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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

13th June 1881, No. 1076.

Municipal Tolls.

Read the following papers :—

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 21st February 1881, No. 782 [Current No. 440].

With reference to Government Orders in the Financial Department, Nos. 2193, of 24th November 1880, and 2223, of 27th November 1880, I have the honor to forward a sketch* showing the limits of the Bellary Cantonment as proposed by the Military authorities. These differ widely from the limits of the cantonment as hitherto constituted, which included the Upper and Lower Forts and the Cowl Bazaar.

* By a separate parcel.

2. It will be observed that under the present proposal the cantonment will be restricted to the regimental lines, parade grounds, and officers' quarters, certain military buildings in and outside the Lower Fort, although excluded by the main boundary of the cantonment, being included as isolated patches.

3. The difficulty which the Municipal Commissioners foresee in the working of the arrangement arises from the necessity they are under of levying a tax from tolls. The proposed cantonment lies between the Cowl Bazaar and the main Dharwar road, which carries probably more traffic than any other road entering Bellary. The cantonment boundary skirting the Cowl Bazaar has so many outlets that it would be practically impossible profitably to toll traffic entering the Cowl Bazaar through the cantonment. Nor can any other boundary which excludes the Cowl Bazaar and which is not open to the same objection be proposed.

4. I may add that the institution of tolls between the cantonment and the railway station would seem to be very undesirable.

5. Under these circumstances the Commissioners proposed that the whole cantonment should be surrounded by a strip of municipal land to enable them to levy tolls on traffic entering the place from the west as at present, leaving all communication between the cantonment and places within the limits of the Municipality untolled.

6. The Brigadier-General takes exception to this proposal on the ground that officers crossing the municipal limits in their morning rides would be tolled on re-entering those limits.

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8. The Commissioners further proposed that, in consideration of their giving the free use of their roads to the residents of the cantonment, the main roads round and through the Lower Fort should be maintained by Government. These roads are much used by the animals and carts of the Commissariat Department, and the Brigadier-General concurs in considering that they should be maintained, as at present, by Government.

9. I have the honor to request instructions as to the principles upon which the boundaries are to be settled and as to how a conflict of opinion such as arises as regards the municipal boundary in relation to tolls is to be determined. It does not appear possible to include all that is essential to the cantonment within a ring boundary without including many civil buildings and institutions and private houses. If, on the other hand, military buildings are detached from the main body of the cantonment, the roads connecting them with the cantonment should, it seems, be maintained by Government.

10. Copies of the resolution of the Municipal Commissioners and of the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General's letter of the 14th instant conveying the Brigadier-General's views on the subject are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major E. H. EYRE, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Ceded Districts, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Bellary, 14th February 1881, No. 196.

In reply to your No. 59 of the 10th January 1881, I have the honor, by order, to forward the subjoined extract from the Brigadier-General's letter, No. 11, of the 24th January 1881, to the Quartermaster-General of the Army, on the subject of the separation of the cantonment of Bellary from the Municipality of that town, and which gives expression to the Brigadier-General's opinion, on the resolution arrived at by the Municipal Commissioners at their special meeting held on the 7th January 1881.

"*Extract from letter, No.* 11, *dated* 24*th January* 1881, *from Brigadier-General E. F. BURTON, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George.*

"Paragraph 5. * * * This difficulty* has received the serious consideration of the Municipal Commissioners, but the only means they can suggest of meeting it and saving themselves from the great loss of revenue, which would be the result of removing this and other toll-gates, is that embodied in their resolution of 7th January 1881, a copy of which, together with one of the President's letter, No. 59, of the 10th idem, is enclosed.

