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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th June 1865.*

No. 607. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 26th April 1865, No. 1,561.

Read the following letters :—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 5th April 1865, No. 4,053, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

1. In consequence of the reduction of three Field Batteries, and the raising out of them of three Garrison Batteries, some alteration becomes necessary in the disposition of the Artillery.

2. Government is aware that for some time past, we have been waiting to learn what changes were to take place, in order to settle the question of surplus Artillery at Kamptee and Secunderabad, at neither of which places is there Barrack accommodation sufficient for them.

3. At Kamptee the Artillery force consists of
1 Troop of Horse Artillery,
2 Batteries of Field Artillery,
1 Garrison Battery.

At Secunderabad
1 Troop of Horse Artillery,
3 Batteries of Field Artillery,
1 Garrison Battery :

At each of these places there is a Battery of Field Artillery beyond the required complement, and they should therefore be withdrawn : another Field Battery being sent to Bellary, and another to the Mount, to re-place the Batteries reduced at those places.

The Garrison Battery at Kamptee will then find ample space in the existing Barracks. The quarters which are now in progress for two Batteries at Bellary, can be finished ; and the newly finished Barracks for two Field Batteries at the Mount can be again filled. The Garrison Battery at Bellary, formed out of the reduced Field Battery, should be sent to the Mount.

4. The distribution of the European Artillery will then be as follows :—

	Horse Artillery.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.
Kamptee	1	1	1
Secunderabad...	1	2	1
Bellary	1	1	0
Bangalore	1	2	0
Cannanore	0	1	0
Trichinopoly ...	0	1	0
Mount	0	2	4
Rangoon	0	0	1
Thyetmyo	0	1	0
Tonghoo	0	0	1
Straits	0	0	3
	4	11	11
Total...	26		

5. The Supreme Government has perhaps, without being aware of the important consideration of accommodation, and

* Proceedings of Government, No. 849, dated 11th March 1864. in opposition to the recommendation of this Government, ordered* that, whenever

reduction took place, a Field Battery was to be withdrawn from Bellary. But the Commander-in-Chief submits that surplus Artillery at Stations where additional Barracks will have to be built, if they are to be retained, are to be dealt with before

a Station where there is no Artillery considered surplus, and where Barrack accommodation was long since sanctioned and commenced to be built, but discontinued for one Battery, pending the reduction contemplated. If, however, the Supreme Government is determined to withdraw the Field Battery from Bellary, then an entirely new range of Barracks will have to be built at Kamptee. The Bellary Barracks have been in hand three or four years. The Field Artillery are in entirely new quarters; and the Horse Artillery are in quarters which were to have been enlarged and improved.

6. Of the four Garrison Batteries proposed to be kept at the Mount, one at least, if not two, must be considered reserved for Fort Saint George, whenever the accommodation in the Fort admits of it, or whenever the Veteran Artillery is reduced so low in numbers that Garrison Artillery must occupy the present Barracks, ill-suited as they are, and without any quarters for families.

7. The Commander-in-Chief is very strongly of opinion that another Garrison Battery should be sent to Rangoon, where at present there is but one. The town is growing into a great city, covering a large extent of ground, and the shipping

in the river, when the Commander-in-Chief was there, amounted to at least 100 large vessels from all nations in Europe. The presence of 75 Artillery men seems quite disproportionate to the exigencies of the place. On this point a separate letter will be addressed to you in connection with the defences at Monkey Point, Rangoon.

8. All these points will need consideration and reference to Calcutta, and by the time a reply is received, the season will be too far advanced to make any movements, should these propositions be adopted. But notification should be made in the Gazette of the removal of the C Battery, 23rd Brigade, from the Mount to Trichinopoly, already authorized.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 5th April 1865, No. 4,092;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the following remarks by the Commander-in-Chief, on the state of the intrenched post at Thyetmyo, which he lately inspected.

"The intrenched post at Thyetmyo is very weak, in consequence of the defences having been from the first only temporarily constructed. The river, which a short time ago ran close under it, has changed its course, and is now three-quarters of a mile distant. On this side it has little or no strength.

"Since the change of the river, it would be difficult for a force attacked to get a sufficient supply of water into the Fort. The river might no doubt again be restored to its former channel by engineering power, but the expense would be great. There are only two Wells in the Fort which become nearly dry in the hot weather.

"The Ordnance at present mounted is very bad, and the Carriages and Platforms old and useless. I think it would be advisable to send up four 68-Pounders for the river face, and four 18-Pounders and two 8-inch Mortars for the other portions; this, with the two 8-inch Howitzers with good Carriages, would be ample.

"The Fort is otherwise well situated and in a commanding situation."

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to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the consideration of Government, the following remarks by the Commander-in-Chief, on the condition of the Battery at Monkey Point, Rangoon, which he lately inspected.

"The Fort at Rangoon, called Monkey Point, is very faulty. It is badly constructed, the tide constantly carrying away portions of the scarp and parapet. The Barrack in it is old, rotten, and tumbling down. The Cook-room is closely adjoining the Magazine. There is no covered place where shells can be charged or fuzes cut—another river or creek of the sea enters the Irrawaddy, a little below the Fort, where the boats of a Man-of-War could easily row up in the dark, land a number of men and take the Battery in reverse, from which part of the Fort no guns can bear.

"The Battery commands the passage, generally used by ships coming up the river; but there is another deep channel on the other side, about 300 yards wide, where an enemy's Steamer might easily get up, quite out of range of shot.

"There are six 68-Pounders in the Fort, but further than a place for instructing men in the use of these guns, it is in its present construction of little use.

"I would recommend a well constructed Battery to be formed on the same position, and one on the other side of the river, and I would propose another Garrison Battery being sent to Rangoon. It is now becoming a place of great importance, and there must have been upwards of 100 large trading vessels at Rangoon during my stay there."

1. Resolved that the letters above recorded from the Quarter Master General be forwarded to the Government of India, for consideration and orders.

2. The Governor in Council concurs in the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, regarding the Field Battery at Bellary, and generally in the distribution of the Artillery, as proposed in paragraph 4 of letter No. 4,053.

3. The notification of the movement of the C Battery 23rd Brigade, from the Mount to Trichinopoly, will be published in G. O.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

(Here enter 26th April 1865, No. 1,562.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,

Under Secretary to Government.

No. 608.

ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1865, No. 1,768.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 50.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Divisions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Divisions.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 5th April 1865, No. 4093;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

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ORDER, No. 1561, 26th April 1865.

Resolved that the letters above recorded from the Quarter Master General be forwarded to the Government of India, for consideration and orders.

2. The Governor in Council concurs in the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, regarding the Field Battery at Bellary, and generally in the distribution of the Artillery, as proposed in paragraph 4 of letter No. 4053.

3. The notification of the movement of the C Battery 23rd Brigade from the Mount to Trichinopoly, will be published in G. O.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 26th April 1865, No. 1562.

(True Extract.)

William Miller
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.

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Hon^{ble} George R
 26 June 1865
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To the Superintendent Engineer

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Done 10-27 June