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Read the following letters :—

No. 388. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 30th November 1869, No. 3,134.

ADVERTING to G. O., No. 3,575, dated 8th instant, communicating for report the endorsement of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, on a memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, relative to the employment of women about the barracks in Military Cantonments, I have the honour to state that I am of opinion that the practice of employing women on Military works could be done away with in large cantonments where labour is available plentifully, and which if carried out will prove beneficial in all respects.

No. 389. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Nizampatam, 29th November 1869, No. 1.

IN obedience to G. O., No. 3,575, 8th instant, I have the honour to observe that the additional cost of employing men and boys instead of women on barracks seems to me the only difficulty as to carrying out the suggestion of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

2. I presume that the employment of women on new barracks or unoccupied buildings would not be of any importance.

No. 390. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cumbum, 22nd November 1869, No. 2,482.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 3,575, of 8th instant, I have the honour to submit a copy of a reply from the Executive Engineer, Bellary Range, and to inform you that I quite agree with what Colonel Palmer says: "All work to Military "buildings is carried out by contract, and it would not be practicable to force "contractors into the non-employment of women. They could not do so without "increase of rates, and the casting adrift of so many women would inflict a great "hardship to those who trust entirely to these works for a livelihood."

No. 391. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th November 1869, No. 4,408.

IN reply to G. O., No. 3,575, dated 8th November 1869, I have the honour to report that the opinion generally of Officers in this Division is unfavourable to the discontinuance of the employment of women on Military works.

2. The Officer in charge of the very few Military works undertaken in North Arcot states that female labour, to a great extent, may be discouraged, but the Executive Engineers of the Northern and Southern Ranges, Presidency and Mount Range, Madras, where large and small Military works are frequently in progress,

state that it is impossible to procure a sufficient number of boys in place of women to assist bricklayers, and they are not so well-fitted for pounding chunam, which is always undertaken by women.

3. Captain Hankin states that there is a difficulty in procuring boys after they have served some time, as they soon learn, or consider that they have learnt, the business of skilled labourers, and obtain employment as bricklayers and carpenters.

4. There would, I believe, be much difficulty in Fort Saint George to procure boys the moment they are wanted for petty Military repairs.

No. 392. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 26th March 1870, No. 217.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 3,575, of the 8th November 1869, I have the honour to report that the contractors at Bangalore state that it will be impossible for them to dispense with the employment of women on Military works.

No. 393. From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 22nd November 1869, No. 968.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 3,575, dated 8th instant, I have the honour to inform you that women are employed in pounding chunam, carrying materials, etc., when repairs are executed to barracks. I do not think it would be possible to get men to pound chunam, and employing men on such duties as carrying materials, etc., would add somewhat to the cost of work. The women who are employed upon Military works are, as a rule, accompanied by some members of their family, and, as far as Trichinopoly is concerned, I do not think any apprehensions need be entertained that the employment of women in executing repairs to barracks is likely to influence the propagation or spread of venereal disease.

No. 394. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cannanore, 15th November 1869, No. 132.

I HAVE the honour to report, with reference to G. O., No. 3,575, of 8th November, that it is practicable altogether to dispense with the employment of women on Military works, if expense be disregarded. Boys cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers to replace them, and if men enough be obtainable, which is doubtful, it would be at more than double the cost. Besides that the additional demand for male labour would tend still further to increase the high rates actually prevailing.

No. 395. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 15th November 1869, No. 1,930.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 3.575, of the 8th instant, I have the honour to report that there are no barracks of British troops in this Division.

No. 396. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1870, No. 1,121.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 13.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,122, dated 27th April 1870.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Gobt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated April, 27th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 27th April 1870, No. 1,121.

APRIL.

Nos. 388-396

Employment of Women on Military works.—Passing orders on the reports of the Superintending Engineers on the practicability of dispensing with the employment of women on Military works.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 27th *April* 1870.

No. 397.

No. 1,122.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

SIR,—Adverting to Colonel Crommelin's endorsement, dated 15th October 1869, No. 1,094 B.M., on a Memorandum of the Government of India in the Military Department in which a report is called for regarding the practicability of dispensing with the employment of women on Military works in Cantonments, I am directed to state that the subject was referred to the Superintending Engineers for an expression of their views, and these having been received, this Government is of opinion that, looking on the one hand to the difficulty of obtaining a sufficiency of labour if the services of women be rejected, and on the other to the greater expense of employing male labour exclusively, it is scarcely practicable in some localities to carry out the measure, while in none can the arrangement be adopted with economy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

