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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd November 1863.

No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 24th October 1863, No. 3406.

Offer certain observations on a letter from the Quarter Master General, respecting the proposed appropriation of a Military building at Cannanore as a Lunatic Asylum. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 24th October 1863, Nos. 478 and 479.)

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1863, No. 1714.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following letter:—

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 2nd October 1863, *No.* 325; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Referring to the Order of Government, No. 2915, dated 11th ultimo, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, on paragraph 2, to offer the following observations.

2. The proposition of an extension of the present Burial Ground at Cannanore has not, it is stated, come yet before Government, nor has it before the Commander-in-Chief. The Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara must therefore certainly be under misapprehension when he states in paragraph 2 of his letter, that the Collector of Malabar, "under direct instructions from Government," was proceeding with the question. Being under that misapprehension, the Brigadier felt no doubt that Government having issued the order, no local representation to the Collector would have been sufficient to stop proceedings.

3. On paragraph 3 of the same Order of Government, I am directed to state that the orders of the 5th February 1863, No. 409, and 4th June, No. 1834, were both communicated to the Brigadier Commanding the Provinces. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the last named order do certainly, in His Excellency's judgment, bear out Brigadier Babington's representations that a departure from the established channel has taken place; for the Collector is required to report to Government on the appropriation and the allotment of Military Buildings which are not under his charge, though he is directed to confer with the Medical and Military Authorities on the subject.

ORDER, No. 3406, *24th October* 1863.

On referring to the correspondence alluded to in the 3rd paragraph of the foregoing letter, the following appear to be the circumstances of the case.

2. It was recommended by the Inspector General of Jails that the Subsidiary Jail at Cannanore should be converted into a Lunatic Asylum, the Station Hospital into a Subsidiary Jail, and a Barrack, used as a Grain Store, into a Station Hospital. The Government, considering it very desirable that a Provincial Lunatic Asylum for the Western Coast should be established as soon as possible, directed the Magistrate of Malabar to place himself at once in communication with the local Authorities at Cannanore, both Military and Medical, and ascertain whether any objection existed to the arrangements proposed by Mr. Rohde. This order was communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department,) in view to instructions being issued accordingly to the local Military Authorities.

Judicial Order, 31*st January* 1863, *No.* 152, *paragraph* 2.
Military Proceedings, 5*th February* 1863, *No.* 409.

3. The Principal Inspector General Medical Department subsequently submitted a Report from Inspector General of Hospitals J. Shaw, stating that the Jail was not suited for a Lunatic Asylum, and suggesting that the Garrison Hospital should be converted to that purpose.

11*th April* 1863, *No.* 70.

4. The Quarter Master General about the same time forwarded a letter from Brigadier Babington, Commanding Malabar and Canara, intimating that the Military Buildings were available for the purposes proposed by Mr. Rohde, and that there was no objection to the arrangements suggested by him, provided the new Station Hospital was confined to Military, Military Followers and the Police sick.

Memorandum 18*th April* 1863, *No.* 3197.

5. The information then furnished not being sufficient to enable Government to decide on Mr. Shaw's proposal for converting the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum, the Magistrate of Malabar was directed to place himself in communication with the Military and Medical Authorities, and also with the Inspector General of Jails, and furnish Government with a full Report on the arrangements which, in his opinion, were best adapted for meeting the several requirements connected with the proposal, assuming that it was to be carried out. This also was communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

Judicial Order, 28*th May* 1863, *No.* 831.
Military Proceedings 4*th June* 1863, *No.* 1834.

6. It will thus be seen that the subject *mainly* under consideration in the correspondence alluded to, was the provision of a Lunatic Asylum for the Western Coast; this was not a Military question; but the Military Department was so far concerned in the proposed arrangements that they involved the appropriation of a Military Building for the purpose. While, therefore, the Magistrate of Malabar was properly required to report on the subject to Government, the Military Authorities were to be consulted, and the necessary communication was made to them through the Commander-in-Chief. Besides this, the views of the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, as to the Military Buildings being available, were submitted to Government by the Quarter Master General himself. The Governor in Council therefore considers the course pursued in the Proceedings referred to in paragraph 3 of the foregoing letter to have been unobjectionable, and generally in accordance with the principles enunciated in the Orders noted in the margin, *viz.*, that there should be mutual inter-communication between Departments, and that when more than one Department is concerned, the Officer submitting the matter to Government should consult the others and embody their views in his Report, in order that the subject might be laid before Government complete in all its bearings.

Memorandum 18*th April* 1862, *No.* 3197.

Fort Saint George Gazette Notification, 12*th November* 1858, *page* 1015, *paragraph* 3.
Public Proceedings, 21*st May* 1859, *No.* 801, *paragraph* 9.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Revenue Department, } for information.
„ Judicial Department, } *With 10 spare copies*

Exd. T. Stubbs.