

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd August 1864.*

No. 9. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 29th July 1864, No. 2610.

Directing the adoption of certain precautions in respect to the Public Cattle employed on the Public Roads and Ghauts on the Neilgherries, for the prevention of accidents to passengers. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 29th July 1864, Nos. 707—709.)

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1864, No. 1168.
Communicated to the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

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

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, 16th July 1864 ; to the Commissary General.

Referring to a report in the public prints, of an accident stated to have occurred to a Horseman, on the Coonoor Ghaut, in meeting an Elephant, the Governor in Council desires to be furnished, as early as practicable, with a List of Public Cattle attached to the Departmental Officer at Wellington, with copies of any orders regarding the passage of Elephants along the public Roads and Ghauts on the Neilgherries.

2. The Commissary General will also state whether any Elephants are detached for service with their Excellencies the Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Ootacamund.

Memorandum from the Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 26th July 1864, No. 139 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

As requested in Memorandum of the 16th instant, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, the Deputy Commissary General, has the honor to annex in the margin, a List of Public Cattle, attached to the Commissariat Department at Metapallium, which is the Depôt for the Cattle stationed at Wellington.

Elephants.....	9
Camels.....	30
Draught Bullocks...	12

2. The following written orders are always given to the petty Native Officer entrusted with the charge of Public Cattle along the Public Roads and Ghauts on the Neilgherries, and they are also communicated to them verbally to prevent mistake.

"To avoid as much as possible passing along any Public Roads."

"When this is impracticable, to turn off the Road on the approach of any Horse, Conveyance, or persons on Horseback"

"To keep out of the way of Travellers on the Ghaut, as much as possible."

3. There are very few bye-paths on the Coonoor Ghaut, so that the attendants are frequently obliged to take the Elephants back, until they find some corner where there is room for them to wait, until parties have passed.

4. No Elephants are at present detached with their Excellencies the Governor or Commander-in-Chief. Nine of them however, are held in readiness at Metapallium, for the approaching tour of His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER, No. 2610, 29th July 1864.

The Governor in Council does not consider the orders, given to the petty Officers entrusted with the charge of Public Cattle employed on the public Roads and Ghauts on the Neilgherries, sufficiently calculated to obviate the risk of accident to passengers.

2. On the Coonoor Ghaut, where the turns are sharp and numerous, it is frequently impossible for any one to see 100 yards in advance, consequently an Elephant or Camel may be come upon unawares at any moment, at places where it may be impossible to avoid them, to the imminent risk of travellers and others on Horseback.

3. The Government desire to be informed without delay, whether it may not be practicable to dispense with Elephants and Camel Carriage on the Hills and Ghauts, and to substitute Bullocks in lieu: should this be considered inexpedient, it will be stated whether there is any objection to the issue of an order that they

* As also what further precautions can be adopted during the day to prevent accidents.

should ascend and descend the Ghauts only by night.* If no valid objection exists, such orders will be issued forthwith, and a report of its issue forwarded immediately for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.
,, Quarter Master General.
,, Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
,, Judicial Department, for information.

With W. Spence Officer

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of Coimbatore.

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*Proceeding of Government
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*Directing the
of certain
in respect to the
the cattle employed
in the public works
and Ghauts on the
Hills, for the
prevention of accidents
to passengers.*

Exd.

Encl. on Order.