To the Superintending Engr. 1st Division
Supdg Engr. 2nd Division

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION

DOWLAISHWARUM, 30 November 1869

No. 3134

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From

Major J. T. Fischer RE.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr RE.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.
Madras

SIR,

I adverting to G. O. No. 3575 dated 8th Instant, communicating for report, the endorsement of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India Public Works Department, on a Memo from the Secretary to the Government of India, relative to the employment of women about the Barracks in Military Cantonments, I have the honor to state that, I am of opinion that; the practice of employing women on Military works could be done away with in large Cantonments, where labor is available plentifully, and which if carried out, will prove beneficial in all respects.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Wm. T. Fischer Major RE
A/g. Superintending Engr. 1st Division
Supt. Engr. 2nd Division

Compd. W

Extract No 1

Superintending Engineer's
Office 2nd Division
Camp Vizianagaram
29th November 1869.

From

Lieut Colonel F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer
2nd Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In obedience to G.O. No 3575
8th instant, I have the honor to observe
that the additional cost of employing
men and boys instead of women on
barracks seems to me the only
difficulty as to carrying out the
suggestion of the Deputy Secretary
to the Government of India—

2. I presume that the employment
of women on new barracks or
unoccupied buildings would not
be of any importance—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
F. J. Moberly
Lt Colonel R.E.
Superintendent 2nd Division

Rec'd 1/12/69 Q.M.G.

No 388

Rec'd 1/12/69 Q.M.G.

No. 2482.

Supdg. Engrs. Office 3rd Div.
Camp. Carnbeun
Carnbeun Valley
Kurwool District
22nd November 1869.

Hon.

The Supdg. Engineer,
3rd Division,

To. The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George,

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 3575. of 8th Instant I have the honor to submit a copy of a reply from the Executive Engineer Bellary Range and to inform you that I quite agree with what Colonel Palmer says. "All work to Civilians Dwellings is carried out by Contract and if "wants must be practicable to force Contractors "to employment of women. They could "not do so without increase of rates, and the "Casting adrift of so many women would "inflict a great hardship on those who trust "entirely to there works for a livelihood."

I have &c.

A. Walker Lt. Colnl.
Supdg. Engineer
3rd Div.

No. 388

Supdg. Engrs. Office 3rd Div. Received 30th November 1869.

To The Executive Engineer
Bellary Range.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to report for the information of Government whether the employment of women on Road Works has the effect of increasing the rates of any particular kind of labour.

I have &c.

A. Walker Lt. Colnl.
Supdg. Engineer
3rd Div.

To Executive Engineer
Bellary Range.

Dated 30th November 1869.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 388 dated 30th instant, I have the honor to state that the employment of women on Road Works has not the effect of increasing the rates of any particular kind of labour.

Dated 1st December 1869.

[illegible]
Executive Engineer
Bellary Range.

Supdg. Engineer 3rd Div. Received 1st December 1869. P. 16.
Executive Engineer Bellary Range. Received 1st December 1869. P. 16.

P.W.D. 1876 Dept.
Rec'd 29th April
Ans. 4th May No. 4928

The Supdg. Engineer
3d Division.

To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 22d Noon 1869
Rec'd 26th " "

No 2432

Forwards copy of a letter
from Col: Palmer on the
Subject of employment
of Women on Cantonment
Works.

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No 390
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Superintending Engineer's Office
4th Division Madras.
26th November 1869.

No 4408.

From
Lieutenant Colonel J. Bean R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
4th Division

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

In reply to G.O. No 3575 dated 8th November 1869, I have the honor to report that the opinion, generally, of Officers in this Division is unfavorable to the discontinuance of the employment of women on Military works.-

2. The Officer in charge of the very few Military works undertaken in North Arcot, states that female labour, to a great extent may be discouraged, but the Executive Engineers of the Northern and Southern Ranges Presidency and Mount Range Madras, where large and small Military works, are frequently in progress, state

state that it is impossible to procure a sufficient number of boys in place of women to assist bricklayers, and they are not so well fitted for pounding chunam, which is always undertaken by women.

3. Captain Hankin states that there is a difficulty in procuring boys after they have served some time, as they soon learn, or consider that they have learnt, the business of skilled labourers, and obtain employment as bricklayers and Carpenters.

4. There would, I believe, be much difficulty in Fort St. George, to procure boys the moment they are wanted for petty Military repairs.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J Kean Lt Col R E
Dy Sup Engr 4th Division

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P.W. 1506 Dept.
Ltr No. of 1st April 70
From Y.E. 494
The Sy. Lake Engr
4 Dist.
To
The Secretary to
Government N.W.P.
Dated 26th
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No. 4408.
Sir. I have the honor to report that the opinion of the Executive Officers of the 4 Dists is generally unfavorable to the discontinuance of the employment of women on Military works. Property

No 391
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No 217

Superintg: Engineer's Office, 5th Division,
Cuddalore, 26th March 1870.