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"The result of such a measure, if sanctioned, will be that, while residents in the cantonment will be able to move about free of road tolls within the cantonment and municipal limits, should they once pass beyond the latter at any point they will be unable to regain the cantonment without re-entering the limits of the Municipality and having to pay toll for doing so. This would amount to an almost daily tax, as most officers in their rides are accustomed to go over several miles of the country far beyond the limits of the Municipality, and would prove a great annoyance, which could only be obviated by the Municipality agreeing to exempt them from the toll, which it is not inclined to do (*vide* copy of President's letter, No. 90, dated 14th January 1881, attached). In almost every case officers thus returning from their rides would, after paying toll, at once enter cantonment limits and pass to their residences over cantonment roads, &c., making no use whatever of municipal roads.

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2. The Brigadier-General desires me to express his regret that your request for a reply to your letter under reference should have been so long overlooked.

Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Commissioners at a Special Meeting held on Friday the 7th January 1881.

PRESENT:

H. P. Gordon, Esq.	President.
B. A. Blake, Esq.	Vice-President.
Major E. H. Eyre	Member.
Major G. Chrystie	Do.
Surgeon-Major A. L. Hackett	Do.
H. A. Sim, Esq.	Do.
M. Abraham, Esq.	Do.

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Read also letter, No. 1520, dated 22nd December 1880, containing a statement of the proposed revised boundary lines of the cantonment, as shown in yellow color in a plan which accompanied the same.

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(Signed) H. P. GORDON,
President.

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 29th March 1881, *No.* 1438 [*Current No.* 819].

In continuation of my letter, No. 782, of the 21st ultimo, on the subject of the separation of the Bellary Cantonment from the municipal limits of the town, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Brigadier-General, No. 41, of the 4th instant, proposing certain modification, together with a copy of the sketch showing the proposed modification.

2. The Municipal Commissioners see no objection to the modification of the boundary as proposed by the Brigadier-General.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Brigadier-General E. F. BURTON, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quarter master-General, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 4th March 1881, No. 41.

With reference to my letter, No. 11, dated 24th January 1881, regarding the separation of the cantonment of Bellary from the municipal limits of that town, and to the plan which accompanied it showing the proposed limits for the military cantonment, I have the honor to forward a tracing showing a modification of the southern boundary therein laid down, which I consider necessary for the purpose of securing to the native troops the use of certain wells now used by them, but which they might lose if the boundary originally proposed is adhered to. Under the limits now proposed a portion of the supply channel of the Bellary Tank will be enclosed within military limits, so that any future questions relative to this channel will have to be decided by the Municipality in concert with the Military authorities.

2. The question of the water-supply available for the native troops at this station has arisen subsequent to the despatch of my letter under reference and has been prominently brought to my notice by the proposed conversion of No. 13 well into one from which the horses of the cavalry can be watered in future, it being necessary, before deciding on this point, to ascertain what other supplies of water were available for the men and their families.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1881, No. 1076.

The Government observe that the recent Act, XI of 1881, regarding exemptions of Military Officers and the Secretary of State from liability to municipal taxation and the proposals recently made in this connection to the Government* of India have completely altered the position of affairs since the issue of G.Os., 27th November 1880, No. 2223, and 24th November 1880, No. 2193, Financial Department.

* G.O., 23rd May 1881, No. 919.

The necessity for separating cantonments from Municipalities no longer exists, as the Government will compensate the Municipalities for the loss of income by exemptions.

2. The Government Orders above referred to will accordingly be cancelled, and municipal action in cantonments included in municipal limits will in future be governed by the orders about to issue in accordance with the recent enactment.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary.
" Military Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Bellary,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 13*th*.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 13*th June* 1881, *No.* 1076.

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Municipal Tolls.—With reference to the proposal to exclude the cantonment of Bellary from municipal limits, intimated that the necessity for such exemption has been obviated by Act XI of 1881 regarding the exemption of Military Officers and the Secretary of State from liability to municipal taxation.

No 3

No 2

British Infty Rifle Butts.

No 4

Mild Cemetery

Brigade Exercise Ground.

No 1

Dharwar Road No 1.

