

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 170

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Dated 17. 5. 1861

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
17th May 1861.

No. 26. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 10th May 1861, No. 1,668.

Sanctioning the postponement of the removal of the two remaining Regiments from Pegu until September next, and directing the "Sesostris" to be permitted to proceed to Burmah to be employed under instructions from the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta. } (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 10th May 1861, Nos. 173—175.)

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1861, No. 170.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 8th May 1861, No. 1310; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Referring to Proceedings of Government of the 1st instant, No. 1548, I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, has intimated the receipt of a Telegram from the Provincial Commander-in-Chief to the effect that the two additional Regiments to be brought from Burmah should not be moved till September. The expense of conveying Troops from Pegu during the S. W. monsoon is very great, compared with that incurred during the fine season, as ships cannot be towed against the strong head winds and heavy seas then prevailing. From January to April inclusive, the *Coromandel* with the *Sesostris* in tow could bring over one thousand one hundred men, and would be from five to six days making the voyage. In September it would be advisable to diminish these numbers, but they could fully accommodate a Regiment of the strength of those to be moved which range from eight to nine hundred men. In the S. W. monsoon the Steamer would have to make the voyage alone and could not receive more than about two hundred and fifty at a time, for covered accommodation must be given for all embarked. It would therefore require more than three trips to transport the same number of men at a much heavier expenditure of Coal and at considerable wear and tear of ship and machinery.

2. It was for the foregoing reasons that I recommended the Quarter Master General to postpone the movements till September, and I have now to solicit that the *Sesostris* may be permitted to proceed from Calingapatam to Rangoon to be employed under instructions from the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta, and that the Supreme Government may be requested to place her and the *Tubal Cain* at our disposal for one trip about the middle of September, when with the *Coromandel* and *Dalhousie*, the two Regiments may be brought over without difficulty.

ORDER, No. 1668, 10th May 1861.

On the foregoing representation, the Governor in Council sanctions the removal of the two remaining Regiments from Pegu being postponed until September next, and accordingly directs that the *Sesostris* be permitted to proceed to Burmah to be employed under instructions from the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 10th May 1861, No. 1669.

(True Extract.)

A. M. S. Chetty
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, of Marine.

„ Quarter Master General.
„ Marine Department. *With 3 Spare Copies*
„ Adjutant General,
„ Commissary General, } for information.
„ Clothing Department,
„ *Military Auditor General.*
„ *Military Accountant.*

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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