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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 5th to 21st October 1859.

No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 8th October 1859, No. 3572.

Requesting that necessary instructions be issued to the local Engineer officer at Cocanada for the immediate despatch of the Commissariat stores at that station. (Vide Military Proceedings from 5th to 14th October 1859, Nos. 46-47.)

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1859, No. 2402.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance.

2. The District Engineer of the Godavari division, or other officer of the Public Works Department at Cocanada, will immediately attend to the instructions conveyed in the above order.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 7th October 1859, *No.* 178; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

In the absence of the Commissary General, I have the honor under his instructions to bring prominently to the notice of Government that none of the Commissariat Stores sent from hence on different dates between the 21st July and 24th September 1859, have yet been despatched from Coconada.

2. The Executive Officer at Kamptee has forwarded transcript of a letter from the Officer Commanding H. M.'s 91st Foot, to the Brigadier Commanding Nagpore Force, reporting that the issue of Malt Liquor to that Corps ceased on the 11th ultimo—Lieutenant Colonel Gordon states, "I deem the above fact of sufficient importance in a sanatory sense, and also in view of the interests of discipline to make it a matter of special report."

3. Captain Watts brings to the notice of the Commissary General, that "there is every probability of the supplies forwarded by the Coconada and Godavery route not reaching Kamptee by the time contemplated by Government," and requests certain supplies may be despatched without delay by the ordinary route.

4. The reason assigned by Captain Watts for surmising that the supplies will not arrive by the time fixed is, "that Copper Coin which was sent by the Godavery River, months since has been detained in the River, and there is no immediate prospect of its arriving," and he is "given to understand the state of the road between Kamptee and the place of disembarkation, Budrachellum, is such that Carts will, with difficulty travel along it and not without considerable risk to perishable articles packed thereon."

5. The pressing urgency of the case induces me to solicit, that the local District Engineer may be instructed to commence *immediately* the despatch of the Stores now at Coconada, and thus obviate the necessity of a further consignment being transmitted by the ordinary route.

6. I would venture respectfully to suggest, that in the event of the local Engineer Officer declaring his inability to forward the Stores now or any unforeseen delay occurring on any portion of the route hereafter, he be directed at once to communicate the same to the Commissariat Officer, Northern Division, to whom I would request authority be given to adopt the best measures at his disposal for sending them on to their destination.

7. Had the supplies now at Coconada been despatched by the ordinary route, considerable progress would have been made towards their destination, while their detention makes me apprehensive that the essential supplies for the European portion of the Force in the Nagpore and Saugor Divisions may run short, a contingency for which I deferentially submit no responsibility should attach to this department.

ORDER, No. 3572, *8th October* 1859.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Department Public Works, with a view to the issue of the requisite instructions to the Local Engineer Officer at Coconada for the immediate despatch of the Stores in question as requested in para. 5 of Colonel Hill's letter.

2. In the event of any difficulty occurring in the carrying out of the above order, the Engineer Officer should be directed to communicate at once with the Commissariat Officer in the Northern Division, who is hereby authorised to adopt the best measures at his disposal for sending the Stores on to their destination.

3. A report of the eventual despatch of the Stores and the date of their probable arrival at Kamptee, will be submitted to the Commissary General, for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With 10 spare Copies.
" Commissary General.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Fort St George
8th Octr 59

To Colonel
The Chief Engineer Dept 8th
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2 — to the Chief Engr No