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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, dated
20th February 1860, No. 269.

*Communicating to the Inspector General of
Mofussil Police through the Judicial Depart-
ment, for report, copy of a letter from the
Quarter Master General of the Army, and
of its enclosures, on the subject of abandon-
ing Cuddapah as a Military Station.*

(Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, from
11th to 20th February 1860, Nos. 116 and 117.)

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1860, No. 230.
Referred to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the MARAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 10th February 1860.

Read the following letters.

From Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 4th February 1860, No. 44.

1. I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request, you will be so good as to submit the annexed two copies of letters from the Officer Commanding and Superintending Surgeon of the Ceded Districts, on the subject of the cantonment of Cuddapah, with following remarks of His Excellency.

2. If a Regiment of the line can be dispensed with at Cuddapah it will, doubtless, be very desirable that it should be withdrawn from so very unhealthy a locality. Sir P. Grant has, however, been informed that the population of the district never has been well affected, and that, therefore, it is necessary to maintain troops at this station, of this, His Excellency observes, the Civil Government are no doubt, better informed than he can be.

3. The state of the roads in the Cuddapah district was brought prominently to notice in Colonel A. Cotton's memorandum, appended to the Commander-in-Chief's Minute of 11th March 1858.

From Major General I. C. COFFIN, Commanding Ceded Districts; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated 31st January 1860, No. 13.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a report from the Superintending Surgeon, Ceded Districts, on the sanitary condition of Cuddapah, and his recommendation that it should be abandoned as a military station.

Previous to transmitting this letter, I wished to visit the station, which I have now done, and as regards the unhealthy state of the 3rd Extra Regiment, quite concur with Dr. Eyre.

On the morning I visited the hospital, out of 132 patients, there were 112 fever cases, besides 40 others under observation, one of whom, was dead at 4 o'clock that afternoon—although there was nothing in the man's appearance in the morning indicating serious disease.

In a military point of view, there appears no object in keeping a Regiment at Cuddapah. If required to act upon our frontier, on the line of the Krishna for instance, the want of roads and the nature of the soil must, for many months of each year, render the passage of troops very difficult, if not, impossible. His Excellency will form some idea of the state of the roads, when I mention that on the road from Kurnool to this, the other morning, between Doo-oor and Chintagunta, both places of some importance, the road was so undefined and intersected by water courses or irrigation channels, that though I had two taluq peons with me and a villager professing to be a guide, I and my party were lodged in some padi fields and had to await daylight, and a guide from Chintagunta to extricate us.

Again even close to this cantonment so little attention has been paid to the lines of communication, that from a point where a small piece of made road coming in from Kurnool join the Gutti road, there is a space of about 1,200 yards of unmade road, which must be impassable in rainy weather, and is not very creditable to any of the parties concerned.

I have yet to travel from this to Gutti and Bellary, but I am given to understand that it is worse than any thing I have yet travelled over, and from the number of rivers and large streams that intersect it, it would cost a vast sum to make it a passable road for military purposes at all seasons.

So bad is the road between Bellary and Gutti, that when I was encamped at Asperie, en route to Kurnool, I observed some bandies laden with cotton, and on asking where they were going, was informed they were from Bellary going to Gutti en route to Madras, and preferred coming round that way, the direct road from Bellary to Gutti being so bad.

The only road open for the movement of a Regiment from this at all seasons of the year, is the one to Vellore via Rachoty and Chittoor.

From E. W. EYRE, Esq., Superintending Surgeon, Ceded Districts; to Major General
I. C. COFFIN, Commanding the Division, dated Bellary, 9th January 1860, No. 2.

1. I have the honor to state that, in letter of 14th January 1858, No. 5, (copy of which was furnished to the Officer Commanding the Division), I made a special report to the Director General, Medical Department, of the health state of the 30th Regiment N. I. at Cuddapah. I therein brought to notice the extent of fever in the corps, such as to render it unfit for field service. I remarked, that fever prevailed not only in the town but over the districts, so that no benefit might be expected to result from moving the Regiment out of cantonments. I also observed that every endeavour of an intelligent medical officer to discover the cause had failed. The 30th shortly after left Cuddapah for Bellary, where, for some time, the effects of the climate they had quitted were shown in the many relapses admitted to hospital. The 3rd Extra Regiment relieved the 30th and has equally suffered from fever. I found on my late inspection upwards of 100 cases in hospital. From 1856 to 1859, the two corps had a per centage of fever to strength of 64.82. The disease, though it unfits for duty and must impair the general health, happily is not destructive of life, the small proportion of 0.52 died from it. In the corresponding years, the native corps at Bellary had but 16.30 of fever to strength. Referring to past years, I find that from 1829 to 1841, the proportion of fever in the Regiments at Cuddapah was as high as 34.75, twice as great as at Bellary, yet little more than half what it has been during the last four years. But, (as one of the difficulties that beset the causes of fever), the 37th (Grenadiers) in 1854 and 1855 had only 15 per cent., about the same as Bellary.

2. Cuddapah has long been noted for its unhealthiness; its jail is one of the most sickly in the Presidency. Causes have been assigned, such as decaying vegetation exposed to a fervid sun, the proximity of the hills, &c., I have so often failed to discover any direct relation between fever and its supposed causes, that I had rather confess my inability to trace them in the present instance, than speculate on mere conjectures. The predisposing causes may, and have been removed, but the exciting cause of fever is too often beyond our reach. There is the greater difficulty here, that the disease is not located, but is epidemic and endemic over all the Cuddapah district.

3. The deduction I desire in this communication to make is, that Cuddapah is very detrimental to the health of a corps; and the recommendation founded on it, that if military arrangements and civil requirements permitted, it should be abandoned as a station.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. J. LAWDER, Major,
Asst. Qr. Master Genl. of the Army.

Referred for consideration in the Revenue Department regarding the withdrawal of the troops; and to the Department of Public Works with reference to the state of the roads.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Actg. Dy. Secy. to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1860, No. 263.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Inspector General of Mofussil Police through the Judicial Department for report.

(True Extract.)

L. Ramesh

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Judicial Department. ✓

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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County of York
at 10 AM. The
Court, present, copy
a letter from the
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the parties.

With an Order.

Referred to the Sheriff
General of Police.

J.P.

No. 230 - 25th January 1880

The Sheriff General of Police
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