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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th September 1864.*

No. 277. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Requesting the construction, if funds can be made available,
of the Camel Shed, &c., required at Codumbakum, Madras
District, on account of the removal, to that Station, of a } (Here enter 3rd September 1864, No. 3,103.)
portion of the public cattle now at Cauverypauk,

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1864, No. 2,665.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with a request that he will
report whether funds* can be provided for the
work from the current year's allotments for the
Districts under his charge.

* Rupees 1,300.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

„ Accountant General.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

* Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officiating Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 25th July 1864, No. 6913 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to report that inconvenience has been found from all the Public Cattle in the Centre Division being kept at Cauverypauk, and it is now proposed to keep a portion of them in the vicinity of Madras, where their services could be more readily available in cases of emergency.

2. Codumbaukum, about four miles from Madras, is the spot decided on for this purpose, and the proposed change will, it has been ascertained, make no difference in expense for their keep.

3. The Commissary General has, however, recommended that a Shed should be erected for cover of the Camels, and observes that on his recent tour the great advantage of possessing shelter for these delicate animals was brought prominently to his notice by Captain Magrath at Hoonsoor, where a portion of the Bullock Sheds had been used for the Camels, with the result that the casualties during the past year had been reduced to the unprecedentedly small number of one.

4. A Plan and Estimate for erection of a Camel Shed and a tiled Godown for the protection of Line Articles, Furniture, &c., are enclosed, and His Excellency recommends to Government to sanction the outlay. The proposed Shed would give cover for thirty-six Camels.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 19th August 1864, No. ⁸²⁶7741 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In reply to Memorandum of 29th ultimo, the Quarter Master General has the honor to forward an original letter from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, setting forth the special instances wherein inconvenience to the public Service has arisen in consequence of the location of the Public Cattle at Cauverypauk.

2. Cauverypauk is sixty-one miles from Madras by road. Sholingur is the nearest Railway Station, distant eight miles, and Vellore, distant twenty-three miles, is the nearest Government Telegraph Station.

3. Public Cattle Attendants are not entitled to Huts or Hutting allowance.

4. The removal of the Cattle near Madras has frequently been desired of late years on occasions which have marked the necessity, but the outbreak of Cholera in the 74th Highlanders, brought the matter to a final issue.

5. Cauverypauk was originally chosen as a Cattle Depôt, because it was near Arcot, where at that time there was a Brigade of Light Cavalry.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Head Quarters, Madras, 4th August 1864, No. 666 ; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 7147, * dated 1st August 1864, on that of the Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department,

* Herewith returned as therein requested. No. — dated 29th July 1864, paragraph 1, I have the honor to state that on the 19th February 1864, the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of this Division, was on account of Cholera in the 74th Regiment, directed to shift the Camp, but he had to remain there from 11 A. M. till 2-30 P. M. on that day before any Carriage arrived, and then had to shift sixty Tents with the only Carriage available, viz., eleven Carts ; fortunately the distance was short and there was moon-light, but all

that was necessary was not completed till 9-30 P.M. that night—had the site been selected at a greater distance, it would have been impossible to move the Troops.

2. On account of the Cholera appearing in a still more virulent form on Sunday the 21st, it was again necessary to move the 74th without delay to Palaveram which I selected. On Monday morning the 22nd, at an early hour, the Regiment marched to that Station, after striking their Camp, where there was an empty Building and Out-offices which afforded shelter from the sun. The Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General was unable to move the Tents for want of Carriage until late and then by means of thirty-six Carts, obtained through the Staff Officer at the Mount. The orders for the move were of necessity issued on a Sunday, when Contractors could not be found, and Bandy-men were unwilling to go to a Camp where Cholera had been so fatal.

3. Camping ground has now been selected at the Red Hills on account of their salubrity, and as the Commissariat Local Officer represented that the earliest period at which Carriage could be expected from Cauverypauk at Madras was four days, it was desirable that means of conveyance should be established, so that if Cholera broke out in Fort Saint George, the Mount, or a Camp in the neighbourhood, Troops could be moved in twenty-four hours after the outbreak, thus obviating delay which might be fatal in many cases.

ORDER, No. 3103, 3rd September 1864.

The Governor in Council sanctions the removal of a portion of the Public Cattle from Cauverypauk to Codumbaukum, for the reasons assigned in the correspondence above recorded.

2. The Plan and Estimate will be transferred to the Public Works Department, in view to the Buildings required at Codumbaukum being proceeded with, if funds can be made available.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Qr. Mr. General, with an enclosure.

- „ Pub. Works Dept., with a Plan and Estimate. *420 spare Copies*
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Examiner Pay Department.
- „ Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
- „ Adjutant General, for information.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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Communicated to the Super-
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Cheprauk
14th Sept^r 1864

To The Superint^g Engineer 14th Dec^r with 3 Enclos.
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