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[Despatch Abstract.]

Re Military training
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From W. B. DEWINTON, Esq., Superintendent of Works, No. I Periyár Project division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Periyár, 24th March 1892, No. 282 C.E.

I have the honour to forward copies of correspondence noted in the margin with reference to the substitution of an apothecary for the hospital assistant now stationed at Thekady and to state that I entirely concur with the views expressed by the District Medical officer, Madura, and beg that you will address Government on the subject.

2. It is in my opinion not only very necessary that we should have an apothecary instead of a hospital assistant at Thekady, but also a Commissioned Medical officer at Periyár instead of an apothecary for the following reasons.

3. The two camps of Periyár and Thekady contain a population of 3,000 or thereabouts, of whom nearly all are engaged on work for Government in an exceptionally unhealthy spot, far removed from superior medical aid and comforts.

4. It is of the utmost importance in the interests of both humanity and economy that these camps should be kept in as healthy a condition as possible and that sickness and mortality should be reduced to a minimum because sickness amongst the work people causes delay in the work and every day's delay costs Government Rs. 1,000.

5. I do not believe that an apothecary either in position, training or experience is capable of supervising effectively the numerous sanitary matters connected with a large camp like this and I am certain that in an emergency, such as a serious epidemic, he would fail to meet the requirements of the case.

6. A Native Infantry Regiment, only 800 strong, is given a Commissioned Medical officer and it is difficult therefore to see why such an officer is withheld from a large camp of Government work people in a feverish district. If the one is necessary, the other is far more so.

7. I beg, therefore, that you will be good enough to address Government on the subject and obtain sanction to the appointment of a Commissioned Medical officer at Periyár and an apothecary at Thekady from the commencement of next working season.

ENCLOSURES.

From Surgeon F. G. MAIDMENT, Acting District Surgeon, Madura, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 13th November 1891, No. 1095.

In continuation of this office letter as per margin, I have the honour to state I am of opinion that it would be advisable to have an apothecary at Thekady instead of an hospital assistant; the former to be totally responsible for the state of his station including sanitation, &c., as I think it would work better than the present system.

2. Under existing rules the apothecary at Periyar has to go twice a week to Thekady to supervise the work of the hospital assistant, in consequence of which the latter tries to shirk all responsibility as regards sanitation, &c., on to the shoulders of the apothecary, he being his supervising officer, and this would naturally lead to the hospital assistant doing his work in a dilatory manner.

3. Again there are a few European subordinates at Thekady who do not think any respect is due to the hospital assistant as they expect him to carry out any orders they may suggest without consulting the Sub-divisional officer. This would not, I think, occur if a man of a higher grade were placed in charge as he would naturally command more respect.

4. Further I am sure the Engineering officer would gladly fall in with my views; I would prefer an apothecary being stationed at Thekady.

From Surgeon W. B. BROWNING, Acting Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the District Surgeon, Madura, dated 26th January 1892, No. 458.

[Reference.—His letter No. 1095, dated 13th November 1891, and endorsement No. 2709 of 5th December 1891.]

Has the honour to state that he should communicate his views regarding the appointment of an apothecary at Thekady to the Public Works Department, who should, if they agree with him, address Government either through this office or direct.

2. The Surgeon-General will be glad to support the proposal when it is referred to him.

From Surgeon-Major F. C. REEVES, Acting District Medical and Sanitary officer, Madura, to the Superintendent of Works, No. 1 Periyar division, dated 2nd March 1892, No. 149.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, for your disposal copies of the marginally-noted correspondence regarding the appointment of an apothecary to Thekady. It is very necessary that an apothecary should be appointed to Thekady.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Acting District Magistrate, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Usilampati, 13th February 1892, No. 6.

With reference to endorsement No. 213, dated 3rd February 1892, Judicial, on G.O., No. 27, dated 15th January 1892, Political, I have the honour to inform you that, unless Government are disposed to make one of the Engineer officers a Special Magistrate, the only course is to add the camps to the jurisdictions of the Uthamapohiem Sub-Magistrate and Joint Magistrate.

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th March 1892, No. 1470.

With reference to G.O., No. 27, Political, dated 15th January 1892, calling for report as to the extension of police jurisdiction over the Periyar works, I have the honour to state—

(i) That taking into consideration the large number of coolies employed on these works, I am of opinion that a police station should be established on a suitable site close to the works.

(ii) That, as a guard of one fourth-grade head constable and 6 constables is already maintained at Periyakulam at the cost of the Public Works Department for the purpose of escorting treasure from Periyakulam to the works, I propose that this guard be amalgamated with the proposed station and that all be located at the Periyar.

If this plan be adopted only a small addition to the police already paid for by the Public Works will be necessary.

2. The following memorandum shows the strength and cost of police for the new station:—

No.	Grade.	Pay.	Charge allowance.	Hill batta.	Total.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Third grade ...	16	4	4	24
4	First-class constables ...	32	...	12	44
5	Second-class do. ...	35	...	15	50

3. In addition to this a small expenditure will be necessary for the erection of a temporary station and for hutting the men.

4. As during the unhealthy months of April and May the works at the Periyar are partially suspended it is proposed to establish the station from the 1st June next. This will allow reasonable time for the erection of the station and huts and for the necessary police arrangements to be made.

No. 601, Judicial.

Referred to the Chief Engineer for remarks with Honorable Member's note in original.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Acting Under-Secretary.

1st April 1892.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. I entirely agree with the Superintendent of Works that an apothecary should be appointed to the medical charge of the camp at Thekady and that, if possible, a Commissioned Medical officer should be appointed to the Periyar camp.

3. The correspondence shows that the former proposal is approved by the Medical authorities and I have reason to believe that the latter would also be approved by them if an officer can be spared for the purpose.

4. This question should, in my opinion, be considered in connection with that of the magisterial jurisdiction raised in the letters from the District Magistrate of Madura, No. 6 of 13th February 1892, and from the Inspector-General of Police, No. 1470 of 15th March 1892, which have been referred to me for remarks by the Judicial Department.

5. The proposal to appoint a Commissioned Medical officer with magisterial powers was made by the Superintendent of Works in November last and referred to the Political Department (the transfer of jurisdiction not having been at that time completed) with a note by myself supporting the proposal by memo. No. 5176 C. of 20th November 1891. No orders appear to have yet been passed on this point.

6. I have nothing to add to the opinions expressed in the note mentioned above. A Special Magistrate is certainly desirable and the grant of magisterial powers to any

of the officers employed on the project is in my view most undesirable. The appointment of a Commissioned Medical officer with magisterial powers would be the best possible arrangement for all purposes.

7. With regard to the Police force, I concur in the views expressed by the Inspector-General in his letter No. 1470 of 15th March 1892.

MADRAS,
7th April 1892.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUIK, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 20th April 1892, No. 1254 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that there is no prospect of the services of a Commissioned Medical officer being available for the medical charge of the Periyár camp, but has no objection to the substitution of an apothecary for the hospital assistant at Thokady, and, if the Surgeon-General could supply a Military Warrant officer from those at his disposal in civil employ, the arrangement would give a man of considerable standing and experience, quite sufficient for the charge. The necessary orders on this subject will issue in the Public Department.

2. The Government considers that a special Second-class Sub-Magistrate should be posted to Periyár for the nine months of the working season and approves the proposals of the Inspector-General of Police regarding the Police force to be stationed at the works. These points will be further considered in the Judicial Department and meanwhile the Superintendent of Works will take early steps to provide an office and quarters for the Sub-Magistrate and the station and huts required for the Police.

(True Extract.)

Done & 11/4

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.
" Judicial Department, with original papers returned.

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