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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1866.*

No. 307. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Sanctioning, at the public expense, the transit)
of the families of the Sappers and Miners } (Here enter 4th September 1866, No. 3,094.)
proceeding to Wynaad.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1866, No. 2,918.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division and to
the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
.. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memo. from the Quarter Master General... Here enter 18th August 1866, No. 500.

Report from the Contr. of Mily. Accounts... „ 1st Sep. „ „ C.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 18th August 1866, No. 500; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of Quarter Master General's letter, dated 3rd ultimo*, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

* No. 299.

recommends that, under the circumstances stated, the request be complied with.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 14th August 1866, No. 472; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

I have the honor to forward for His Excellency's consideration, copy of letter No. 493 of 11th instant, from Colonel Hill, Commanding the Sappers and Miners, requesting that the indulgence of a free passage back to the Wynaad, might be given to the families of the two companies ordered to return thither by the 1st proximo.

2. The exact meaning of Proceedings of Government, No. 2476 of 17th ultimo, ordering the move appearing somewhat doubtful, I referred the question to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, and was informed that "Government in the 3rd paragraph of O. G., dated 17th July 1866, decline to grant a free passage to the families. The approval given in paragraph I, "cannot therefore be held to apply to their movement."

3. I beg respectfully to give Colonel Hill's request my hearty support. I consider that to pay the travelling expenses of their families back to the Wynaad, or to support a double establishment if they left them at Bangalore, would at any time and more particularly in this season of scarcity and distress fall very heavily on the men. I trust, therefore, that His Excellency may be pleased to take the subject into his favorable consideration, in view to Government being moved to review the circumstances of the case.

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bangalore, 11th August 1866, No. 493; to the Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 3415 of the 10th instant, I would request the attention of the Major General Commanding, to paragraph 3, which disallows the travelling and railway charges of the families on their return to Wynaad.

2. I cannot but hope there has been some misunderstanding on the matter, but if Government have actually ruled, that the families are to be conveyed back at the expense of the men, I would very respectfully request the Major General to represent to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the men relying on the pledge supposed to have been given in the Proceedings of Government, No. 663, dated 21st February 1866, are not prepared to bear the expense, and will be thrown into very great difficulties if they are not relieved of it.

3. The Order of Government authorizes the families in this instance being conveyed by rail at the public expense, the words "to and fro" are not made use of, but taken with reference to the wording of the 6th paragraph of the Quarter Master General's letter, No. 545, embodied in these Proceedings, "that without the continued indulgence of Government, it would fall somewhat heavily upon the men," and with the fact that when in 1864, they were moved in a similar manner to Coimbatore, their expenses were paid both ways, it is natural to interpret the Order on the same way on this occasion.

4. If it had been explained to the men that they would have to pay the return railway fares for their families, they would probably in many instances have made arrangement for leaving them near the locality of their future labors.

5. I trust, on consideration, His Excellency will, at the Major General's suggestion, see fit to move the Government, to relieve the men from the great burden which would result from this change from the course pursued in 1864.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 1st September 1866, C.

ORDER, No. 3094, 4th September 1866.

Under the circumstances represented, and on the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor in Council specially sanctions the transit of the families of the Sappers and Miners proceeding to the Wynaad, at the public expense.

2. It is, however, to be understood that the concession of this indulgence forms no ground or pledge, (as appears to have been erroneously entertained) that it will be repeated on every occasion of relief.

3. Meanwhile, Government wish to be informed of the actual cost that would fall upon the men, if they found their own carriage.

(True Extract.)

Macmillan Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
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 „ Military Accountant.
 „ Examiner Pay Department.
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