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No. 460. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 22nd December 1865, No. 4,739 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissary General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Madras, 18th December 1865, No. 5,477 :—

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a suitable site for the Government Bakery. No less than eight places have been examined, but to most of these objections have been made on different grounds.

2. In selecting a site the following essentials must be kept in view :—

(a.) The Troops to be supplied are stationed in about equal numbers at the Fort and at Saint Thomas' Mount, the spot selected should therefore be if possible equi-distant from the two places. The bread must be delivered at the ration stands before 6 A. M., every morning, in all weathers, and this could not be done if the Bakery was situated at an inconvenient distance.

(b.) The water must be good.

(c.) The situation should if possible be such as will admit of its being constantly and regularly visited and inspected by the Commissariat Officer in charge.

3. Of the several sites the most eligible are the following :—

First.—A spot of ground to the right of the Poonamallee road at the corner of the spur tank; excellent water is obtainable here, but the site is low and would have to be raised, and being private property considerable expense and much delay would arise in securing this site.

Second.—Another site which was looked at was a portion of the plot of Government ground at the back of the Cooum, adjoining Marshall's road, and it was proposed to place the Bakery in the extreme corner near the present native huts. Although this spot is rather farther from the Mount than could be wished, yet it is in other respects suitable, and the water is good, but the Acting Commissioner of Police, who has charge of this ground, thinks "it is objectionable to encumber one of the few open plots of ground available for sports and recreation in this large city with unsightly buildings." The buildings will not, however, be in any way unsightly or unsuited to such a locality.

Third.—The last site which has been proposed is the plot of ground close to the Cenotaph, which was formerly used as a bandy stand; this is very conveniently situated as regards the Fort and Saint Thomas' Mount, being four miles from the former and four and a half from the latter place. Water is good and plentiful, I would therefore propose to erect the Bakery in this spot, which is under the charge of the Collector of Madras, and should Government see no objections, request that they will direct the ground to be made over to the Commissariat Department for that purpose.

ORDER.—The Governor in Council approves of the third site,* suggested in the foregoing communication from the Commissary General, as suitable for the erection of the Bakery. Orders will accordingly be issued in the Public Works Depart-

* Near the Cenotaph.

ment for the preparation of the necessary plan and estimate in view to the immediate execution of the work on the ground in question being made available for the purpose, on which point reference will be made to the Revenue Department for *early* orders.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 461. ORDER THEREON, 26th December 1865, No. 3,856.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 21.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division for information and guidance.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4739

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

22nd December 1865

Read the following Paper:—

Commissary General's Office
Madras 15th December 1865

No. 5477

From

The Commissary General
Madras

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Govt that considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a suitable site for the Govt Bakery. No less than 8 plans have been examined but to most of them objections have been made on different grounds.

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In selecting a site the following essentials must be kept in view.

(a) The troops to be supplied are obtained in about equal numbers at the Fort and at St Thomas's Mount, the spot selected should therefore be if possible equidistant from the two places. The bread must be delivered at the various stands before 6. A.M. every morning in all weathers, and this could not be done if the bakery was situated at any inconvenient distance.

(b) The water must be good.

(c) The situation should if possible be such as to admit of its being constantly and regularly visited and inspected by the Commissariat Officer in charge.

3. Of the several sites the most eligible are the following.

First a spot of ground to the right of the Coimbatore road at the corner of the Spur (marked) excellent water is obtained here but the site is low and would have to be raised and being private property considerable expense and much delay would arise in securing this site.

Second. Another site which was selected at was a portion of the plot of Cutcherry ground

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at the back of the Cooum adjoining Marshalls road, and it was proposed to place the bakery in the extreme corner near the present Native huts. Altho' this spot is rather far that I have the utmost thaw could be wished, yet it is in other respects suitable and the water is good but the Commissioner of Police who has charge of this ground thinks it is objectionable to surrender one of the few spare pieces of ground available for sports and recreation, in this large city with magnificent buildings. The buildings will not however be in any way magnificent or suited to make a Cocalety.

Third The last site which has been proposed is the plot of ground close to the Cavalry which was formerly used as a band stand; this is very conveniently situated as regards the Fort and St Thomas's Mount being 4 miles from the former and 4½ from the latter places. Water is good and plentiful. I would therefore propose to erect the bakery in this spot which is under the charge of the Collector of Madras and should Govt. see no objections, request that they will direct

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the ground to be made over to the Commissariat Department for that purpose.

I have the honorable &c.
(signed) John Hill Colo.
Commissary General

Order. The Governor in Council approves of the 3rd Site suggested in the foregoing communication from the Commissary General as suitable for the erection of the Bakery Orders will accordingly be issued to the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary Plan and Estimate in view to the immediate execution of the work on the ground in question being made available for the purpose, on which point reference will be made to the Revenue Department for early Orders.

(True Extract)
(signed) Thomas Pycroft
Secretary to Government

To the Public Works Department.

Note. Duplicate sent for Order of Govt. of same date and date.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

22nd December 1865.

Read the following Paper.

From the Commissary General

Reports, for the information of Government, certain particulars regarding sites for the erections of the Government Bakery

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Order. The Governor in Council approves of the third site mentioned in enclosed in the foregoing communication from the Commissary General as suitable for the erection of the Bakery. Orders will be issued accordingly in the Department

near the Centotaph

Department Public Works for the immediate execution of the work, on plans and Estimates being approved.

/ True Extract /

Alexander C.E.
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To The Department Public Works

Dec. 1865 Chatham

Pro. of Goats for December
No. 5144

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Military Depôt

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Memorandum of the
Site near the Cenotaph
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Bakery

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division for information and guidance.

Fort Saint George
26th December 1865

The Supt. Engineer
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