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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1865.*

No. 341. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating to the Revenue Department }
letter from the Quarter Master General, inti- }
mating that 800 ~~square~~ yards is the minimum }
area of ground which should be reserved for }
camping purposes for Troops at each halting } (Here enter 10th November 1865, No. 4,167.)
place, and that it should be kept in order by }
the Civil authorities at the expense of }
Government. }

No 342. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1865, No. 3,447.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

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 Secretary to Government, Revenue Dept. | Here enter 18th October 1865.

From the Quarter Master General. | „ 30th Oct. 1865, No. 756 10,414.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1865, No. 6502.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, Cocanada, 21st September 1865, No. 212; to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department of the 6th September 1865, animadverting on the great delay that occurred in my answering a letter from the Officer Commanding Northern Division, regarding the state of encamping grounds for Troops in this District.

2. The letter of the 20th February, to which Colonel Bayley refers, I received on the 27th February, and on the 4th March, I handed over charge of the District to Mr. Chase, and left for Madras on privilege leave on the 8th idem. I did not re-join the District and take over charge till 1st June. The great delay, therefore, in replying to this letter is not attributable to me.

2. In regard to the letter of the 17th July, (received on the 19th idem), on the subject of a portion of the camping ground for Troops being occupied by the Police lines, I beg to state, that on the 26th July, I wrote to the Acting Superintendent of Police asking why, and by whose orders, it had been so occupied. He replied on the 11th August, that it had been occupied under the orders of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Captain Tennent in 1863. I then wrote for further information to the Sub-Magistrate at Tuni, and answered General Armstrong's letter on the 6th September, after receipt of the required information from the Sub-Magistrate. I submit, therefore, that here also there has been no unnecessary delay on my part.

4. In regard to the condition in which the encamping grounds in this District now are, I beg to state, that when I joined the District in May 1864, I had no reason to believe that they were not as they should be; and that since then my duties have not yet led me to the neighbourhood of any of them, otherwise I should, of course, have taken note of their state.

5. The only line by which Troops usually move in this District now is along the high northern road from Tuni via Rajahmundry to Ellore; and as from Rajahmundry to Ellore and on to Bezoarah there is a complete line of navigable canal, I should have imagined that Troops would avail themselves of this mode of conveyance, as both the cheapest and most expeditious.

6. In regard to encamping grounds, I beg to be informed what is the minimum space of ground that must always be kept available at each halting place, and on whom the cost of keeping them in order is to devolve. It cannot of course be expected that villagers will do so for nothing.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Order quoted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary.

Referred to the Military Department, with reference to Government Order in that Department, dated 31st August 1865.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

18th October 1865.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department), with advertence to the question raised in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter, recorded in the foregoing proceedings.

24th October 1865.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 30th October 1865, No. ⁷⁵⁶_{10,414}; to the Secretary to Government, Military Dept., Fort Saint George.

In reply to the reference of the 24th instant, on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of 13th idem, paragraph 6, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to state that 800 square yards is the minimum area of ground which should be reserved for camping purposes at each halting place.

2. The ground should be kept in order, and thoroughly cleansed after every occupation by Troops, by the Civil Authorities. All expenses in connection therewith being charged to Government.

ORDER, No. 4167, 10th November 1865.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

W. Hamilton Esq
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

.. Quarter Master General.

.. Adjutant General,

.. Controller of Military Accounts, } for information.

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