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No. 352. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 10th December 1862, No. 4,242 :—

Requesting that a plan and an approximate estimate may be prepared in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, of the expense of building a Magazine at Trichinopoly. } Vide Military Proceedings, 10th December 1862, Nos. 199-200.)

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1862, No. 3,034.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for early attention.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, No. 4236, dated 2nd October 1862. — *Recorded in Proceedings of Government, No.* 4033, *dated 25th November* 1862. — Read again the paper noted in the margin.

Read the following letter :—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 27th November 1862, *No.* 153 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to the Order of Government as per margin, I have the honor to report, that the Ordnance Magazine at Trichinopoly has been reduced, both in respect to material and personnel, to the scale assigned to it, in my Memorandum No. 2, dated 24th November 1859, of which Government was pleased to approve.

No. 1015, *dated* 16*th March* 1861.

Recorded in Order of Government, No. 4480 *of* 17*th December* 1859.

2. Advantage was taken of the reduction of the Trichinopoly Arsenal to the class of Magazine, to replenish stock in the Cannanore, Bangalore, and the Grand Arsenals.

3. The allotment now maintained at Trichinopoly, is proportioned to the demands of the Force dependent on it for supplies.

4. I have been informed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that no further reductions will at present be made in this Force, beyond the removal of 100 men of Her Majesty's 105th Foot, to Wellington.

5. The character and position of the Ordnance Buildings at Trichinopoly, have been so frequently represented, especially in the Minute referred to in the margin, that I may now only repeat, that the Arsenal is placed in the midst of a large population commanded by neighbouring edifices, several of the houses being in contact with, and higher than the Arsenal walls, and the whole Establishment in close proximity to Bazars, where stolen property finds ready sale.

Minute by the Commander-in-Chief, in reference to Proceedings of Government dated 7th May 1859, *No.* 1082.

6. The Ordnance Stores at Trichinopoly as now reduced, could be placed in a new Magazine of moderate extent and capacity.

ORDER, No. 4242, 10*th December* 1862.

Referring to the Proceedings of Government above recorded, the Governor in Council observes that it having been decided, for political reasons, that a Wing of a European Regiment must be permanently retained at Trichinopoly, and steps taken to provide adequate and suitable accommodation for the men, it will now remain in connection with the above order and with reference to the foregoing letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and previous correspondence on this subject, to make final arrangements for the removal of the Arsenal at that Station, from its present objectionable position.

2. Adverting, however, to paragraph 5 of the Quarter Master General's letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings, His Excellency in Council observes that, as the site for the Magazine must be determined upon, with reference to the position of the Barracks, Government wish to be informed whether, in consideration of the reduced strength for which accommodation will now be required, the present Buildings at Trichinopoly can be rendered suitable in every respect for the ordinary wants of a Wing, in which case, on the site being selected for the Magazine, orders will be issued for the early construction of the required Building. Meanwhile, a Plan and approximate Estimate of the expense will be at once prepared, in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, in view to the immediate commencement of the Building, on the site being fixed.

3. In the event of its being decided to erect new Barracks for the European Infantry at Trichinopoly, the site for the Magazine Buildings will be selected in convenient proximity to that of the new Barracks.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance, with
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