Ramandroog Road No 2.

Famine Road No 3.

Brigade Rd. No 4.

Hospital Rd. No 5.

No 23

Cavalry Exesice Ground.

R.A. Horse Lines

Royal Artillery Barracks.

British Infantry Barracks.

Garrison Church

R.C. Chapel

No 2

No 1

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PLAN OF THE CANTONMENT OF BELLARY.

Municipal boundaries marked red.
Present Cantonment boundary marked green
Proposed Cantonment boundaries " Yellow.

Scale 8 Inches to the mile.


No 5
No 6
No 7
No 8
No 9
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No 21

Fischer's Tank

Native Infty Rifle Butts.

No 22

No 20

No 19

No 2 Native Infty

Lines

No 1 Native Infty

Lines

Infantry Road No 7

No 3

No 5

No 6

No 8

No 9

No 10

No 12

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No 15

No 17

No 18

No 16

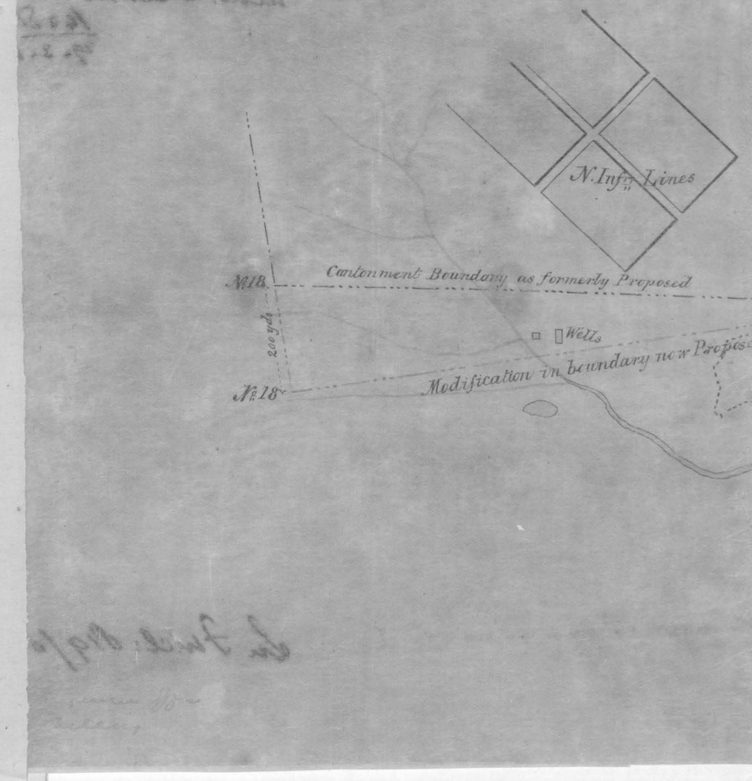
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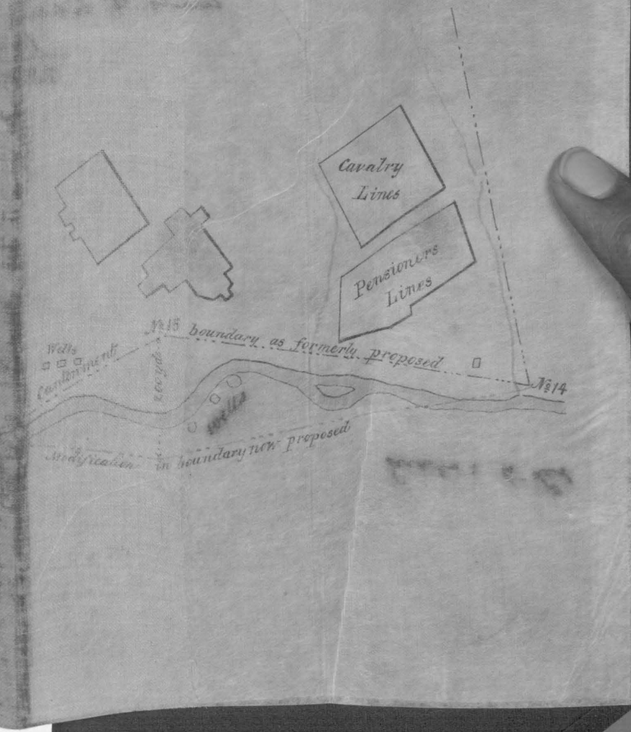
Cavalry Lines

