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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1863.*

No. 134. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 27th May 1863, No. 1,720 :—

Requesting that Estimates for housing the Battery of Artillery
at Waltair in the Vizagapatam District may be prepared in
communication with the Quarter Master General, complete
in every detail, and showing the actual expenditure required, } (Vide Military Proceedings, 27th May 1863,
&c. Nos. 500 @ 505.)

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1863, No. 1,444.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 1st Division, whose particular attention is requested to paragraphs 5 and 6.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1862.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, 25th November 1862, No. 958 ; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George.

1. Referring to the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th September last, No. 1929, forwarded by the Board with their Order of the 12th idem, I have the honor to report, that due notice has been given to the proprietors, or their Agents, of the several houses and lands required by Government for the proposed Military Cantonment at Waltair.

2. Proprietrix of Nos. 1 and 3, known respectively as "General Dyce's" and "the Hospital," asks for the houses, grounds, &c., Rupees 36,000, which I consider reasonable. She rents both to the Military for 230 Rupees a month, not 200, as erroneously stated by the Committee. And house property is daily becoming more valuable in Waltair.

3. The Agent of property No. 2, which is in the care of the late Supreme Court, has not named a price, he writes that he applied to the Master of the Court, but he has received no answer from that functionary. I presume, that as the Agent has omitted to name a price, the Act can be worked without further discussion.

4. Mala Venky, who was believed to be the owner of the building No. 4 with the two Inams subordinate to it, marked Inams 2 and 3, was called upon in due course. She denied having any ownership in the same, affirming that the whole was the exclusive property of General Dyce (who is now in England). This Statement appears to be true, in regard only to the house occupied by Major McCallum, which is in charge of one Dham Chianiah, who under instructions from General Dyce, draws the rent and after making the necessary repairs, gives the balance to Mala Venky, who appears to be a Pensioner of the General just named. The agent here too has omitted to name a price, pleading want of authority to sell. In like manner Mala Venky, the woman, has evaded naming her price for the Inams 2 and 3.

5. A specification of these properties for which no price has been named, is herewith submitted as requested.

6. It will be remembered that quit-rent is payable to the proprietor of Waltair on account of property No. 1 and Inam land No. 2 ; his price for all these, including the Jeroyetty, in case the Government wish to buy him out, is Rupees 4,986.

A Tabular Statement showing the details as above reported, is hereto annexed for facility of reference.

3. The Governor in Council observes, from the Proceedings in the Revenue Department above recorded, that with two exceptions, no price has been fixed for the property to be taken over by Government, and that recourse must be had to Act VI of 1857, to acquire those lands not as yet valued, which will, hereafter, in due course, be sanctioned under orders from the Revenue Department, but the valuation of the whole, should in the first instance, be ascertained in that Department and reported, preparatory to the provisions of the Act being put in force.

4. In Proceeding of Government marginally noted, the system of purchasing private houses for conversion into Quarters for Troops, was described as being both expensive and unsatisfactory. *No. 4252, dated 11th December 1862.* This course, however, appears, in the present instance, to be unavoidable—no other suitable ground being available, and the purchase only to be effected inclusive of the Buildings on it.

5. It only now remains to ascertain the whole outlay to be incurred in carrying out the original project submitted by the Commander-in-Chief in April 1862, for housing the Battery of Artillery at Waltair, which was then roughly estimated at 60,000 Rupees, but this sum however is clearly much below the present actual requirements, two of the properties alone being valued at nearly 41,000,—provision, has also to be made for converting the Buildings on the ground and to fit them for the accommodation and comfort of the Troops. The Governor in Council directs therefore, that Estimates for the work be prepared by the Department Public Works, in communication with the Quarter Master General, complete in every detail, and shewing the actual expenditure to be incurred, on receipt of which, and of the Collector's valuation report of the land to be acquired through the Revenue Department, the whole question will be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Government of India—copy of these Proceedings being meanwhile forwarded for their information.

6. In submitting the Estimates called for, in the preceding paragraph, the amount of funds will be shewn which can be made available in the Department Public Works for the acquirement of the land, and for the prosecution of the work, if sanctioned. The Governor in Council observes, that a sum of 60,000 has been included for this particular project in the Quarter Master General's Budget Estimate.

7. Early orders will be issued in the Revenue Department on paragraph 3 of this order.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 27th May 1863, No. 1721.
(True Extract.)

Wm. R. Stephenson
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Department Public Works. *Wm. R. Stephenson*
- „ Adjutant General.
- „ Asst. Adjt. Genl. Royal Artillery.
- „ Controller of Military Finance, for information.
- „ Military Finance Department.

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