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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th February 1866.*

No. 559. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating letter from the President Sanitary
Commission, submitted by the Quarter Master
General, requesting that steps may be taken for
improving the latrines at Saint Thomas' Mount
and Poonamallee. (Here enter 20th February 1866, No. 644.)

No. 560. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1866, No. 652.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 36.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division, who
will be requested, with reference to
paragraph 1, to submit the necessary plans and estimates at an early date, when funds
will be allotted for the execution of the work.

(True Extract.)

Frederick A. D. Lee Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 31st January 1866, No. 1332; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Commander-in-Chief, in forwarding this letter to Government, strongly recommends that this long postponed measure at the Mount may be specially provided for, as being of urgent necessity. The Secretary Public Works Department states that the 5,000 Rupees once given has long since lapsed, and that there are no funds now allotted for the work.

From the Officiating President Sanitary Commission, Madras, 22nd January 1866, No. 686; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter No. 524, dated 13th instant, I have the honor to request that you will submit to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the opinion of this Commission, that the health of the men stationed at Saint Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee, make it absolutely necessary that immediate steps be taken to improve the latrines at both places; for at present they are so devoid of ventilation, and so unsuited for the application of the dry earth system of deodorization, that the attempts made by the local authorities to put that system into force are utterly futile.

2. When I addressed the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, as adverted to in the 1st paragraph of your letter, urging him to press for the introduction of such alterations in the latrines at the stations named, as are in the opinion of this Commission, (after personal examination) absolutely necessary for the comfort and health of the men, I had before me the intimation from Major General Smyth, that a sum of Rupees 5,000 for adapting privies at Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram and Poonamallee, to the dry earth conservancy system, has been sanctioned in the budget 1864-65, but was deferred on the recommendation of this Commission, under Order of Government, Public Works Department, 14th October 1864, No. 2956.

3. The inspection reports of the above two stations, being now in the hands of the printer, a perusal of these will enable His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to perceive, the very pressing necessity that exists for the re-adaptation of the latrines, so as to enable the local authorities to introduce a more wholesome system of conservancy into them than they can now do.

4. Major General Smyth urges the construction of latrines not only for troops, but also for all natives residing within Military limits, and this Commission are quite in accord with him in this matter.

5. The Order of Government as per margin, and the Circular referred to in the 2nd paragraph of your letter under reply, sanction the introduction of the dry earth system "to the

"extent that present means will admit of, and "such assistance as can be afforded locally." The intimation conveyed by Major General Smyth, adverted to in the 2nd paragraph of this letter, appeared to this Commission to point out to the presence of a fund from which the necessary alterations could be carried out—and as the required re-adaptation of the buildings appeared to have been postponed on the recommendation of this Commission, at a period when the plans for these had not yet been matured, now that they are so, they are clearly of opinion that no further delay should be allowed to take place.

ORDER, No. 644, 20th February 1866.

Communicated to the Department Public Works, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 387, dated 29th January 1866, and in view to the provision of funds for the work in question, on plans and estimates being submitted and approved.

2. It is assumed that the "Mount" is one of the stations selected by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to carry out the experiment sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, adverted to in the foregoing paragraph.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department. *With 20 spare copies.*
" President Sanitary Commission.
" Barrack Master, Fort Saint George.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Geo. of George Washington
Pro. of the National Bank
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Communicating
letter from the Rev. Dr.
Secretary Commission
submitted by the
Dr. Secy, requesting
that steps may be
taken for improving
the relations at the
Thomas' stand and
Barnard's.

Conrad & Co's
J. E. of the 4th Dec, who
will be requested, with
reference to the
Barnard's the necessary
plans and estimate
at an early date
when funds will
be allotted for the
expansion of the work.

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