Pensioners Lines

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No 5
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No 12
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No 9
No 70
No 70
No 11
No 78
B A T
C O W
Arsenal
Prison Garden
Mess Quarters
Dist. Engineers Yard
Magazine
Gen.l Hosp.l
Mess Prison
Cond. Store


N. Inf.y Lines
Cantonment Boundary as formerly Proposed
Wells
Modification in boundary now Proposed
200 yds
№18
№17
№16


Cavalry Lines
Pensioners Lines
Wells
Cantonment
№15 boundary as formerly proposed
№14
Modification in boundary now proposed

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Previous paper R.No. 440/8 was sent in circulation on the 8th March/81 - The present circulant must be disposed of with the forwarding one as it contains notification.

Submitted to the undersigned for taking note of the above notification by the Dy. Secy. - The previous correspondence and its output is at 605 ante

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Where are former papers ?

Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 440.

From The President, Municipal Commrs
Bellary Dated 21st Feb/81.

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FOR ORDERS.

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This separation scheme
is objected to by the Faculties
of Law & Science. I think
that speaking from recollection
only - for I have not the Act
by me - the Secretaries of S.C.
in passing the Act for
Examining Assts. Clerks,
& S. Store Keepers did
not intend that
for separating the

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Rept Ark
& Notes Rec'd
Ack'd

Cardinal & Dollar Commissioners from the Town Municipalities no longer exist.

The papers are not complete but they are sufficient to show the objections & conflicting opinions in areas of the Western Districts & Municipalities.

The Govt have adopted the principle that the State should bear one third of the Municipal & District obligations, but the difficulty is to apportion the one third fairly between the different

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by agreement with the Municipality, as to the amount to be paid.

Better look at the papers & then return with the Act.

The opinion of the Crown Lawyers not having been difficulty arose

There are papers in both Lieut. & Fitzroy Council. Should both be looked at.

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Separation of Bellary Cantonment from Municipality

Feb. 440

FOR ORDERS.

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[Office-paper Form.]

Financial Department.

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Papers in hand down to date :—

× No. 440 of 1881.

× No. 819 of 1881.

No. of

~~Draft Order.~~

Note for Orders.

The Government of India in their Resolution printed in G. O. 14th May 1880 No. 990 Financial Department declared that in Cantonments brought under the operation of a Municipal Act, military and other officers should be exempted from certain municipal taxes and that no municipal

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levied on public pro:
perty animals or
vehicles. Of this being com.
municated to the Munici
palities, the Bellary
Municipality gave
notice of their intention
to withdraw the conser
vancy establishment
hitherto maintained
by them for the use of
the troops. As such
withdrawal would
prove most prejudicial
to the health of the
troops the Military
Authorities applied
for a grant from
Government to continue
the

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the conservancy
arrangements. In their
order, dated, 9th July
1880 No. 4294 (Military
Department) the Govern:
ment decided that
an agreement should
be entered into with
the Municipality for
the continuance of the
service on a contract
sum per annum
and that the Officer
Commanding should
communicate with
the President, in order to carry
out the arrangement
and report the result.
They at the same
time warned the Mun:
icipality

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nicipality that the
requirements of the
Law must be satisfied
as fully as heretofore
within any area included
in Municipal limits
and that it is only in
regard to conservancy
operations beyond those
limits that any Govern-
ment contract arrange-
ment is intended to
apply. In August
1880 the Quarter Master
General reported that
the Municipality re-
quire Rs. 3367 per an-
num for performing
the service while only
Rs 2774 would be re-
quired