From,
Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.,
Superintg: Engineer, 5th Divn.,

To,
Colonel Charles A. Ott, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 3515 of the 5th November 1869, I have the honor to report, that the Contractors at Bangalore state that it will be impossible for them to dispense with the employment of women on Military works.

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

E A Foord Colonel R.E.,
Superintending Engineer.

No 892

Dated 20th March 1879.

Received 20th March 1879.

No 217

Reports that the Contractor at Bombalone has not as yet made the improvements for them to dispense with the employment of women on Military works.

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Copy sent

No 968

Supt Engr's Office 6th Div
Lahore 22d November 1879

From,

Captain R. F. Oake R.E.
Supt Engineer 6th Div

To,

Colonel C. C. F. Orr RE.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 357
dated 8th instant, I have the honor
to inform you that women are em-
ployed in pounding Chunam Carrying
materials &c when repairs are executed
to Barracks. I do not think it would
be possible to get men to pound Chunam
and employing men on such duties as
carrying materials &c would add
somewhat to the cost of work. The
women who are employed upon Mili-
tary works are, as a rule, accompanied
by some members of their Family and
and as far as Sanitation is concerned
I do not think any apprehensions
need be entertained that the em-
ployment of women in executing repairs

to

to Barracks is likely to influence the propagation or spread of venereal disease—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obd. Servt.

A. A. Surgn. & Capt. R.E.
Supt. Engr. 6th. D.

No. 132

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From Pub. Offices Fort St. Geo.
The Supg Engineer
6th Div.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dated 22
Recd 25 } Novr 1869.

No 968.

No 1121 & 1122-27 Apl 70

Reports on the subject of the employment of women on the Military works at Trichinopoly with reference to G.O. No. 3575, dated 8th Novr 1869 - Vizagapatam

No 393

e.g. 27 April 1870 B. 16.

No 132

Supt Engineer's Office 7th Division
Cannanore 15th November 1869.

From

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer
7th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to report with reference to G.O. No. 3575 of 8th November, that it is practicable altogether to dispense with the employment of women on Military works, if expense be disregarded. Boys [illegible] sufficient numbers to replace them; and if men enough be obtainable, which is doubtful, it would be at more than double the cost. Besides that the additional demand for male labour would tend still further to increase the high rates actually prevailing.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

C. Gunther Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer 7th Division

No 1930

Madura
15th November 1869

From

Captain H. L Spenderjast. RE
Offg Superintending Engineer 8 Div

To

Colonel C. A Orr. RE
Secretary to Govt Mil Dept

Sir

With reference to G O No 3575 of the 8 instant, I have the honor to report that there are no Barracks of British troops in this Division.

I have &c
H L Spenderjast Captain RE
Offg Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Recd 18th Nov 1869
Recorded
Acknowledged

Copy of the above letter forwarded to Govt Mil Dept

Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Copy of the above letter forwarded to Govt Mil Dept

Secretary to Govt

Recd 18th Nov 1869
Recorded
Acknowledged

Report that there are no Barracks of British troops in this Division

Superintending Engineer
8th Division

No 3911

Recd 18th Nov 1869

P. W. Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 27 April 1870

Read the following.

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Ordered that the following letter be sent

H. E. No. 1

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To.

The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Sir,

Adverting to Coll. Crommelin's endorsement dated

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W.A.

J.D.S.

P.W. Department.

Copy of Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 27th April 1870.

Read the following.

No. 295

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Ordered that the following letter be sent as Despatch to Govt. of India, Public Works Department.

By order,

(Sd.) [illegible]

Secretary to Govt.

Public Works Department.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sir,

Adverting to Colonel Crommelin's endorsement dated

C.9. 1870 No. 11.

C.9. 1869 No. 1008

dated 15th October 1869
No. 1094 B. R. on a memo-
-randum of the Govt. of India
in the Military Dept. in which
a report is called for re-
-garding the practicability
of dispensing with the
employment of women
on Military Works in
Cantonments, I am directed
to state that the sub-
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expression of their views,
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Desp. 29/4/70.

practicability of dispensing with the employment of women on Military Works forwarded to the Govt. of India.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

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Employment of Women on Military Work.
Passing orders on the reports of the Supt. Engr. on the practicability of dispensing with the employment of Women on Military Work.

(Letter)
Employment of Women on Military Works
Orders on the Supt. Engrs reports regarding the

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