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

No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating letter from the Quarter Master General, stating that Rest-houses of the size and description mentioned in Circular No. 9 of 1866, from Government of India, Public Works Department, are not at present required on the lines of Railway in this Presidency, but recommending that sufficient ground be secured for the construction of such Rest-houses at Bangalore and Cuddapah, should they be hereafter required.

(Here enter 6th March 1866, No. 859.)

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1866, No. 819.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 9.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineers of the 3rd and 5th Divisions, who will, in communication with the Military authorities, obtain and submit a plan of the site which they would recommend to be secured for the purposes of a Rest-house at each of the stations which are mentioned in paragraph 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter. The plan should be accompanied by a statement of the description, quantity and cost of the land proposed to be taken up.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 3rd and 5th Divisions.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Military Department.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secy. to Govt. Public Works Dept. Here enter 17th February 1866.

From the Quarter Master General 26th .. No. 2278

Circular from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Fort William, 24th January 1866, No. 9 to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, the accompanying extract* from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Military

Department, having reference to the provision of rest-houses for troops travelling on the East Indian Railway, and with reference thereto, to lay down for guidance the following general principles which should, as far as possible, be followed in the preparation of projects for the provision of such accommodation on lines of Railway in general

2. These houses should, as a rule, be at intervals of from 200 to 250 miles apart, so that the journey between them should not necessarily occupy more than twelve hours. In selecting sites, however, preference should be given to places which may be considered as Military centres, at which bodies of men, from different directions, would be likely to congregate. This may occasionally necessitate an interval between two rest-houses, somewhat in excess of, or less than, the limits above mentioned.

3. Rest-houses at each station should, as a rule, provide accommodation for 180 single men and twenty families, with quarters for Officers at the rate of 3 per cent., and the necessary out-offices.

4. They should, if possible, be built on the prolongation of the Railway platform; or, where the ground, in this position, is occupied by Railway buildings, or, otherwise, they might be built a quarter of a mile or so further on, a separate platform being made for the rest-houses alone.

5. The actual position, and the arrangements for sidings, &c., should be determined on, by the Executive Engineer in communication with the Railway authorities.

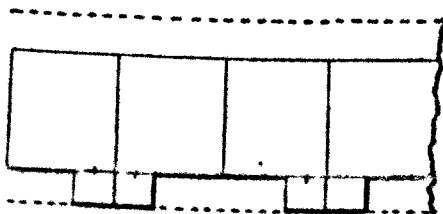
6. For the single men, two buildings should be constructed, each capable of accommodating eighty-eight Privates, in four rooms for twenty-two men each, and four Non-Commissioned Officers in the enclosed end verandahs.

7. The general arrangement of doors and wall spaces shown in the specimen plans of barrack for single men, which accompanied Public Works Department Circular, No. 22 of 1865, should be followed with certain alterations of dimensions as specified below, *viz*, wall spaces to be 9 instead of 10 feet; doors to be 4 instead of 5 feet; width of ward 20 instead of 24 feet; height to wall-plate 16 feet. The space per man would thus be 65 superficial feet, and 1,040 cubic feet. The width of the verandahs should be 10 feet which will be quite sufficient to give cover for additional men, when larger bodies move.

8. There should be a wash-house between the two barracks, and as ablution must be got over rapidly, the building should be sufficiently large to accommodate fifty men at a time, *i. e.*, to give sufficient room for fifty basins. Separate bathing compartments, for the ablution of the whole person, do not seem necessary.

10. For the married families there should be one barrack; each family should have a room. 12 feet square, with an open verandah in front, 8 feet wide, and another one in rear of the same width, half enclosed, so that each family may have a small bath-room, as shown in the diagram on the margin. The main wall to be 16 feet to wall-plate, but the partition walls need not be more than 8 feet high.

The diagram shows a long rectangular structure divided into four equal square rooms. Each room has a verandah in front (indicated by a dashed line) and a half-enclosed verandah in the rear (indicated by a dashed line and a solid line). The main wall is 16 feet high, and the partition walls are 8 feet high.



ENCLOSURE TO CIRCULAR, No. 9, PUBLIC WORKS.
No. 191, dated 10th October 1865.

Read the following correspondence relative to the provision of rest-houses for British Troops on the East Indian Railway :—

• „ Public Works Department, No. $\frac{324R}{2965}$, dated 4th July 1864, with enclosure.

To Quarter Master General, No. 516, dated 26th September 1864,

From „ „ „ No. 3793, dated 5th October 1864.

To Commissary General, No. 138, dated 4th January 1865.

From Sanitary Commission, No. 262, dated 26th June 1865.

To Quarter Master General, No. 110, dated 7th August 1865

From „ „ „ No. 2526, dated 22nd August 1865

2. In communicating this opinion to the Public Works Department, with a request that effect may be given to it, it should be intimated that the proposals are subject to such modifications at any particular stations as, on consideration in that Department, may seem necessary.

3. It should be at the same time pointed out that any consideration of what supplementary purposes these buildings may be made to serve has been deliberately avoided, as calculated to complicate a simple question and to materially retard the mainly important operations : and that, as it is of great importance that rest-houses should be constructed as soon as practicable, it is desirable that any special points which may seem to the Department Public Works deserving attention, in connexion with the views above explained, may be early brought to the notice of the Military Department, in view to a speedy settlement of the whole question.

ORDER,—Ordered that copy of the above, and of the papers referred to, be forwarded to the Public Works Department for further consideration and early orders, with reference to Extract from that Department, No. 1056, dated 5th March 1864.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

17th February 1866.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)
20th February 1866.

Adverting to the Circular as per margin, referred to the Commander-in-Chief

on the 20th instant, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency to state that, in his opinion, rest-houses of the size and description mentioned in the Circular are Railway in this Presidency.

2. As however those lines become more extended the buildings may be hereafter needed, and His Excellency therefore would recommend that sufficient ground, for such a rest-house as is contemplated by the Government of India, be secured by Government both at Bangalore and Cuddapah. The ground which can now perhaps be obtained at a trifling cost, may, if the step be deferred, become greatly enhanced in value.

ORDER, No. 859, 6th March 1866.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department
,, Quarter Master General.

Mannix & Co.
Deputy Secretary to Government.
Feb 20 1896

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
in the Military Dept.

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Communicating
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-houses of the size and
-description mentioned
in Circular No. 9 of 1866
from Govt. of India, P. W. Dep.
are not at present re-
-quired on the lines of
Railway in this
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-commending that suf-
-ficient ^{ground} be secured for
each rest-house at Banga-
-lore and Maddur. ^{that they be hereafter required}

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th March 1866
Read the following

Pro. of the Madras Government
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Forwarded to the
Superintending Engineers of
the 3rd and 5th Divisions, who
will ~~be requested~~ in Com-
-munication with the Mi-
-litary Authorities, to obtain
and submit a plan of
the site which they would
recommend to be secured
for the purposes of a
rest house at each of
the Stations which are
mentioned in para 2 of
the Quarter Master Genl's
letter. The plan should
be accompanied by a
Statement of the description
and

and cost
and quantity of land
proposed to be taken up

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To
The Supg. Secy. 3rd & 5th Div.
To all other Supg. Secys.
" Mil. Dept.
" Controller of U.S. Assets

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Secy of Govt for Madras

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Of 12th March/87

Rest houses at the Rail-
way Stations at Bangalore
and Cuddapah - Pro. Mdy.
Dept. relative to the securing
of ground for the construction
of - , should they be hereafter
required, Communicated
to the Supg. Engrs of the
3rd & 5th Divisions, with
certain instructions.