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quired should the
Military Department
undertake the duty
and requested in-
structions as to who should
do the work. The Govern-
ment thereupon declared*
that the time had ar-
rived for bringing into
force paras 12 to 14 of
Proceedings of Govern-
ment No 997 dated
16th March 1869 regarding
Bellary and Cannan-
nore, and accordingly
directed that those
Cantonments be sepa-
rated from the Munici-
pal limits of the
respective

* G.O. of 10 Nov: 1880: No: 7074.

+ Note

The original of this G.O. M.D is at Ooty. The notes of the Hon. members will probably be found in that paper.

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respective towns. The
notification now sub-
mitted is in pursuance
of this order. Lofts 24 hours
Ifto No 2193. 70.

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Financial Department.

Separation of Bellary Cantonment

Under Disposal Docket.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

× No. 440 of 1881.
× No. 819 of 1881.
No. of

Financial Department. 1076/12 of 1880 & 13/1881

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt: Servt:

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For Colr: President Mil

24/4/80 Rs 2193 Pons ✓
27/4/80 Rs 2223 ✓
6/9/80 Rs 1688 ✓
14/6/80 Rs 1187 ✓
8/4/73 Rs 475 ✓
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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 21st February 81. No. 782.

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To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Enclosures 3.

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Subject.

Forwarding a Sketch of the Bellary as proposed by the Military authorities and requesting instruction as to the principles upon which the Boundaries are to be settled.

Municipal Taxation
Cantonment

Quarter Master Genl's Office
C. Dte.
Bellary 14th February 81

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No. 196

From

Major E. H. Eyre
Dy Asst Qr Mr Genl: C. Dte.

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Extract from Letter No. 11 dated 24th January 1881 from Brigdr Genl E. H. Burton to the Qr Mr General Fort St George

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(Sd) E. A. Eyre major
Dy. Asst Qr Mr Genl
C. Dts

(True Copy)

For Collector

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From

The Collector of

Bellary

To The Chief Secretary

to Government

Madras.

Enclosure No 1.

to the Collector's letter No 782

dated 21st February 181.

Copy of the letter from the Deputy Assistant Qr Master General Ceded Districts

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Proceedings of the Bellary Special Municipal Commissioners at a meeting held on Friday the 7th January 1881.

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Present

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B. A. Blake —"— ——— Vice President

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/ Signed / H. P. Gordon
President.

/ True Copy /

Fort Cols: & President Mc.

By

From
The Collector of
Bellary.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Madras.

Enclosure No 2.

Bellary Collector's
letter No 782 dated 21-2-81.

Copy of the Resolution
passed by the Municipal
Commissioners.

In Jud: 440/81

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 1438 Dated { 29 March 1881

CURRENT No. 819.

From,

THE COLLECTOR AND PRESIDENT ~~MUNICIPAL COMMISSION~~

BELLARY.

To,

THE Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George.

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L. A. Gridley
Collector & President
Mt. C.

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23-2-81.

Encl. (1881) Dept
Mem. Cantonments

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 29th March/81 No. 14

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

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Enclosure. 2

Received 30

CURRENT No. 819.
Subject.

Informing that the Municipal Commissioners see no objection to the proposed alterations in the Southern limits of the Bellary Cantonment.

Quarter Master General's Office C. D.
Bellary 4th March 1881.

No. 41.

From,

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Brigadier General E. F. Burton
Commanding Ceded Districts

To,

The Quarter Master General
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 11 dated 24th January 1881 regarding the separation of the Cantonment of Bellary, from the Municipal limits of that Town, and to the Plan which accompanied it showing the proposed limits for the Military Cantonment, I have the honor to forward a tracing showing a modification of the Southern boundary therein laid down, which I consider necessary for the purpose of securing to the Native Troops the use of certain wells, now used by them, but which they might lose, if the boundary originally proposed is adhered to. Under the limits now proposed, a portion of the Supply

Channel

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channel of the Bellary Tank, will be enclosed within Military limits, so that any future questions relative to this channel will have to be decided by the Municipality in concert with the Military authorities.

