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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd March 1860, No. 1,163:—

Communicating paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Home Despatch No. 177 of 1st December 1859 and observing that the Secretary of State will be requested to sanction the construction of Barracks at Vellore, if it is finally resolved upon to station a European Detachment in the Fort at that place. (Vide Military Proceedings from 21st to 31st March 1860, No. 121.)

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1860, No. 673.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 1st Decr. 1859, No. 177. } *Recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 10th January 1860.* } Read again the paper noted in the margin.

Extract from the above Despatch dated 1st December 1859, No. 177, Paras. 3 and 4.

Para. 3. Your proposals that the appointment of Brigadier Commanding the Fort of Vellore be discontinued; that the Garrison Staff be reduced; that the Arsenal in the Fort be broken up; and that the Ordnance and Commissariat Establishments be removed, are approved by Her Majesty's Government, who are also prepared to sanction the several arrangements which you propose, for the payment of Civil and Military Pensioners at that place.

4. It is not however considered advisable at the present time that the Fort of Vellore should be dismantled or entirely disarmed. Circumstances may arise, under which it may be of importance to have a "*point d'appui*" in the Province of Arcot, and a safe place of deposit for Government Treasure, and for so long as, on these grounds, it may be determined to retain the Fort of Vellore, it should be held by a Garrison chiefly of European Soldiers; one reserve Company of Artillery being permanently stationed there, with the addition of one or two Companies of European Infantry detached from a Regiment at the Presidency, and being relieved periodically by Railway.

ORDER, No. 1162, 23rd March 1860.

Ordered that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the foregoing Despatch be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief; and to Departments.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the transfer of the Troops in Fort Saint George to the authority of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, may be conveniently arranged as follows:—

1st. The Military Command of the Troops in Garrison will be exercised by the Major General Commanding the Centre Division, with the following Staff, to be appointed by Government on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, viz:—

- 1 Brigade Major in lieu of the Town Major, which appointment will be abolished.
- 1 Fort Adjutant.
- 1 Garrison Surgeon.
- 1 do. Assistant Surgeon.

The Brigade Major will receive a Staff salary of (350-0-0) three hundred and fifty Rupees per mensem, with the pay and full regimental allowances of his rank, and he will be provided with free quarters.

The allowances of the other Staff Officers will remain on the present footing.

The Brigade Major, Fort Adjutant and Garrison Assistant Surgeon will reside in the Fort.

2nd. The duties of the Brigade Major and Fort Adjutant will be the same as those of the Town Major and Fort Adjutant at present, with such modifications as may be deemed necessary by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

3rd. The Garrison Surgeon, and Assistant Surgeon will be employed under the Military authorities, on such Military duties as are ordinarily performed by similar Officers at other stations.

4th. The Barrack Master will remain in charge of all public buildings at present under him. *For those occupied by the Troops, (Officers or Men)* he will be responsible to, and under the orders of the Military authorities. All buildings and stables under Departmental occupation will continue allotted as at present, and regarding them he will communicate direct with the Civil Architect, or Garrison Engineer, as the buildings may be under their respective supervision.

5th. The Garrison Engineer will stand in the same relation to the Military authorities as concerns the *buildings occupied by the Troops only*, as District Engineers in regard to Military buildings in the Provinces. As regards the fortifications and works, he will be under the orders of the Chief Engineer.

6th. The Conservancy of the Esplanades will continue under the Commissioner of Police, but all applications for the erection of Pandals, encampment of Troops, &c. &c., now made to the Town Major, will be hereafter addressed to the Brigade Major.

7th. As relates to the *Effective* Troops in Garrison, the Commissary of Ordnance at Fort Saint George will be available for all duties under the Military authorities, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as Commissaries of Ordnance at other Military stations.

8th. The Executive Commissariat Officer will, in the same manner and to the same extent, be subject to the Military authorities as provided for above, in the case of the Commissary of Ordnance.

9th. Advances of pay when required, will, on the requisition of the Adjutant General of the Army, be issued under the authority of a Garrison Order thro' the Brigade Major, as has heretofore been done by the Town Major.

10th. The Church will be made over to the Lord Bishop under the same conditions, as Churches in Military Cantonments, the necessary accommodation being reserved for the Troops in Garrison.

11th. The Body Guard will receive their orders direct from the Military Secretary to the Honorable the Governor, but will submit the regulated reports, applications, and returns direct to the Military Authorities, and will be available (with the sanction of the Honorable the Governor) for all duties now ordinarily performed by them.

