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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd April 1864.*

No. 38. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department :—

Communicating copy of a Memorandum issued by the Com-
mander-in-Chief to Departmental Officers serving under
Government, having reference to the misconduct of Soldiers } (Here enter 19th March 1864, No. 966.)
employed in those Departments.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1864, No. 910.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 11th March 1864, No. 187; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the information of Government, copy of a Memorandum, No. 799, dated 11th March 1864, which His Excellency has found it necessary to issue to Departmental Officers serving under Government, having reference to the misconduct of Soldiers employed in those Departments.

2. I am to request that the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council of the instructions contained in this Memorandum, may be notified to Departments, should there be no objection.

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No. 799.

CIRCULAR TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, &c. &c.
MEMORANDUM.

The Commander-in-Chief has learnt that Soldiers of the Effective Supernumeraries have been sent back to their Regiments from the various Departments under Government, Civil and Military, without any record to show what their conduct has been during absence from Regimental duty; while, at the same time, there is reason to suspect that many of them have, by their misconduct, forfeited all the benefits conferred by the Good Conduct Regulations upon the well behaved Soldier.

2. On these men re-joining their Regiments or Batteries, their Commanding Officers, in the absence of any information regarding them, are compelled to admit them to the advantages of the Good Conduct Warrant, and have even recommended them for the Good Conduct Medal with Gratuity.

3. Sir Hope Grant desires that measures shall be at once adopted to prevent, for the future, such evasions of the provisions of Her Majesty's Royal Warrant; and with this view, His Excellency requests that Departmental Officers will carefully record every instance of misconduct that Soldiers of the Effective supernumeraries may commit, while serving under their orders,—

These entries are to be made in the Soldier's Defaulter Sheet which should have been received* with him from his Regiment, and that record should be completed to date and sent back

* If not, application should be made for it without delay.

to his Regiment with the Soldier when he returns to it.

4. The Soldier in Barracks is constantly under the supervision of his superiors, and his every act of misconduct is noticed, and, often, in such way as to involve pecuniary penalty. He has therefore just cause for complaint when he sees his comrade, whose conduct he knows has been no better than his own, in the enjoyment of advantages which he has forfeited.

5. The Commander-in-Chief must request Departmental Officers will adopt measures whereby the habits of the Soldiers serving under their orders may be ascertained by them, and instances of intemperance or other misbehavior at once detected, punished and recorded.

6. The Commander-in-Chief will not fail to bring to the notice of Government the name of any Officer who neglects the important duty enjoined in this Circular.

(By order,)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
FORT ST. GEORGE, 11th March 1864. }

(Signed) J. M. PRIMROSE, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

ORDER, No. 966, 19th March 1864.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the issue of the Memorandum submitted with the foregoing letter, which will be communicated to Departmental Officers concerned, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

M. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Public Works Department. *With 20 spare copies*
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Inspector General of Ordnance.
- „ Clothing Department.
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Remount Agent Oosoor.
- „ Judicial Department.

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