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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th August 1865.*

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Passing orders on letter from the Con-
troller of Military Accounts, forward-
ing one from the Officer Command-
ing the Troops in the Straits, Singa-
pore, proposing certain sports for the
Native Soldiers at Labuan. } (Here enter 27th July 1865, No. 2,775.)

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1865, No. 2,237.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

Ordered to be recorded.

• (True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 27th June 1865, C; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward a letter, from the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Straits, proposing, with reference to the fourth recommendation of Colonel

Dated 22nd May 1865, No. 55. DeSausmarez, certain sports for the Native Soldier at Labuan, under the Quarter

Paragraph 6, Secretary of State's Despatch. Pro. of Govt., 19th April 1865, No. 1428. Master General's docket of the 19th June 1865, No. $\frac{69}{6557}$.

2. The proposals in themselves appear unobjectionable—if Government consider that provision for the celebration of Native feasts should be recognized as an object in the erection of a covered alley, or that it is expedient that such feasts should be celebrated in a building erected by Government for the amusements of the men, without reference to caste—but the expense, which it is proposed that the Colonial Government should incur on account of two Companies only, appears to me excessive.

3. The erection of the covered alley, and the supply of Boats, Tools and Cricket materials, according to the estimate, involve an expenditure of Rs. 1,750, while the annual charge for Seeds and Prizes in connection with the gardens and games is estimated at Rupees 420.

4. The covered alley seems to be very desirable in a climate like that of Labuan, but the proposed dimensions appear large, and the screen, it is presumed, is only necessary in view of the celebration of Native festivals and the separation of castes.

5. An alley 70 feet long 25 feet broad and without a screen, would probably afford ample room for the amusements of the men, and might, it is presumed, be erected for about 600 Rupees—a couple of Boats would, it appears, cost 400 Rupees.

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400
180
Rs. 1,180

Rupees 180 should suffice for Tools and Cricket materials at first, at least till it is ascertained to what extent the men will avail themselves of these means of recreation.

* G. O. C. C., 16th May 1864, No. 46.

† Para. 4 of G. O. C. C., 9th May 1865, No. 52.

6. The authorised allowance for Seeds* per 100 men is Rupees 3½, or 30 per Regiment; and for Prizes† for gardening Rupees 50 per Regiment.

Seeds,...	...	Rs. 6
Prizes...	...	,, 50
		Rs. 56

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7. If, therefore, Rupees 6 were allowed for Seeds, and Rupees 50 for Prizes for both gardening and games, the provision would, I submit, be ample, involving an annual charge of Rupees 56.

8. The Boats must, of course, be kept in repair, and Tools and Cricket materials repaired and re-placed as necessary.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 19th June 1865, No. $\frac{69}{6557}$; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

Forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts, with the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief in the recommendations made, for submission to Government,

with reference to paragraph 6, clause 4 of the Secretary of State's Despatch in Proceedings of Government, No. 1428 dated 19th April last.

From the Officer Commanding Troops Straits, Singapore, 22nd May 1865, No. 55; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, dated 24th April 1865, No. and subject as per margin, and to report that in my opinion the first desideratum for the recreation of the Native soldiery at Labuan is a "covered alley," in which they may meet and amuse themselves, at all season of the year—either day or night—such a building I am satisfied is much required—it should be built open on Brick Pillars, with a thatched roof—thatch being cooler, and less expensive, than tiles :—It should be about 100 feet long, by 30 broad, and 12 high, divided into two equal compartments by a running screen, so that, when all castes meet for a general celebration, the whole building would be available, and on the other hand, if Hindoos and Mahomedans were ever desirous of celebrating their own feasts, they could do so without inconvenience, or risk of dispute—wrestling could go on in the alley which should be paved.

2. I would suggest that those who like the sport might be permitted to use their Muskets to go into the interior of the Island for Pig shooting—there are no Tigers so no danger on that account is to be apprehended.

3. To this I would add Cricket and Boating—2 Boats should be provided, with the view of getting up rowing matches, 3 or 4 times in the year, when prizes should be given, say from 50 to 60 Rupees, these prizes should be in money : a Native sets little value on watches or trinkets thus obtained—besides there is the excitement of spending his money as he pleases, a point of interest which it is desirable to keep up there on Sanitary ground. Boats, very suitable for the purpose, might be bought at Singapore for about Rupees 180 each.

4. Among the men there are some who do not care to join in these sports, but who are fond of gardening, for them I would procure Vegetable seeds from Madras and Bangalore, and keep up their interest in the pursuit by the issue of periodical Prizes. Tools should be furnished at the expense of Government and a small Hut should be erected in each garden to keep the tools.

5. The call upon the Colonial Exchequer would be,

1st For the covered alley, say.	Rs. 1,100
2nd For the purchase of the Boats „	400
3rd Seeds to be supplied half-yearly „	100
4th Tools and Cricket materials „	250
5th Prizes including games and gardens. „	220

6. I have not referred to any Trades for from experience I know that the Native Troops care little about them, and to be of service to them as a healthy occupation and to keep up their interest therein, they must be able to find ready purchasers, which is out of the question at Labuan, where the Troops are dependent entirely on their own resources both for recreation and amusement.

ORDER, No. 2775, 27th July 1865.

