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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th October 1866.

No. 644. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating certain correspondence relative to the provision of the funds (Rupees 6,000) required for sinking wells in, and constructing roads to the Cholera camps near Bangalore. } (Here enter 22nd October 1866, No. 3,675.)

No. 645. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1866, No. 3,431.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 26.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division, who will submit estimates for the roads and wells referred to.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
,, Military Department.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... Here enter 15th September 1866, No. $\frac{618}{7750}$.

From do. do. ..... ,, 8th October 1866, No. $\frac{729}{8234}$.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 15th September 1866, No. $\frac{618}{7750}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for information, with particular reference to the latter part of paragraph 1.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 11th September 1866, No. 518; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

In continuation of my letter, No. 496, dated 25th August, I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that though amongst the Troops there is only one case of cholera, yet, in the Pettah, the disease is increasing considerably, the report received from the Bangalore Amildar yesterday, gives the deaths on Sunday and early part of Monday as ten, and I am given to understand that four more cases occurred yesterday afternoon in the same locality. The Cantonment continues tolerably free, not more than one or two cases daily having been reported for some time, it is to be hoped this state of things will continue, but with such an amount of destitution as is to be observed in all parts of the Cantonment, a sudden out-break of cholera may be apprehended, and, on this account, I would beg to call your attention to my letter, No. 413, dated 21st November 1865, and your office reply thereto, dated 30th idem, No. 11,367, on the subject of establishing cholera camps, though the latter quoted communication conveyed the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to the proposed sites, and further stated that Government would be addressed to authorize the sums required for making the roads of communication, and for digging the wells, 3,000 Rupees being the cost estimated for each work, no money has as yet been received for carrying out this most important work.

2. Reports regarding cholera in the Districts continue to be received, showing, if anything, an increase—the road between this and Bellary is unsafe. Cholera has broken out at Closepett on the Mysore road.

3. I have stopped the transit of Troops along the Bellary road, until such time as the reports are more favorable.

From the Officiating Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 8th October 1866, No. $\frac{729}{8234}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, dated 2nd instant, I have the honor to inform you, that it cannot be traced in the records of this office that any application was made to Government for funds for roads communicating with the camping grounds near Bangalore, or for digging wells in the said camping grounds.

2. I am now directed, by the Commander-in-Chief, to submit a letter from the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, dated 21st November 1865, No. 413, and to recommend that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the above purposes, to the extent of Rupees 3,000 for the wells, and Rupees 3,000 for the roads.

3. The three cholera encamping sites were approved of by the Commander-in-Chief, and a plan of them was forwarded to the Sanitary Commission on the 21st April 1866.

P. S.—Docket No. $\frac{618}{7750}$, dated 15th September 1866, received with memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to Government, of 2nd instant, is herewith returned.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 21st November 1865, No. 413; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Bangalore.

With reference to the provisions of G. O. C. C., No. 89 of the 27th July 1865, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a plan of three cholera encamping sites, which I consider fully adequate to the requirements of Bangalore. Each site is 800 yards square (marked on the plan in red ink.) The land required is not under cultivation, and can be made over to the Military authorities at little cost to the Mysore Government.

2. The Executive Engineer estimates the cost of constructing permanent wells at the points indicated on the plan by small red circles at Rupees 3,000.

3. To establish a permanent road communication between the several sites might cost about 3,000 more.

4. The distance from the cantonment main guard to the nearest site is four and a half miles, and that of the farthest about six and a half.

5. I further beg leave to annex an Extract from Deputy Inspector General Balfour's diary, showing what other sites were visited. None, however, combine the advantages possessed by these three, and judging from past experience of the impropability of an out-break of epidemic disease at this station, I would recommend their adoption.

EXTRACT *from the diaries of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals* EDWARD BALFOUR, *on the* CHOLERA CAMP SITES.

The following Extracts from my diaries, regarding our search, were sent to-day to Captain Scott, Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, *viz.* :—

14*th August* 1865.

"Along with Captain Scott, Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, and Captain Pearse, *Officiating Deputy Superintendent, Ashtagram Division, examining the country four and* five miles to the north-west for a cholera site ordered in G. O. C. C., No. 89, dated 27th July 1865, fixed on a hill with an area of two square miles north of the village of Johully. It is also almost due north of the fifth mile-stone at Subadar's chutrum. It can be approached from the Bellary road at mile-stone five and a half, but the Balapoor road leads to its south-western and divides to its north-eastern ends. Water must be tried for."

16*th August* 1865.

"Along with Captains Scott and Pearse, proceeded one ground to the south-eastern south and south-western of the cantonment, and at a distance of about four and a half miles, observed an uncultivated hill, crossed by the Banirgutta road, as it runs to the south. It is almost one and three-quarters of a mile long, east to west, and one mile broad, north to south, at its western end. It runs due east from the village of Maruhully, and is due south from Trinity Church, distance three or four miles as the crow flies. The Banirgutta road which leaves the post office, gives ample wheel carriage, there is a valley near on the south-west where wells could be sunk."

18*th August* 1865.

"Along with Captains Scott and Pearse proceeded along the old Madras road to the Railway, crossing near the eighth mile-stone. There is much beautiful ground for cholera encampments, but all under cultivation."

22*nd August* 1865.

"With Captains Scott and Pearse examining all the ground to the east south-eastern for cholera camps, going over the Artillery practice ground and to the east, fixed on two slopes of a hill about two square miles, lying on the western road north of the villages of Emroor and Gambapooram. There are tanks to the south, but no water on the hills."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR, M. D.,
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hosps. Centre Divn.,
Ag. in Mysore Divn.

ORDER, No. 3675, 22nd October 1866.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works, with the approval of Government to the expenditure, when funds can be made available.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with two enclosures.
,, Public Works Department.

Edd. A. W. Cooke.