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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th March 1866.*

No. 425. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating letter from the Quarter Master
General with a view to instructions being
issued for the removal of the Pickly pear within
the limits of the Cantonment of Samulcottah,
in the Godavery District, } (Here enter 13th March 1863, No. 931.)

No. 426. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1866, No. 902.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 21.

No. 2,393, 17th August 1865.
" 2,742, 16th September,,
" 3,119, 19th October,,

1. Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 1st Division,
with reference to the Orders of Govern-
ment noted in the margin.

3. Captain Ryves will issue orders
for the removal of the Prickly pear in

question, the expenditure being defrayed from the *Repair* allotment for the Goda-
very District.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Military Department.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund, 26th June 1865,
No. ¹⁰⁹₆₇₅₈; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded, with the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation, that the sum of 341 Rupees be sanctioned for the destruction of Prickly-pear within the limits of the Cantonment of Samulcottah, which has been reported by the Medical Officer as prejudicial to health from its luxuriance. The men of the Regiment are engaged in building their Lines, and cannot be available for the work of the destruction of the plant for some time to come.

2. The extirmination of the Prickly-pear outside the limits may perhaps be found to be unnecessary, but this will be matter for future consideration.

From the Officer Commanding Samulcottah, 9th June 1865, No. 48; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

In reply to your letter, No. 5766 of the 27th ultimo, calling for an approximate Estimate of the cost of destroying the jungle and Prickly-pear, in such places within Military limits, as the Medical Officer deems requisite; I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that, in communication with the Medical Officer, I have caused measurements to be made of the area of jungle and Prickly-pear within the limits, which he thinks objectionable—these measurements give a total of 1560 square yards of jungle to be cleared, and I have written to the Executive Engineer of the Range to know, the rate allowed by the Public Works Department, for clearing jungle of the description in question. In the meantime, I have applied to a Native Contractor in this place, who offers to cut the jungle to the ground and bury it, to the depth of 4 feet on an average, at the rate of 3 Annas and 6 Pies per square yard—making a total of Government Rupees 341.

2. The Medical Officer states, however, that he considers the jungle surrounding the Cantonment and beyond the Military limits (and to which he more immediately alluded in his Sanitary Report) equally injurious to that, which it is proposed to destroy.

There are at present 365 Privates for duty, and the average of Reliefs is 7½.

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The men will be employed for some time in building their Lines. By the last report, the Regiment is very healthy—three cases of fever.

HEAD QRS. NORTHERN DN., WALTAIR, }
12th June 1865.

(Signed) E. ARMSTRONG, Major General,
Comg. Northern Division.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 4th July 1865, F.

ORDER, No. 2617, 14th July 1865.

Before passing final orders on the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council wishes to be informed whether, with reference to the Order of Government marginally noted, the extirpation of the Prickly-pear at Samulcottah may not be effected by the introduction of the insect therein adverted to.

2. Reference will be made to the Judicial Department, whether any objection exists to Convict labor being made available for clearing the jungle at the above Station. It being understood that the Convicts of the Vizagapatam Jail are already in Camp, and that the only additional expense involved in their employment would be that of moving them to Samulcottah.

(True Extract.)

To the Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Ed. J. E. Cashart.

Pro. of Madras Govt. No. 25.

No. 2617

14th July 1865.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 6th March 1866, No. 2566 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 3362, dated 8th September last, on the subject of the eradication of the Prickly pear at Samulcottah by means of Convict labor, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to report, that the Inspector General of Jails now states that it will probably be found more advantageous to cause the removal of the Prickly pear by hired labor.

2. The Financial Department, Colonel Wilson explains, have recently ruled that any extra expenses incurred on account of Convicts should be borne by the Department to which they are lent, and that in the event of the transfer of a gang to Samulcottah, it would be necessary to employ a Jailor and several Warders. The pay of the Jailor alone, he observes, would not be less than Rupees 50 a month. Colonel Wilson also remarks that, under orders from the Government of India, the loan of tents to the Civil Department for the use of Convicts, either in case of epidemics or on other occasions is prohibited.

3. Under these circumstances, His Excellency would strongly recommend, that the Public Works Department be again instructed to proceed without delay to eradicate the Prickly pear, as sanctioned in Order of Government in that Department, No. 2393, dated 17th August 1865.

ORDER, No. 961, 13th March 1866.

Communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to the necessary instructions being issued, as the work cannot be effected as proposed in Proceedings of Government as per margin.
(True Extract.)

No. 2617, 14th July 1865.
" 3362, 8th Sept. "

Macmillan
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department, with Pro. of Govt.,
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Judicial Department, for information.

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Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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