The foregoing papers will be communicated to His Excellency the Governor of Labuan, with an expression of the concurrence of this Government in the remarks made by the Controller of Military Accounts in his report above recorded.

2. The Governor in Council considers the provision of a covered alley very desirable for the amusement and shelter of the men in so damp a climate as that of Labuan—referring, however, to the remarks in paragraph 2 of the Controller's report, Government have no desire to interfere with any temporary appropriation of the building by the men at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, and not inconsistent with the general comfort and harmony of the Detachment.

3. It is observed from paragraph 7 of Colonel DeSausmarez's letter, dated 17th June 1864, that gardens have already been established at Labuan, and that all that

will be required on this point is the provision of Seeds and Prizes which have already been sanctioned under the Order marginally noted. With regard to Cricket, the Governor in Council observes that unless the game has been practised in the Regiment and the men generally understand it, there is little probability of its being adopted. It is understood that Quoits would be more likely to succeed, and half a dozen sets could be supplied at a small cost.

4. Tools for the object stated in paragraph 7 of the letter referred to in paragraph 2 of this Order, should be supplied from the Government Stores.

5. The expenses entailed by the measures now approved, with the exception of the annual Prizes, will, under the instructions of Her Majesty's* Government be charged to the Colonial Government.

*Para 9 of Military Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 20 of 1865, recorded in Pro. of Govt., No. 1428, dated 19th April 1865.

To the Colonial Secretary, Labuan. | Here enter 27th July 1865, No. 2776.

(True Extract.)

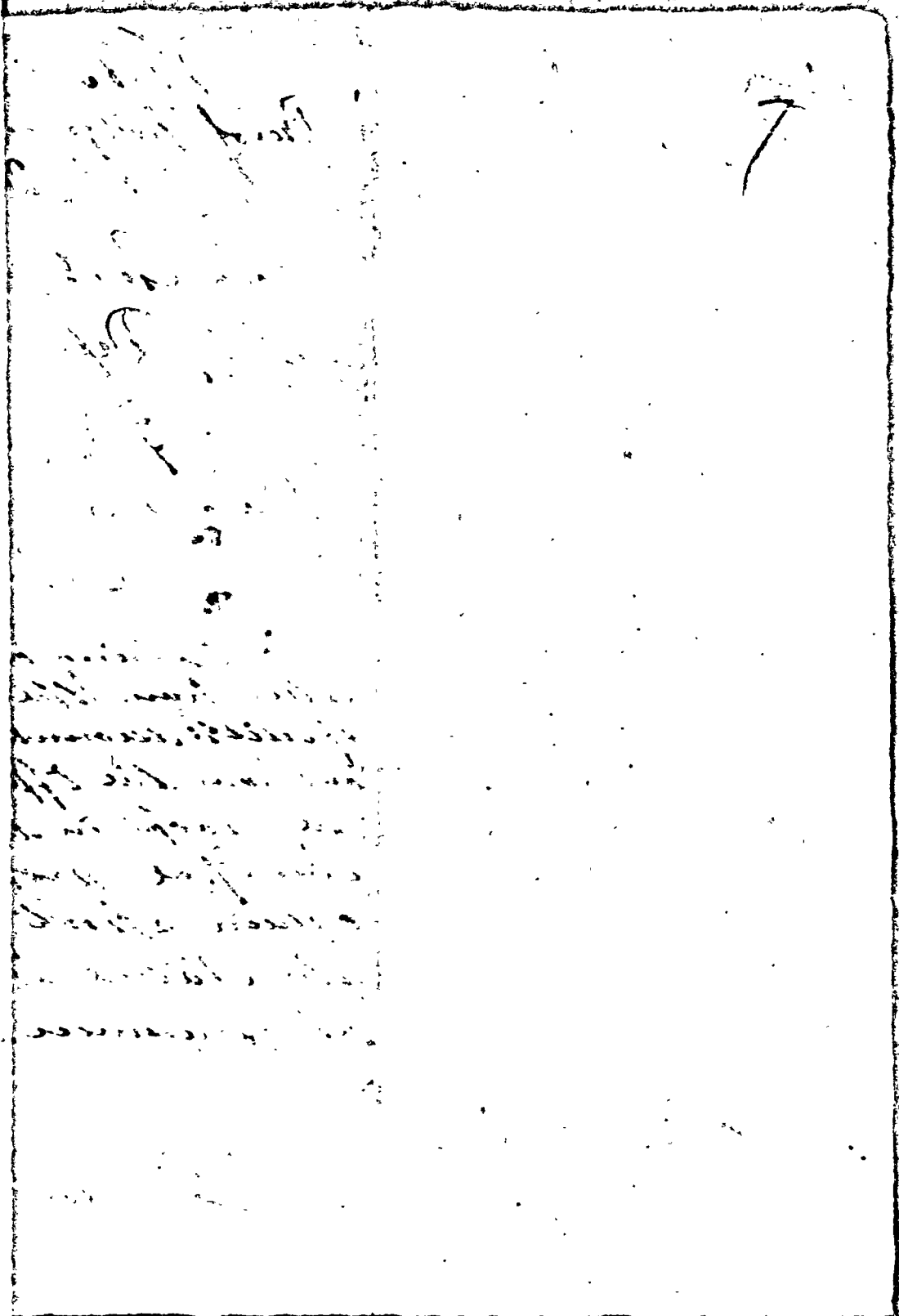
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