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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th December 1862.

No. 260. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 5th December 1862, No. 4,175 :—

Sanctioning for entry in the ensuing Budget a revised estimate of Rupees 878 for the Conservancy of Kurnool and disallowing certain items herein particularized. (Vide Military Proceedings, 5th December 1862, Nos. 75 @ 77.)

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1862, No. 2,988.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for information.

Signed W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 21st November 1862, *No.* 8962; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to the Orders of Government as per margin, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the sanction of Government, a revised Estimate of the amount required as a Conservancy allowance for the Station of Kurnool.

No. 913*A*, *dated* 11*th March* 1862.
„ 2481, *dated* 15*th July* 1862.

2. Adverting to the entry for purchase and repair of Carts, it will be observed that, in the Estimate originally sanctioned, the repair of Carts was included in the amount allowed for the hire of the same, and that the charge per Cart in the Estimate now submitted, does not equal that allowed in the former Estimate.

3. Government are already aware of the necessity which exists for some provision being made for the repair of the minor roads within the Military limits of Kurnool. The enclosed Plan shews for what roads a maintenance allowance is required.

4. The annexed Extracts from a letter from the Officer Commanding Kurnool will, His Excellency trusts, satisfy Government that every possible exertion has been made by Colonel Galwey to make the limited amount, hitherto at his disposal for the Conservancy of Kurnool, go as far as possible.

No. 419, *of the* 4*th September* 1862, *to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.*

5. I am to solicit that early orders may be passed on this application, in view to the revised Estimate being included in the Budget now under preparation.

Extracts of a letter No. 419, *dated* 4*th September* 1862, *from the Officer Commanding Kurnool, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.*

"I have the honor to acknowledge (with your letter No. 776, of the 25th ultimo,) the receipt of a copy of a communication from the Quarter Master General of the Army, to the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, No. 357, dated 23rd August 1862, and with reference thereto, beg to state, for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that, shortly after the grant of Rupees 40 per mensem to this Cantonment for Conservancy purposes was sanctioned, a Cart with two Sweepers were entertained to endeavor to keep the Fort part thereof clean. The hire of these absorbs about two-thirds of the monthly grant, leaving a small balance, with which I found it impossible to do any thing efficiently."

2. "Consequently, I allowed it to accumulate till August last, when the accumulations reached about Rupees 143. The balance as shewn in the Account Current furnished to you up to the 30th June, is included in this; as up to that date I had done nothing."

3. "On the 11th of August last, I commenced operations; and deeming the Streets and Drains in the Native Infantry Lines of paramount importance, I have ever since and am still doing my utmost to render them passable, clean and healthy; and although much has been done, yet a vast deal still remains to be accomplished."

4. "Seeing from the very commencement the impossibility, with the small means at my disposal, of doing this with ordinary Cooly labor, I determined upon employing the Sepoys."

5. "From the facility they have of obtaining work under the Irrigation Company, I could never depend upon the common Coolies remaining with me; and moreover, from the same cause, their rate of hire is very much enhanced of late."

6. "I employ about six Sepoys per Company daily, at the rate of 1½ Anna each per diem, and as I have them relieved every week, the drill and discipline of the Regiment suffers

no detriment or imterruption. . They work for nine hours daily ; and during the week they are employed, I excuse them all other duties, their Arms, &c., being kept clean and in order, in their respective Companies under the orders of their Company Officers"

7. "The work is voluntary on their part, no one being compelled to work against his wish ; but up to the present time, far from meeting with any opposition, each looks out but too anxiously for his turn."

8. "I find they work far better than the ordinary Cooly, and up to this what they have accomplished has been executed far more efficiently and at less than one-half the cost."

9. "I have no doubt but that in a short time I shall have the Streets in the Lines very neat and tidy ; but the open plain Drains which is all I can construct cannot be deemed perfect, till they are rivetted with masonry, an Estimate for the cost of which I have already furnished you with, in my letter No. 374, of the 8th August 1862."

10. "The balance of Rupees 101-5-10 as shewn in my Account Current up to the 30th June last, referred to in the Quarter Master General's letter No. 357, as well as the little additions thereto, from the balance left of the monthly allowance, after defraying the expenses of the Cart and two Sweepers, referred to in the 2nd paragraph of this letter, is, I am sorry to add, fast disappearing."

11. "In the 1st paragraph of this letter, I have stated that I am endeavoring to keep the Fort part of this Cantonment clean with only one Cart and two Sweepers; I must now add that, with such, it amounts to a simple impossibility to do so efficiently, and nothing whatever has been done for Nowvee Pett and other places outside the Fort."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) A. HOWLETT, Major,
Asst. Qr. Mr. General of the Army.

Revised Statement of the Conservancy Establishment for the Cantonment of Kurnool.

	Per mensem.			Per annum.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1 2 Drivers with 4 Bullocks for 2 Scavenger Carts at 16 Rupees each	32	0	0	384	0	0
2 Purchase of Carts and repairing the same	6	13	4	82	0	0
3 4 Sweepers at Rupees 5 each	20	0	0	240	0	0
4 Baskets, Brooms, Scavenging implements &c	4	8	0	51	0	0
5 Repairs of minor roads in the Cantonment averaging 2 miles at Rupees 100 per mile per annum	16	10	8	200	0	0
6 Superintendence	8	0	0	96	0	0
Total..	88	0	0	1,056	0	0

KURNOOL,
18*th October* 1862.

(Signed) M. GALWEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Kurnool.

With Report from the Controller of Military Finance, 22nd November 1862, *A.*

ORDER, No. 4175, *5th December* 1862.

On the explanation submitted with the foregoing papers, the Governor in Council sanctions a revised Estimate for the Conservancy of Kurnool, for the ensuing Budget, as marginally indicated.

Rupees (878) *eight hundred and seventy-eight annually.*

2. The items mentioned in the margin, are disallowed—the purchase of Carts not being contemplated under the Conservancy orders, the repairs fall on the owners of such as are hired. The charge for superintendence is inadmissible under paragraph 2 of the Orders of Government marginally noted.

Purchase of Carts and repairs &c., Rupees (82) *eighty-two, annually.*
Superintendence, Rupees (96) *ninety-six, annually.*

Proceedings of Government No. 2314, *dated 23rd June* 1860.
Do. „ 2863, *dated 14th August* 1861.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Adjutant General.
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