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

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Stating that the accommodation to be provided for the }
European Infantry at Trichinopoly will be restricted to } (Here enter 19th March 1864, No. 967.)
two instead of five ranges of Barracks, with the requisite }
subsidiary buildings, &c.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1864, No. 911.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Passing orders on the List of unanswered orders of Government, submitted by the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, for the half year ending 30th September 1863. } Here enter 23rd February 1864, No. 543.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 29th February 1864, No. 2514; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to request that the subject of locating an entire Regiment of British Infantry at Wellington, may be submitted to Government for re-consideration.

2. In making this request, His Excellency is not unmindful that it has already been ruled by Government that a Wing should be stationed at Trichinopoly and a Wing at Wellington, and that Plans and Estimates have been ordered to be prepared for new Barracks for a Wing at Trichinopoly. Nevertheless, His Excellency is so impressed with the inutility of having any British Infantry at Trichinopoly which he has visited, and of the importance of massing the Regiment at Wellington, that he trusts that further deliberation may result in gaining the assent of Government to the proposition.

3. It is understood that the Railroad from Trichinopoly to Erode will be open in about three years; so that then the entire distance from Trichinopoly to Coimbatore will be traversable by Rail; and the Regiment, or a part of it, may be at immediate disposal, if their services in the Field are called for.

4. The new Infantry Barracks at Trichinopoly will not in this case be needed.

5. The Supreme Government, in Order of Madras Government, No. 580, dated 19th instant, have expressed an objection to having British Artillery without the support of British Infantry or Cavalry, whenever it can be avoided: and as the Battery of Artillery at Trichinopoly will be so left if the Detachment of Her Majesty's 105th is withdrawn, the objection of the Supreme Government would apparently apply. But His Excellency thinks that the advantages of having a Regiment on the Hills far out-weigh any objections that can be brought against it, and he therefore strongly urges the adoption of his proposal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Sanctioning a grant of Rupees 4,000 from the current year's Reserve for the construction of the Magazine at Trichinopoly, and intimating that it was found impracticable to provide Funds for this Building in the Budget for 1864-65. } Here enter 4th March 1864, No. 646.

ORDER, No. 967, 19th March 1864.

On further consideration of the question raised in the letter from the Quarter Master General above recorded, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that two Companies of European Infantry with the Battery of Artillery now quartered at Trichinopoly, will suffice for the requirements of that Station, pending the completion of the Erode Junction Railway, when the question of the Force to be thereafter permanently retained at the Station, can be re-considered.

2. Under this ruling, and referring to paragraph 3 of Order of Government, No. 646, Public Works Department, dated 4th March 1864, the accommodation to be provided, meanwhile, for the European Infantry, there, will be restricted to two instead of five ranges of Barracks, with the requisite subsidiary Buildings.

3. It is observed that the reports called for by the Military Department, referred to in paragraph 3 of Order of Government, Department Public Works, No. 543, dated 23rd February 1864, will not now be required.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department.

„ Quarter Master General.

„ Adjutant General, for information.

„ Judicial Department, } for information, with reference

„ Revenue Department, } to previous correspondence.

Marshall
Secretary to Government.

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