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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th November 1865.*

No. 636. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 20th November 1865, No. 4,288.

Read the following letter :—

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 31st October 1865, No. ⁷⁶⁷_{10,517}, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

1. I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to ask the attention of Government to the following subject :—

2. A G. O. C. C., dated 1st December 1864, was published, with the sanction of Government, ordering superficial space per man in Barracks to be reported on, according to the scale laid down by the Royal Commission, namely, from 80 to 100 square feet, varying according to airiness of position.

3. During the time when the information was being collected, an order from the Supreme Government was issued (Proceedings of Government No. 1,314, dated 6th April last), directing each Soldier to have 90 superficial feet allotted to him everywhere.

4. When the information was forwarded to Government, framed on the order of the Royal Commission, this circumstance was brought to notice (Proceedings of Government No. 2,257, dated 16th June 1865,) and Government took no exception to it, but information of a different description was called for.

5. After the Proceedings of Government above alluded to were forwarded, the Supreme Government (in an order from the Madras Government No. 2,394, dated 27th June 1865,) ruled that 90 feet should be allotted in the plains, and 77 on the hills.

6. The information called for by Government in the order alluded to in paragraph 4 was forwarded to Government, still on the basis of the recommendation of the Royal Commission, and the same was ordered to be recorded (Proceedings of Government No. 3,793, dated 12th October 1865).

7. His Excellency's object in bringing this subject to the notice of Government, is to re-state that the calculations of space in this Presidency have been made on the orders of the Royal Commission, there being then no order from the Supreme Government specially ruling what space should be given, and that when the information was in fact procured on the former orders, the Supreme Government issued others, which were not in precise accordance with them.

8. His Excellency presumes that steps taken under the guidance of the high authority of the Royal Commission need not be disturbed.

The Governor in Council observes that the difference in calculating the space for Barrack accommodation, between the scale laid down by the Royal Commission and the Government of India, is comparatively trifling; the latter having taken the mean of 90 superficial feet in lieu of 80 or 100 per man for the plains, and fixed 77

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for hill climates, the ruling by the Government of India in this matter must accordingly be adopted in calculating Barrack accommodation. No immediate steps will, however, be required, pending the settlement of the question affecting contemplated reductions on strength, as adverted to in Proceedings of Government No. 3,676, dated 3rd October 1865.

No. 637. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1865, No. 3,585.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 29.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, with reference to G. O. No. 2,968, dated 7th October 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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3. During the time when the information was being collected, an order from the Supreme Government was issued (Proceedings of Government, No. 1314, dated 6th April last) directing each Soldier to have 90 superficial feet allotted to him everywhere.

4. When the information was forwarded to Government, framed on the order of the Royal Commission, this circumstance was brought to notice (Proceedings of Government No. 2257, dated 16th June 1865) and Government took no exception to it, but information of a different description was called for.

5. After the Proceedings of Government above alluded to were forwarded, the Supreme Government (in an order from the Madras Government No. 2394, dated 27th June 1865) ruled that 90 feet should be allotted in the Plains, and 77 on the Hills.

6. The information called for by Government in the order alluded to in paragraph 4 was forwarded to Government, still on the basis of the recommendation of the Royal Commission, and the same was ordered to be recorded (Proceedings of Government No. 3793, dated 12th October 1865.)

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ORDER, No. 4288, 20th November 1865.

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(True Extract.)

Shamilton Col
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department, }
" Adjutant General, ... } for information.
" Barrack Master, ... }

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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