at Quilon applied to the Executive Engineer P. W. D. to supply the kit boxes without any reference to this office. it is suggested that a reference may be made to that officer.

Edward Lugard
Brigadier General
Commanding Southern Dt.

VI

Ootacamund, 2nd March 1897.

No: B / B. 3508.

G. O. C. Madras District

Please call upon the Commandant 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, to furnish the information asked for in minute No: IV.

Return requested.

"By Order"

A. H. B. Cavaye Major
Dy: Assistant Adjutant General
For Deputy Adjutant General

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STAFF
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B. BRANCH.
Dy. No. 1157
DISTRICT OFFICE.
MADRAS DISTRICT.

VII

No 818 B

To The Commandant
28th M. I.

~~For~~ early compliance. & return

(Bd) [illegible] Major
~~Asst. Adjt. Genl.~~
Madras Dist

Fort St George
4th March 1897

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE 21 MAY. 97 FOURTH CIRCLE.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, No. 4/226 W 28 MAY. 97 P.W.D. WEST COAST DIVISION.

VIII

No 113.

A. A. G. M. Dt

The kit boxes in question were obtained in accordance with G.O.C.C. No. 610 of 9-12.87. page 395.

F. Weston Lt Colonel Bd/
Commdt. 28th M. I.

Madras
6-3.97

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, No. 4 JUN. 97 FOURTH CIRCLE

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICE RECEIVED 8-MAR. 97 B. BRANCH. Dy. No. 1234 MADRAS DISTRICT.

Superseded by P.M.G. 7024
22.10.88.

IX

Diary No. B/475
Recd. 11. MAR. 1897 A.H.R.
Branch 12/3/97

No 881 B

To
The Dy. Adjt. General
Madras Command

Forwarded. -

2. P.M.G. No 7024 of the 22nd October 1888 appears to have been superseded by P.M.G. No 7730 dated the 19th Novr: 1888 which latter directs that boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition should be supplied as fixtures by the P.W. Dept. -

Fort St George
9th March 1897

Brigadier General
Commanding Madras Dt.

X

Ootacamund, 22nd March 1897.

No: B
B.4731.

C. M. A. Madras Command.

For favor of opinion.

2. With reference to P. M. G. No: 7730, dated 19th November 1888, which clearly expresses the orders of the Government of India that boxes for storage of pouch ammunition for native troops should be supplied as fixtures by the P. W. D., any allotment from "Minor Works" in the matter under reference appears to have been irregular.

Early return requested.

CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS, 24 MAR. 1897 11427

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P. W. D., FOURTH CIRCLE. No. 21. MAY. 97.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P. W. D., WEST COAST DIVISION. No. 5/2264 28 MAY, 97

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P. W. D., FOURTH CIRCLE. No. 4 JUN. 97.

J. Steville Lt: Colonel,
Asst: Quarter Master General,
For Deputy Adjutant General.
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Office of Controller of Military Accounts,
Madras Command,
Madras, the 26th April 1897.

Diary No. B/7827 8L
Recd. 27. APR. 1897 28.4.97.
Branch

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Returned as requested.

2. The kit boxes for the storage of pouch ammunition should have been obtained by the Commandant, 28th Regiment M. I. from the Ordnance Department, that being the department of supply in the Madras Command: vide

× Proceedings of Madras Government No. 7024, dated 22nd October 1888.

× 3023 W / 26-10-88

3. The above quoted order does not appear to have been superseded by Proceedings of

× Madras Government No. 4730, dated 19th November 1888, as stated by the General Officer Commanding Madras District, as the Barrack Department in the Madras Command is not a manufacturing department.

4. With reference to the latter portion of para 23, Chapter X, Public Works Department

code, volume II, the Public works department should not apparently have undertaken to supply the boxes, as they are still articles of ordnance supply in the Madras Command.

5. If the boxes had been supplied by the ordnance department, they would not have been charged for. The cost of boxes supplied by the ordnance department is Rs. 89-8-8 against Rs. 240/- charged by the Public works department.

6. The boxes having been supplied by the Public works department at Quilon, it is considered, that the charges incurred on that account should not have been met from any allotment under "Minor works"

Lieut. Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

To
The Deputy Adjutant General,
Madras Command.

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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE P.W.D. No. 21 MAY. 97 Encl. FOURTH CIRCLE.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, No. 6/22 W 28 MAY. 97 P.W.D. WEST COAST DIVISION.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE P.W.D. No. 4 JUN. 97 Encl. FOURTH CIRCLE.

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Letter from the Executive Engineer West Coast Division to the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle, No 315 d/ 2nd June 1897.

Enclosure No 357 wc d/ 24-5-97 with its enclosures.

With reference to your No 257/WC dated 24th May 1897 (herewith returned) I have the honor to invite your attention to the Correspondence ending with this Office No 125 d/ 11th March 1895 from which it will be observed that the kit boxes were supplied in October 1894 on emergent requisition from the Officer Commanding Quilon.

2. The estimate of Rs 204 was framed by the Chief Engineer, Travancore, and sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer in Circle Register No 49 of 1894-95 and the work was executed by the Travancore P. W. Department

No 306/W d/ 7-6-97

Enclos: 6.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. D. with reference to his Endorsement No 2565 C d/ 19th May 1897 herewith returned

returned with its enclosures.

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Supg: Engineer, 4th Circle.

S.d.S.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
No 615W
21 MAY 97
Enclo ......
FOURTH CIRCLE.

~~Order~~ Govt No 2565C of 19th May 1897

Referred to the Supg Engineer IV Circle for report as to why the work was undertaken by the P.W. Dept., and for explanation as to the alleged high price charged.

D. McW. Campbell Colonel R.E.
Chief Engr

From The Assistant Quarter Master General

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
No 1226W
22 MAY 97
WEST

No. 7088

Dated 5th May 1897

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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
No ......
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FOURTH CIRCLE.

SUBJECT.

Boxes. Forwards for favour of remarks the correspondence regarding the cost of — provided by the P.W.D for the storage of pouch ammunition of the regiment at Quilon.

O.S. K B99 R17/5

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
No.
28 MAY 97
P.W.D.
WEST COAST DIVISION,

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To C.E. P.W.D.

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The price charged for the
boxes by the P.W.D. a
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F. Neville Col.
A.Q.M.G.

5. 5. 97

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