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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st March 1862.

No. 391. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 18th March 1862, No. 996:—

Resolving to forward to the Government of India letter from the Controller of Military Finance on the question of the cost of Military Guards employed on Civil duties, and solicit instructions as to the principle on which it ought to be calculated. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 18th March 1862, Nos. 365-366.)

No. 392. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1862, No. 526.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer, who is requested to submit an early report with reference to paragraph 6 of the Orders in the Military Department.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th February 1862, D.

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of the Order of Government, No. 309, of the 24th February 1862, requiring me to submit a Statement of the monthly cost of a Company of Native Infantry detached to Chicacole, and anticipating that similar Statements will hereafter be called for, I deem it necessary before complying with the requisition, to solicit instructions on the subject.

2. It appears to be desirable that the term "cost" should be clearly understood, and defined; it may mean the pay, allowances and expenses, incidental to the location of the Company at Chicacole; or it may mean the cost of each man on the aggregate of all Regimental charges, inclusive of the European Officer's pay and allowances, clothing, &c., or it may mean the cost on the aggregate of all Army charges in addition.

3. On the last, Colonel Balfour has apparently based his calculation that the annual cost of each Sepoy was Rupees 250 or Rupees 20-13-4 per mensem; but the question arises whether the Civil department should be charged with more than the actual *monthly Pay* of the Guard, with incidental expenses? When the Moffussil Police are similarly employed by the Military Authorities, their Pay with 10 per cent. for contingencies, is considered the money equivalent, and it would seem equitable that a similar rule should prevail with regard to the Native Troops under similar circumstances, provided always the Native Troops can be spared, and without injury to their health, or discipline.

Notification, Government of India, No. 2,005, 4th November 1861, Fort Saint George Gazette, 22nd November 1861, Page 844.

4. As it is desirable that the principle on which the "cost" is to be charged, should be authoritatively determined, may I request your having the goodness to submit the question for the consideration and Orders of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1862, No. 413.

In their Financial Resolution of the 14th December last, the Government of India affirmed the principle that the Civil Budget should be charged with the cost of the Military Guard employed on Civil duties, and requested Colonel Balfour to state how many men were required for the Military Guard over the Civil Treasury at Chicacole and their cost.

2. The question of the cost of Military Guards employed on Civil duties is a general one, and requires to be authoritatively decided. His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves accordingly to forward the Controller's letter, and the previous correspondence to the Government of India, and to solicit their instructions as to the principle on which such cost is to be calculated.

(True Extract.)

/ Signed / T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

/ True Copy /

A. Thurochale Lt
Secretary to Govt
Mily: Dept.

To Controller of Military Finance.
" Military Department.
" Civil Paymaster, (with G. O., No. 309, 1862.)
" Accountant General.
" Government Agent at Ganjam.

Exd. F. Cartledge

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 4th March 1862, *No.* 220; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

The Commander-in-Chief being desirous of ascertaining the views of the Commandant of Engineers on the recently ordered reduction of two Companies of the Corps of Sappers and Miners, I have the honor, by His Excellency's order, to forward for submission to Government, Colonel Birdwood's Report on this subject.

2. The Commandant of Engineers strongly urges :—

First. That these two Companies be retained.

Second. That the Head Quarters of the Corps be again established at Mercara.

3. Sir Hope Grant strongly supports both these propositions; and earnestly recommends them to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

ORDER, No. 996, *18th March* 1862.

In 1854, three Companies were added to the Corps of Madras Sappers and Miners, to provide for the Pegu reliefs,—and during the Mutinies (1857) three additional Companies were raised, making six Companies for special purposes, for which they are not now required.

2. Consequent on the withdrawal of the Madras Sappers from Pegu, the Military Finance Department suggested the reduction of "two or "four Companies—bringing the Corps down to "at least ten Companies, and thus reducing the "charge for this branch fully half a lac."

Paragraph 20 *of their letter to Government of India, 28th January* 1861, *No.* 34 *A, recorded in Proceedings, 11th May* 1861, *No.* 1674.

3. With reference to this suggestion, the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, Major General Budd, pointed to Sir P. Grant's strong opposition "to any reduction of this valuable and "distinguished Corps," but added that on the return of the Sappers from Pegu, "the Corps could no doubt be reduced" to the extent of two Companies, "for it was on account of the occupation of Pegu that it was originally increased to its present strength."

Paragraph 16 *of Qr.-Mr. General's letter, recorded in Proceedings, No.* 3227, *dated 3rd September* 1861.

4. In their Order, No. 320, dated 24th January 1862, Government accordingly sanctioned the proposed measure, and reported their Proceedings to the Government of India.

5. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief now submits, with his support, the proposition of the Commandant of Engineers for the retention of the two Companies in question, for employment in the Department Public Works, and for the re-establishment of the Head Quarters of the Corps at Mercara.

6. Before passing Orders on the subject, His Excellency in Council resolves to refer the first proposition to the Department Public Works, with the view of ascertaining whether, in the event of Government acceding to it, that Department would be prepared to be debited with the *full* cost of the two Companies, on the principle on which the Government of India may, in reply to the reference noted in the margin, decide, such cost shall be calculated.

Judicial Proceedings, 12th March 1862, *No.* 413.

7. With reference to the second proposition, Government desire to be informed of the probable expense of removing the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners from Dowlaishweram to Mercara, and what is proposed to be done with the Public Buildings at Dowlaishweram in the event of the removal being sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Commandant of Engineers.
" Department Public Works, with Judicial Proceedings, No. 413 of 1862.
" Controller of Military Finance.
" Military Finance Department.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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