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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th July 1863.

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 6th July 1863, No. 2,203.

Approving of the Commander-in-Chief's views that, with the exception of Madras, there is no necessity for any further relief of Military Guards by the Police in this Presidency. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 6th July 1863, Nos. 123—125.)

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1863, No. 454.
To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Officiating Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 26th June 1863, No. 479; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government, No. 800, dated 11th March 1863, communicating a Despatch from the Government of India on the question of the amount of duty which should be required* from the Native Troops, before steps are taken to transfer any portion of that duty to Police: and, with reference thereto, requesting His Excellency to re-consider whether, in this Presidency, there is still no necessity for any further relief of Military Guards by the Police.

i. e. One night out of five on duty.

2. Consequent on the foregoing Order, Officers of Divisions and Forces were again addressed on this subject, and the result is as follows :—

In the Mysore Division.
,, *Ceded Districts.*
,, *Southern Division.*
,, *Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.*
} The Native Troops have more than four nights out of five in bed.

,, *Northern Division.*—The Native Troops have more than four nights out of five in bed with the exception of the Sappers and Miners, which has only three nights out of four in bed ; but for this General Browne says, there appears no remedy owing to the number of Military Guards at the Station.

In the Nagpore Force.—With the exception of the 7th Regiment at Raepore, the Troops in this Command have four nights out of five in bed: and on the relief of the Jail Guard at Raepore, by the Police, for which application has been made, the 7th Regiment will also have the same number of reliefs.

Centre Division.—In this Division, the Native Troops at Madras alone have less than four nights in five in bed, here they have three nights in four in bed: Major General McCleverty reports that he applied to the Commissioner of Police to relieve the Military Guards over

The Madras Bank.
,, Commissariat Office.
,, Gun Carriage Manufactory.
,, Pension Office, and
,, Stamp Office;

but Lieutenant Colonel Wilson replied that the Police Force at his disposal would not enable him to do so.

Pegu Division and the Straits.—Replies have not yet been received from these Commands.

3. Sir Hope Grant having had the above Reports before him, he directs me to state that, with the exception below specified, he is still of the opinion expressed in the letter from this Department, No. 157, dated 20th February 1863, *viz.*, "that there is no necessity for any further relief of Military Guards by the Police." The exception is Madras, but there it appears Police are not available.

4. Agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 29th May 1863, No. 1758, instructions have been issued to Divisional Commanders that it is to be considered a Standing Rule that *all* Guards in and about a Cantonment are to be taken by the Troops, until the men come to have *less* than four nights out of five in bed: and that purely Military Guards (such as Main Guards, &c.) are to be at all times furnished by Troops.

5. In paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government last quoted, allusion is made to the difference of system between the Bengal and Madras Presidencies in respect to Guards and Sentries—Sir Hope Grant believes that, under the system in the Bengal Army, each man of a Guard is on Sentry only *six* hours out of the twenty-four, while in this Presidency, the General Rule

is that a Sentry is on his Post for *eight* hours out of twenty-four,—still the Commander-in-Chief thinks, that the proportion of rest may be reduced even below that fixed in Bengal, and His Excellency would therefore suggest, that the "Standing Rule" be modified, and that the Troops be required to take *all* Guards in and about a Cantonment, until the men come to have less than seven nights in nine in bed. This proportion of rest to duty is in excess of what obtains generally in the British Army in England, and so long as the number of reliefs admits of this, the duty cannot be considered severe.

ORDER, No. 2203, *6th July* 1863.

The Governor in Council approves of the Commander-in-Chief's views, and directs that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Government of India.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 6th July 1863, No. 2204.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Financial Department.
„ Controller of Military Finance.
„ Commissary General.

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No 1 Copy of the Govt of India Mily Dept No 2203 dated 6th July 1863

Copy of Letter from Govt of India Mily Dept No 2204 dated 6th July 1863

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Observing by the Commr in Chief's minute that, with the exception of Poonah, there is no necessity for any Pensioners of this Body Guard to do Sentry -

Ed. T. Stubbs

Bombay Castle 29th May 1863

R. Grant

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