

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 1228 W

DATED 14th Mar 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Barack Department, Govt of India Military Dept
endorsement forwarding copy of this letter sanctioning
certain proposals for the formation of one - for all
India, recorded with reference to No. 976 Wd/15.4.98.

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Barrack Department.

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

No. 769-M. W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 16th March 1898.

To

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MILITARY WORKS.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1169-A, dated the 1st March 1895, submitting detailed proposals for the amalgamation of the Barrack Departments in Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, and the formation of one Barrack Department for all India.

2. It is stated that there are at present three distinct Barrack Departments in Bengal, Madras, and Bombay; that in Bengal and Bombay the departments are under the control of the Director-General of Military Works, but that in Madras the repairs to, and manufacture of, the barrack and hospital furniture are undertaken by the Commissariat Department, while the *personnel* of the Barrack Department is under the control of the Quartermaster-General's Department. The existing executive establishments of the three departments are stated to be as follows:—

Command.	Barrack-Master, 1st class.	Barrack-Master, 2nd class.	Barrack-Master, 3rd class.	Assistant Barrack-Masters and Barrack-Sergeants.
Bengal	6	5	...	53
Bombay	6	3	6	7
Madras	5	1	...	24
Total	17	9	6	84

3. It is recommended—

I.—That the three departments should be amalgamated, and that the amalgamated department should consist of 22 Barrack-Masters, 16 Assistant Barrack-Masters and 70 Barrack-Sergeants;

- II.—That there should be two classes of Barrack-Masters, *viz.*, Barrack-Masters, 1st class, and Barrack-Masters, 2nd class, and that each class should consist of 11 men; and
- III.—That the establishment proposed in I should be distributed as follows:—

Command.	Barrack-Masters, 1st class.	Barrack-Masters, 2nd class.	Assistant Barrack-Masters and Barrack-Sergeants.
Punjab } Bengal }	...	...	...
Madras ...	...	...	...
Bombay ...	...	...	...
Total	11	11	86

4. Statements are submitted showing the cost of the present Barrack Department establishments in the three presidencies and that of the proposed amalgamated department for all India, and it is shown that the proposed scheme will have the effect of reducing the total number of Barrack-Masters by ten, and of increasing the number of Barrack-Sergeants by two, and that a saving of Rs. 29,317 *per annum* will be the result, as shown below:—

	Present.	Proposed.
Salaries ...	Rs. 1,83,773	Rs. 1,58,056
Sub-divisional allowances	9,360	5,760
Conveyance allowances	27,250	27,250
Total	2,20,383	1,91,066
Saving	Rs. 29,317	

5. The administrative changes involved by this scheme are—

- (a) An increase of the work done under the Military Works Department, requiring an increase in the sanctioned establishment of that department under the head of Barrack Department establishment, and a corresponding diminution of the work done under the Quarter-master-General's and Commissariat Departments with reduction of establishment; and
- (b) An increased charge against Grant "44—Military Works," with a corresponding relief to the Military Estimates.

6. To enable the Military Works Department to undertake the increased work, it is proposed to transfer to that department the Barrack Department establishment now employed under the Madras military authorities. As regards this establishment it is observed that out of six Barrack-Masters and 24 Barrack-Sergeants, two Barrack-Masters and nine Barrack-Sergeants are employed under the Public Works Department in India and Burma, so that the establishment and work which it is proposed to transfer to the Military Works Department are—

Establishment.

4 Barrack-Masters.

15 Barrack-Sergeants.

Clerks, peons and chowkidars.

Work.

Manufacture and repair of barrack furniture.

Supply of boxes, kit, barracks.

7. With the view to safeguarding the interest of the members of the three departments when they are amalgamated, it is recommended that for the present, and until otherwise provided for, promotions should run on three separate lists.

8. In reply I am to state that the Government of India approve of the proposals set forth above for the formation of one Barrack Department for all India, and sanction the transfer of the Barrack Department duties in Madras to the Military Works Department, with effect from 1st April 1898.

9. With regard to the provision of funds in the Military Works estimates to meet the extra expenditure involved consequent on the transfer of the Barrack Department duties in Madras to the Military Works Department, I am to say that the Government of India desire to further consider the question of the amount required to be transferred from the Military to the Military Works estimates.

It is to be understood, however, that according to the intention of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, the following establishment should be absorbed after the re-organisation hereby sanctioned is effected, viz:—

One 2nd class Barrack-Master, Bellary.

One 2nd class Barrack-Sergeant, Bellary.

One 2nd class Barrack-Sergeant, Bangalore.

10. The supply of timber for kit-boxes hitherto provided in the Madras Command by the Ordnance Department, will now be undertaken by the Military Works Department, as is the practice in other Commands; and the Government of India authorise the transfer of the following material from the Ordnance to the Military Works Department:—

Boxes, soldiers	...	...	2,198
Teak timber, Burma, log, cubic feet	...	...	5,000
1 inch, square feet, planking	...	...	10,000
$\frac{1}{2}$ inch " " " "	...	...	10,600

11. In conclusion, I am to request that the necessary additions and alterations which these orders involve in India Army Regulations, Volume XII, Barracks, may be carried out in those regulations.

12. The Commissary-General-in-Chief in India will be instructed to make the necessary corrections in India Army Regulations, Volume V, Commissariat.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) P. J. MAITLAND,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to—

The Finance Department.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

The Director-General of Ordnance in India, for information and necessary action.

The Commissary-General-in-Chief, for information and necessary action.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, with reference to correspondence ending with his letter No. 157-G, dated 22nd February 1898.

The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

The Accountant-General, Military Department.

By order,

(Signed) J. G. DAY, Major, R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Establishments.
Barrack Department.*

No. 962 M. W.

*Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the
Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public
Works Department, for information.*

By order,

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Major, R.E.,

*Military Department,
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The 15th April 1898.*

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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