2. The question of the water supply available for the Native Troops at this station, has arisen subsequent to the despatch of my letter under reference, and has been prominently brought to my notice, by the proposed Conversion of No. 13 Well, into one from which the horses of the Cavalry can be watered in future, it being necessary before deciding on this point, to ascertain what other supplies of water were available for the men and their families.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) E. F. Burton Brigr. General
Commanding Ceded Districts.

/True Copy/
(Signed) E. H. Eyre Major
D. A. Qrs. Mr. Genl. C. D.

/True copy/

Gardiner
Lieut. & Precident M. C.

Encls: to Letter no 143 S
29-3-81.

Copy of Brigadier
Encls Letter no 41
4-3-81

In Encl: 819/81

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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~~Papers in hand down to date:~~

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following
letters from the President
Municipal commission Bellary
dated 21st February 1881 No
782 and 29th March 1881 No 1139.

Order thereon. 13th June 1881 No 1076.

The Government
observe that the recent
Act XI of 1881 regarding
exemptions of Military
officers and the Secretary
of State from liability
to Municipal taxation
and the proposals re-
cently made in this con-
nection to the Government
of India have completely
altered the position
of affairs since the
issue

+ G.O. 23rd May 1881 No 919

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issue of G.Os. 27th Novem.
ber 1880 No. 2223 and 25th
November 1880 No. 2193.
Financial Department.
The necessity for
seperating cantonments
from Municipalities no
longer exists, the Govern-
ment will compensate the
Municipalities for the
loss of income by exemp-
tions.

2 The G.Os. above
referred to will ac-
cordingly be cancelled:
and Municipal action
in Cantonments included
in Municipal limits will
in future be governed
by the orders about to
issue in accordance
with the recent enactment.

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Railway

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Municipal Bills - Letter recd with proposal to exclude the Cantonment of Bellary from Municipal limits, intimating that the necessity for such exemption has been obviated by Act X of 81 regarding the Exemption of Mily Officers & the S of S from liability to Municipal Taxation -

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

13th June 1881, No. 1076.

Municipal Tolls.

Read the following papers :—

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 21st February 1881, No. 782 [Current No. 440].

With reference to Government Orders in the Financial Department, Nos. 2193, of 24th November 1880, and 2223, of 27th November 1880, I have the honor to forward a sketch* showing the limits of the Bellary Cantonment as proposed by the Military authorities. These differ widely from the limits of the cantonment as hitherto constituted, which included the Upper and Lower Forts and the Cowl Bazaar.

* By a separate parcel.

2. It will be observed that under the present proposal the cantonment will be restricted to the regimental lines, parade grounds, and officers' quarters, certain military buildings in and outside the Lower Fort, although excluded by the main boundary of the cantonment, being included as isolated patches.

3. The difficulty which the Municipal Commissioners foresee in the working of the arrangement arises from the necessity they are under of levying a tax from tolls. The proposed cantonment lies between the Cowl Bazaar and the main Dharwar road, which carries probably more traffic than any other road entering Bellary. The cantonment boundary skirting the Cowl Bazaar has so many outlets that it would be practically impossible profitably to toll traffic entering the Cowl Bazaar through the cantonment. Nor can any other boundary which excludes the Cowl Bazaar and which is not open to the same objection be proposed.

4. I may add that the institution of tolls between the cantonment and the railway station would seem to be very undesirable.

5. Under these circumstances the Commissioners proposed that the whole cantonment should be surrounded by a strip of municipal land to enable them to levy tolls on traffic entering the place from the west as at present, leaving all communication between the cantonment and places within the limits of the Municipality untolled.

