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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd June 1864.*

No. 75. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Sanctioning the sinking of two wells at the Red Hills for the use of the Troops to be encamped there ; and referring for consideration the question as to the repair, by Government, of the private road from the Perambore Railway Station to the encamping ground, Madras District. (Here enter 28th May 1864, No. 1,810.)

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1864, No. 1,624.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, who will be requested to submit his opinion with reference to paragraph 2.
- 2 The cost of the wells will be met from the Reserve under " Military."

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division:

„ Accountant General.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 12th May 1864, No. 4794; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government for sanction with the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. The sinking of the two Wells is estimated to cost Rupees 1,900, and the putting the private road from the Perambore Railway Station to the Red Hills into thorough order, Rupees 4,400. Total Rupees 6,300.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Madras, 15th March 1864, No. 52; to the Quarter Master General.

The recent outbreak of Cholera in a violent form in the 74th Highlanders, encamped on Guindy Race Course, has induced me to select the Red Hills for the future encamping ground of Troops. It is high, open ground, capable in space for 7 or 8,000 men at least, freely exposed to the sea and other breezes: the soil is laterite, the surface broken up into nodules in which oxide of Iron predominates. It is situated between two large Tanks of excellent water for cooking and other purposes; and Well water can, on an emergency, be obtained from two good private Wells for drinking purposes for European Troops, but I would recommend two Wells to be sunk by Government, thus being independent of private property.

2. Families from Madras, on account of health and coolness, reside there in the early part of the year till April, and the Inspector General of Hospitals, Dr. Shaw, is fully aware of its advantages.

3. The locality has also the great advantage of a limited Native population, and few, if any, Arrack Shops in the immediate vicinity. The annexed Sketch will shew the distances as compared with that of Guindy Race Course from Custom House Beach at Madras and Railway Stations at Perambore and Madras as well as Royapooram.

Distances.			
From	To Guindy Race Course.	To Red Hills Camp	Remarks on Roads.
Custom House Beach.	9	8½ miles.	The Road by the Powder Mills is the high road to the North, is excellent.
Royapooram Railway Station.	9½	8	The Road by Perambore Railway Station is good to the Station, beyond it is a Carriage road kept in repair by the Proprietors of private houses at the Red Hills.
Perambore Railway Station.	11	5	The Road from Red Hills to Avady is a Country Cart road, available for Troops and light baggage.
Avady Railway Station.	11	5½	The roads from Guindy Race Course to all parts are good.

4. The Railway could be made available either at Perambore or Avady, but preference would be given to the former on account of the road and distance for Troops, especially if the proposition for the supply of water to Madras, and consequent enlargement of the large Tank is carried out—this last may interfere with the road to Avady.

5. In case of serious outbreak of sickness, I shall move Troops to the encamping ground which I have selected at the Red Hills, availing myself of the private Wells of drinking water for Europeans on such an emergency. For Troops proceeding or arriving by Rail, requiring to be encamped, I would recommend two Wells to be sunk, and the road from Perambore to be repaired by Government instead of leaving it to private enterprise.

6. I have the honor to request you will bring these proposals to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief.

ORDER, No. 1810, 28th May 1864.

The Governor in Council approves of the formation of an encamping ground at the Red Hills, and sanctions the sinking of two Wells as recommended.

2. It appearing, however, that there is a Government road direct from the Custom House to the Red Hills, the question raised in paragraph 4 of Major General McCleverty's letter as to the repair of the road from Perambore by Government, will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Public Works Department.

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With an Order

Exd, R. Stephenson.