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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th June 1865.*

No. 222. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Requesting His Excellency the Command-
er-in-Chief to issue instructions for the
immediate removal of the sick Sappers
and their families from Luckady to
Bangalore by rail, and observing that
the cost of their removal will be defray-
ed from the amount allotted for the
construction of the Tambracherry
Ghát.

(Here enter 3rd June 1865, No. 2,085.)

ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1865, No. 1,580.

No. 223.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer, 7th Division, for information and
guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 29th May 1865, No. 5808; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Referring to the report sent to Government for information on the 23rd instant, on the subject of the sickness now prevailing in the Sappers at Luckady, I have now the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to state that the following telegram has been received. "Number of Sappers sick in Hospital one hundred, of these requiring change sixty. Number of women sick two hundred and fifty, of these one hundred and fifty require change."

2. The further communications forwarded with this* will inform the Government that it is recommended that all the

* 1 Letter from Commandant Sappers No. 520, dated 23rd May 1865, with one enclosure.

2 Letter from Officer Commanding Mysore Division, No. 175, dated 27th May 1865, with one enclosure.

sick at Wynaad with their families should be removed as early as possible. Dr. Rogers says to Coimbatore as on the last occasion; the Officer Commanding the Detachment says to Regimental Head

Quarters, Bangalore. The Commander-in-Chief thinks it would be more satisfactory if they were sent to Bangalore, which can easily be done.

3. But His Excellency suggests that their journey to, and from, Bangalore should be at Government expense as before.

4. If the family of a Sapper is sick the man should accompany them for care and protection, and if a further number of men and families become sick, as may be expected, they should likewise be sent to Bangalore on similar terms.

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bangalore, 23rd May 1865, No. 520; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward herewith, extract from letter, No. 16, received from the Officer

Bringing to notice the present sickly state of the Detachment, Sappers and Miners at Wynaad, and offering certain suggestions relative thereto.

Commanding Detachment Sappers and Miners, Wynaad, reporting the sickly state of the Detachment there stationed, and request you will be good enough to submit them to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Extract from a letter from the Officer Commanding Detachment Sappers and Miners, Luckady, May 1865, No. 16; to the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bangalore.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the unusual amount of sickness that prevails amongst the men and families of the Sappers at this Station at the present time, the daily number of the former treated in Hospital being from 80 to 100, and of the latter, the families, 100 and upwards.

The cases, under treatment are chiefly Fever, some being intermittent and simple, others again more complicated, attended with disease of the lungs, disordered spleen and dysentery—though fewer of the latter.

The debilitated state of many of the men who have been under treatment several times for the same thing is such, that the Apothecary in Medical charge has brought the matter to the notice of his superiors, and recommended the removal of the Detachment or such portion of it, as he may consider actually to require it, the fear entertained by him being that, should dysentery break out during the rains, those now suffering will be ill-prepared to battle with it.

I leave it for you to decide what is best to be done, but would respectfully suggest that those selected for removal be moved in a body as a detail to Regimental Head Quarters, as I concur with the Apothecary in thinking that the men if permitted to proceed their own way will avoid the Rail (indeed they cannot afford it with their families) and be falling sick by two's and three's en route to their destination, and so do themselves more harm than they would by remaining here.

The position of the Lines of the "D" and "E" Companies is not good, and cannot be improved, the H Company is much better and the Huts of all are good and well thatched.

(True Extract.)

BANGALORE, }
23rd May 1865.

(Signed) P. WETHERALL, Captain,
Ag. Qr. Mr. Sappers and Miners.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 27th May 1865, No. 175; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Fort Saint George.

With reference to letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, submitted under my counter-signature, No. 172, of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward the enclosure from the

No. 720 of the 27th instant.

Officiating Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals Mysore Division, recording his opinion as to the measures to be adopted under the circumstances therein noticed, and in which I concur.

From Garrison Surgeon M. ROGERS, in charge Office of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals Mysore Division, Bangalore, 27th May 1865, No. 720; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division, Bangalore.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 1415, of yesterday's date, accompanying extract of a letter from Officer Commanding Detachment Sappers and Miners, I have the honor to state that I am of opinion the sick of the Detachment, now in Wynaad, with their families, should be removed as early as possible to Coimbatore temporarily, as was done last year.

The rainy season now approaching is likely to prove highly prejudicial to the health of men in their weakly condition, which cannot be obviated by any Medical treatment.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 31st May 1865, K.

ORDER, No. 2085, 3rd June 1865.

Resolved that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief be requested to issue instructions, for the immediate removal of the sick Sappers and Miners and families from Luckady to Bangalore by Rail, the cost of the removal being borne by Government.

2. The charge, however, being inadmissible under Regulation, and not provided for in the Military Estimate, will, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government marginally noted, be defrayed from the amount allotted for the construction of the Tambracherry Ghaut, the men having lost their health while employed on that work.

(True Extract.)

M. M. Williams
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with 4 enclosures.

- " Controller of Military Accounts.
- " Public Works Department. *with 5 spare copies.*
- " Public Department.
- " Adjutant General.
- " Military Accountant.
- " Examiner Pay Department.

