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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th November 1866.

No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative }
to the Lines proposed to be erected for the } (Here enter 6th November 1866, No. 3,859.)
Native Infantry at Royapooram, Presidency. }

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1866, No. 3,618.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 9.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division for
information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... Here enter 25th September 1866, No. ⁸⁶⁶/₈₀₇₃.
Report from the Controller of Mily. Accts..... „ 12th October „ E.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund 25th September 1866, No. ⁸⁶⁶/₈₀₇₃; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government through Controller of Military Accounts for orders. The Officer Commanding the 3rd Light Infantry was informed by the Commander-in-Chief, that the 18,000 Rupees given by Government might be distributed regimentally, at his discretion, but that under regulation, Government would not allow any man more than the limitation value of his hut when the Corps was relieved. The annexed letter is the reply.

2. The subject is one of considerable difficulty—and the only course that it occurs to the Commander-in-Chief desirable to adopt, is that followed by the Mysore Government when building Lines for the Native Infantry at Mysore; namely, to stand the loss between the actual cost of building, and the sum that is laid down in regulation as the maximum price of huts. So that when the Corps is relieved, the relieving Regiment pays the maximum price and no more for their huts, notwithstanding that they cost more. But Government are not connected with the huts subsequently in any degree. They are dealt with under regulation.

From the Commandant 3rd Regiment Light Infantry, Madras, 14th September 1866, No. 220; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

• Upon the receipt on the 13th instant of your letter No. ⁵⁵⁹/₇₅₉₁, dated 6th September 1866, alluding to mine, No. 198, dated 29th ultimo, I beg to inform you that to me it appears the building of the tiled Lines by the 3rd Regiment to be impracticable from the following circumstances. By list A (attached) the *maximum* value of tiled huts 3rd Regiment would receive, on leaving Madras, would be from 15,300 to 15,400 Rupees, whereas the *minimum* cost of building new Lines (exclusive of labor) as per list B (attached) would be Rupees 47,900 or 48,000, showing a difference of Rupees 32,600, which the Sepoys could not afford to lose. Furthermore it is evident that the Regiment that would relieve the 3rd would receive the tiled huts which cost the men of the 3rd Regiment Rupees 48,000, at Rupees 15,300 or 400.

2. From the foregoing, the obstacle to building new tiled Lines is so weighty, that I deem it my duty to request that you will do me the favor of submitting this letter to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with a view to the saving of unnecessary expenses in laying out a new site for Lines, and that His Excellency may have all regimental information on the subject.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 12th October 1866, E.

ORDER, No. 3859 6th November 1866.

The foregoing papers relate to the new Lines proposed to be erected at Royapooram, for the 3rd Regiment Native Infantry. It is represented that to build tiled huts a far larger sum than that sanctioned* in Proceedings of Government

* Rupees 18,000.
No. 2210, dated 28th June 1866.

noted in the margin will be required, the materials alone being estimated to cost about 48,000 Rupees, the amount reco-

verable from the Corps at the maximum prices for huts according to regulation being only Rupees 15,400, it is recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that, if the Lines are to be built, the difference will fall to be provided by Government.

2. The Governor in Council sees no alternative but to build the Lines, and that the huts must be tiled there is no question—Government will accordingly be prepared to sanction advances as required, not exceeding the sum of Rupees 48,000, for this purpose; special provision for the funds being made in the regular estimate—the advance of Rupees 18,000 already sanctioned being made available to put the work in progress.

3. The Commander-in-Chief will be requested to issue the necessary instructions for the careful supervision of the expenditure; and at the same time it is submitted for His Excellency's consideration, whether it may not be advisable to build the Lines by wings, thus rendering available the labor of the men continuously and without interruption for duties, &c.; and further, whether in His Excellency's opinion a small party from the Sappers and Miners at Bangalore might not, with advantage, be detailed to instruct the men of the 3rd Regiment in building their huts, on the substantial plan adopted by the Officer Commanding the Sappers at Bangalore.

4. The Governor in Council is desirous that the building these Lines should be commenced as soon as the season permits.

(True Extract.)

Macmillan Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

.. Controller of Military Accounts.

.. Military Accountant.

.. Examiner Pay Department.

.. Adjutant General.

.. Public Works Department, *with 20 spare copies.*

.. Sanitary Commissioner,

.. Principal Inspector General Medical Department, } for information.

.. Barrack Master,..... }

14th June 1865

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*Command & Supply Engineer
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Ed. J. E. Cashart.

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