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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th April 1865.*

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Concurring in opinion with the Commander-in-Chief that there will be no necessity to remove the Detachment of Sappers and Miners from Luckady during the monsoon. } (Here enter 1st April 1865, No. 1,264.)

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1865, No. 985.

MISCELLANEOUS, No. 5.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 17th March 1865, No. 3351;
to the Secretary to Government Military Department.

With reference to the Orders of Government as per margin, and to the correspondence printed with those Orders,

No. 3341, dated 19th October 1863.
" 1546, " 7th May 1864.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state

that, on a full consideration of the circumstances represented by Captain Kennedy, in charge of the Tambercherry Ghaut, in the enclosed original letter, His Excellency recommends that the Detachment of Sappers and Miners at Luckady be not removed from that place during next monsoon.

2. I am to take this opportunity to report, that the third Company ordered to be sent to Wynaad is now at Madras and will be sent by Rail to Beypore, en-route to Luckady, in a few days.

From Captain R. B. KENNEDY, in charge of Tambercherry Ghaut, Luckady, 25th February 1865, No. 42; to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

With reference to copy of your letter to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, communicated for my information, I beg leave to offer some remarks, viz, that the Sapper Lines have been entirely re-built during the present season, the objectionable sites abandoned, that the road from Calicut to within half a mile of the Camp will be open for Cart traffic, grain and supplies thereby procurable, and that every former reason for marching away the Detachment during the monsoon entirely removed; for with good shelter, and a proper supply of food, cease all the inconveniences formerly felt as the results of the wet season, and all the causes of sickness.

I have also obtained an excellent site for the Lines of the third Company, have levelled and cleared it, and have only waited for some certain information as to its coming, to build the houses. With regard to Sanitary reasons for the move, I beg to say that the Apothecary, who has been about 3½ years in charge at this station, is of opinion, that so long as the men and their families are well sheltered, fed, and not worked in bad weather, no sickness need be apprehended. I may add that if reference were made to the Officers belonging to the Detachment, and the opinions and wishes of the men themselves consulted, both would be found to be extremely adverse to any move at all.

I beg to add my testimony to your's as to the period when the monsoon commences; slight showers occur daily from the end of May, but the burst seldom, if ever, takes place before the change of the moon about the 12th of June.

From the experience of last season, I am led to the opinion that the presence of a small party may serve to protect the Lines from actual wilful damage, but is of little use so far as saving them from deterioration by weather; the houses when uninhabited cannot resist the effects of the excessive damp.

Had I known this move would have again been ordered, I should certainly not have incurred the heavy expense of re-building the Lines in so substantial a manner as has been done; nor lost so much valuable time in so doing, and I am in hopes that when the testimony of every one acquainted with the locality is unanimous, as to there being not the slightest risk to the health of the men and their families under the circumstances that now exist, that the point may yet be re-considered. It is not the presence or absence of the men during the monsoon itself that makes any difference to the progress of the work, but it is the very great loss of time incurred in repairing inevitable damages to their Lines after their return.

ORDER, No. 1264, 1st April 1865.

Ordered to be communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. The Governor in Council concurs with the Commander-in-Chief, that there will be no necessity to remove the Detachment of Sappers and Miners from Luckady during the monsoon.

(True Extract.)

Wm. C. M. Mac
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with an enclosure.

„ Public Works Department. *With 2 copies*

„ Adjutant General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts, for information.

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