6. The Brigadier-General takes exception to this proposal on the ground that officers crossing the municipal limits in their morning rides would be tolled on re-entering those limits.

7. This difficulty would no doubt arise, and it would not be within the power of the Municipality to exempt these gentlemen (see Section 80 of the Act), but it appears to me that the Commissioners' proposal is the arrangement most favorable to the residents of the cantonment that the circumstances allow.

8. The Commissioners further proposed that, in consideration of their giving the free use of their roads to the residents of the cantonment, the main roads round and through the Lower Fort should be maintained by Government. These roads are much used by the animals and carts of the Commissariat Department, and the Brigadier-General concurs in considering that they should be maintained, as at present, by Government.

9. I have the honor to request instructions as to the principles upon which the boundaries are to be settled and as to how a conflict of opinion such as arises as regards the municipal boundary in relation to tolls is to be determined. It does not appear possible to include all that is essential to the cantonment within a ring boundary without including many civil buildings and institutions and private houses. If, on the other hand, military buildings are detached from the main body of the cantonment, the roads connecting them with the cantonment should, it seems, be maintained by Government.

10. Copies of the resolution of the Municipal Commissioners and of the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General's letter of the 14th instant conveying the Brigadier-General's views on the subject are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major E. H. EYRE, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Ceded Districts, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Bellary, 14th February 1881, No. 196.

In reply to your No. 59 of the 10th January 1881, I have the honor, by order, to forward the subjoined extract from the Brigadier-General's letter, No. 11, of the 24th January 1881, to the Quartermaster-General of the Army, on the subject of the separation of the cantonment of Bellary from the Municipality of that town, and which gives expression to the Brigadier-General's opinion, on the resolution arrived at by the Municipal Commissioners at their special meeting held on the 7th January 1881.

"*Extract from letter, No.* 11, *dated 24th January* 1881, *from Brigadier-General E. F. BURTON, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George.*

"Paragraph 5. * * * This difficulty* has received the serious considération of the Municipal Commissioners, but the only means they can suggest of meeting it and saving themselves from the great loss of revenue, which would be the result of removing this and other toll-gates, is that embodied in their resolution of 7th January 1881, a copy of which, together with one of the President's letter, No. 59, of the 10th idem, is enclosed.

* Tolling roads passing through cantonment.

"The result of such a measure, if sanctioned, will be that, while residents in the cantonment will be able to move about free of road tolls within the cantonment and municipal limits, should they once pass beyond the latter at any point they will be unable to regain the cantonment without re-entering the limits of the Municipality and having to pay toll for doing so. This would amount to an almost daily tax, as most officers in their rides are accustomed to go over several miles of the country far beyond the limits of the Municipality, and would prove a great annoyance, which could only be obviated by the Municipality agreeing to exempt them from the toll, which it is not inclined to do (*vide* copy of President's letter, No. 90, dated 14th January 1881, attached). In almost every case officers thus returning from their rides would, after paying toll, at once enter cantonment limits and pass to their residences over cantonment roads, &c., making no use whatever of municipal roads.

"6. As regards that part of the Municipal Commissioners' resolution which refers to the upkeep of certain roads, I consider that these should be maintained (as the greater part is at present) as "Imperial roads," as they are much used by the carts and animals of the Commissariat Department, in the performance of its duties."

2. The Brigadier-General desires me to express his regret that your request for a reply to your letter under reference should have been so long overlooked.

Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Commissioners at a Special Meeting held on Friday the 7th January 1881.

PRESENT:

H. P. Gordon, Esq.	President.
B. A. Blake, Esq.	Vice-President.
Major E. H. Eyre	Member.
Major G. Chrystie	Do.
Surgeon-Major A. L. Hackett	Do.
H. A. Sim, Esq.	Do.
M. Abraham, Esq.	Do.