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No. 424. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Quarter Master General reporting upon the requisition of the Secretary of State for six copies of three different descriptions of plans of all stations in the occupation of British Troops permanently located there. } (Here enter 8th January 1866, No. 84.)

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1866, No. 203.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 6th June 1864, No. 111; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to transmit to you, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council for information and guidance, the annexed Extract paragraphs 1 to 13 of a Military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 110, dated the 16th April 1864, requesting the preparation and submission of Maps and Plans affording certain information in reference to all Stations where British Troops may be permanently located.

Extract from a Military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 16th April 1864, No. 110; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

Para. 1. My attention has been lately drawn to a collection of Maps and Plans executed at the Topographical Depôt of the War Office, and compiled for the instruction and convenience of the several Military and Medical Departments.

2. The work contains Maps of the several Districts and Towns in which British Troops are located in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies, and it has been suggested to me that the work will be rendered more complete and much more valuable by the addition of similar information relating to British Troops in India.

3. I forward specimens, three in number, of the drawings of which this collection is formed, and I request that steps may be at once taken for preparing and forwarding to me similar Plans in reference to all Stations wherever British Troops are stationed and in the occupation of permanent Barracks. No. 1 is a Map of the country in the vicinity of the Military Station.

4. In the specimen sent, the Map is drawn to a scale of 1 inch to the mile.

5. It will be sufficient, however to use the sheets of the Indian Atlas, being on a scale of 4 miles to the inch for this purpose.

6. The position of the Military Station should be shewn in colors, and the means of communication, such as Railways, metalled Roads, or navigable Rivers, also colored; the height of the Station above the level of the sea and the distance in miles from the nearest important Town or Military post being also clearly shewn. No. 2 is a Map of the Town or Station at which the Troops are quartered.

7. This should be drawn as in the specimen sent, to a scale of 6 inches to the mile. This is considered sufficient to exhibit clearly the position of the Military buildings in relation to the population residing in their immediate proximity. No. 3 is a Plan of the Military buildings themselves, drawn to a scale of 1/500th or 10·56 feet to the mile.

8. This Plan shews clearly the precise nature and extent of accommodation.

9. It would be rendered more complete by the addition of cross sections of the principal buildings.

10. The first of the above three Plans may, as I have already observed, be supplied by the use of the Indian Atlas, the remaining two may be at no great cost prepared in stone.

11. I request that instructions may be given to the Governments of Madras and Bombay to cause similar drawings to be prepared in reference to all Stations wherever British Troops may be permanently located.

12. A compilation of this nature would, I doubt not, be found extremely useful to the several Departments in India, connected with the Military Administration of the Army.

13. I request that six copies may be forwarded to this country from each Town or Station as completed.

ORDER, No. 2276, 1*st July* 1864.

Communicated to the Quarter Master General, in view to the instructions of the Secretary of State being carried into effect on receipt of a specimen of the drawings which has been called for.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily Dept. | Here enter 1st July 1864, No. 2277,

(True Extract.)

J Thurshall Major General

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 11th December 1865, No. 11,744; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In Proceedings of Government, dated 1st July 1864, No. 2276, the Government communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, requesting to be supplied with six copies of three different descriptions of plans of all stations in the occupation of British troops, permanently quartered there. No. 1 being a Map of the country in the vicinity of the station, No. 2 of the station itself, No. 3 of the Military buildings in the station.

2. The Cantonment of Bangalore has been taken as a beginning, and the Atlas sheet has been used to provide No. 1, as suggested by the despatch. The Map exhibits a boundary line around the station which is not recognized as a Military limit. There is in reality no limit, notwithstanding the repeated efforts in communication with the Mysore Government to establish one. The Military station cannot therefore be exhibited in colors. No. 2 is as near an approach to the style of the Ordnance Survey as can be compassed by this Department. The elaborate details of the latter cannot be attempted by the means at the command of the Quarter Master General. No. 3 can only be supplied by the Public Works, where all plans of public buildings are retained.

3. The Drawing Department of the Quarter Master General's Office was sometime since reduced to the very lowest limit, consistent with the discharge of its ordinary current duties. It is at all times thoroughly occupied in those duties, and has no time to spare for extraordinary labor, such as that which is now required of it. The late senior draughtsman was, for sometime previous to taking his pension, of infirm health and sight, and was unable to take his full share of work: and as there are but two other draughtsmen, it will be seen that the Drawing Department has been considerably disabled.

4. The foregoing details are given in order to account for the delay in submitting the plans herewith sent, and in order also to shew that the requisition of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State can only be met by an increase to the present Establishment of three daughtsmen.

ORDER, No. 84, 8th January 1866.

The Secretary of State having requested to be furnished with six copies of each Map and plan as completed, the Quarter Master General will be instructed to supply, as early as possible, five more copies of Map No. 1.

2. Map No. 2 and plan No. 3 will, under the orders of the Secretary of State, have to be lithographed. The Public Works Department will accordingly be requested to furnish copies of Map No. 2, received with the foregoing letter, and to prepare and supply copies of plan No. 3.

3. For this purpose, the Quarter Master General will furnish that Department, (to which Military Proceedings, No. 2276, dated 1st July 1864, will be communicated with this Order) with the specimen copy of the plan received from the Government of India.

4. Adverting to paragraph 12 of the Secretary of State's Despatch, the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to report, the number of copies of each Map and plan that will be required for the use of the Military Departments under His Excellency's orders. This Department will require four copies of each for distribution, as shewn in the margin.

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5. With reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the letter above recorded, the Quarter Master General will submit, through the Controller of Military Accounts, an application in the prescribed form, for the temporary extra Establishment he requires, to enable him to comply the Secretary of State's requisition.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department, with Map No 7/ and 2
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" Controller of Military Accounts.

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