12th. In all points not provided for above, the relation of all Departments at the Presidency connected with the Army, will remain as at present, leaving such modifications as may be required, to be made from time to time as found necessary.

13th. All proposed changes in the Standing Orders of the Garrison, other than those immediately affecting the *discipline and interests of the Troops*, will be submitted to Government, through the Military Department, for sanction prior to publication.

14th. Leave, whether to Officers or Men of the Garrison, will be granted under the General Regulations of the service, the rules in force as regards the grant of privilege leave by Heads of Departments connected with the Army, will, however, remain in force as at present.

15th. In placing the services of the Officers marginally noted,* at the disposal of the Military authorities ~~so far as concerns their executive duties~~ with the Troops only, it is not intended to authorize any interference whatever with departmental arrangements and orders, beyond that at present sanctioned by the General Regulations of the service at other stations.

*Barrack Master.

Garrison Engineer.

Commissary of Ordnance.

Executive Commissariat Officer.

3. The above arrangements will have effect from 31st March 1860.

4. The Governor in Council considers it highly desirable that the selection of an Officer as Brigade Major for Fort Saint George should not be limited to the rank of Captain, but should be extended to that of Regimental Major inclusive, with the view not only of securing the necessary local experience and qualifications, but of avoiding frequent changes in this important appointment,—His Honor further considers that it should be exempted from the five years' tenure rule with reference to the peculiar nature of the duties, which renders it desirable that the principal Executive Staff Officer of the Garrison should be at all times fully competent to their discharge, without that minute supervision which is available elsewhere. These resolutions will be subject to the approval of the Government of India.

5. On the arrangements being completed, the Military Auditor General will submit a report on their financial effect, for transmission to the Government of India and to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

6. Paras. 3 and 4 of the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State dated 1st December 1859, No. 177, will be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's and Quarter Master General's Departments,) the Inspector General of Ordnance and Commissary General.

7. Orders have been already issued for abolishing the appointments of Brigadier and Fort Adjutant at Vellore, (transferring the payment of Civil Pensions to the Collector of North Arcot), as well as for the abolition of the Vellore Arsenal. The Commissa-

riat Police has been transferred to the Inspector General of Mufassal Police. The Commissary General will be instructed to report what Commissariat Establishment is maintained at Vellore; and whether its continuance is necessary, and on what footing in future.

Judl. Order, 24th Sept. 1859, No. 4521, para. 9, in
Mily. Proceedings 4th Octr. Nos. 128/9.

8. With reference to the 4th paragraph of the Despatch from the Secretary of State dated 1st December 1859, No. 177, the Governor-in-Council observes, that before a European Detachment can be stationed in the Fort of Vellore, it will be necessary to provide suitable Barrack accommodation, a long period having elapsed since Vellore was discontinued as a station for the location of European Troops, and the buildings formerly used as a Barrack not being habitable.

9. The Secretary of State will therefore be addressed again on the subject. He will be informed that the Government, after further consideration, still entertain the same views as are expressed in their letter dated 13th September 1859, No. 235, para. 4; but he will be solicited, if he adheres to the decision communicated in his Despatch above referred to, to grant early authority for the provision of the required Barrack accommodation, as without it, a European Detachment cannot be located at Vellore.

10. Plans and Estimates for erecting Barracks for two Companies of European Infantry and a Detail of Artillery, with necessary Offices, Officers' Quarters, a Skittle Alley and a Hospital &c., were prepared in 1858; entered in the budget for 1859-60; but held in abeyance pending the reply of the Secretary of State to the proposition for abolishing Vellore as a Military station. A full description (as given in para. 16 of the Public Works budget for 1859-60) of the proposed buildings, the total estimated expenditure of which is Rupees 2,73,790, (which at present prices of labour and materials would be much increased), will be furnished to the Secretary of State, who will also be referred to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, and he will be requested to sanction the construction of the buildings in question, if it is finally resolved upon to station a European Detachment in the Fort of Vellore.

11. Clauses I to XII, and XIV and XV of para. 2 of this order, relating to the transfer of the Troops in Fort Saint George to the authority of the Commander-in-Chief, will be published in G. O.

(True Extract.)

Marshall
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

" Quarter Master General.

" Inspector General of Ordnance.

" Commissary General.

" Department Public Works. *With 10 copies.*

Exd. J. Davis.

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