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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1867.*

No. 214. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating letter from the Quarter Master
General, and requesting the Public Works
Department to issue orders for the prepara-
tion and submission to Government of a plan
and estimate for a Rest-house at Gooty, in the
Bellary District, for 150 men and 20 families,
with quarters for Officers at the rate of 3 per
cent

(Here enter 3rd May 1867, No. 1,611.)

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1867, No. 1,398.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 18.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division, who
will submit the required plan and esti-
mate at an early date.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secy to Govt. Public Works Dept. Here enter 3rd January 1867.

From the Quarter Master General....., 15th April 1867, No. ¹⁶³₂₉₃₈.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Camp Cuddapah, 29th December 1866, No. 2841; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

With reference to G. O., No. 819 of 12th March 1866, directing me, in communication with the Military Authorities, to obtain and submit a plan of a site at Cuddapah which we would recommend to be secured for the purposes of a Rest-house at Cuddapah, I have the honor to inform you, that I have consulted with the Major General Commanding the Division, and that we are of opinion that there is no waste ground in the neighbourhood of the railway station at Cuddapah which is suitable for the purpose.

2. There is a large piece of ground with a house standing on it just to the north of the station which might be purchased, but which we would not recommend for reasons stated hereafter.

3. I would bring to the notice of Government that the railway station at Cuddapah is at a distance of about four miles from the Military Cantonment; but that the line of railway passes the Cantonment at a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, and in that neighbourhood there is fine open ground. A platform station would however be required.

4. I trust, however, that I may not be considered as improperly interfering with the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in making the following remarks, and suggesting a reconsideration.

5. The station of Cuddapah is at a distance of only about 160 miles from Madras, and, when the railway is extended further west, will not, I think, be found the best place for a Rest-house for troops proceeding to Secunderabad, Bellary or Kurnool. The place I would beg to recommend is Gooty which is about 260 miles from Madras, is on the direct road from Bangalore to Kurnool and Secunderabad, and is the station where it has already been proposed to construct Commissariat buildings.

Gooty is only 62 miles, whereas Cuddapah is about 120 miles from Kurnool.

6. When the line of railway is opened as far as Gooty, troops might, I think, be brought up from Madras in about thirteen hours, allowing them a short time for refreshment at Cuddapah, and some other station nearer Madras, if considered necessary.

7. Gooty is only about 50 miles from Bellary, and any troops proceeding to Bellary might pass the night at Gooty and be sent in by an early train so as to be there before the breakfast hour.

8. It is true that Gooty is not half way between Madras and Secunderabad; but, as I have stated before, it is on a very important line of road, and from it to Gollburgah, where I believe the branch to Secunderabad turns off, is about 220 miles by the line the railway would take.

Referred to the Military Department.

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

3rd January 1867.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department.)
4th January 1867.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 15th April 1867,
No. $\frac{163}{2938}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George.

This Department has been in communication with the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, the Consulting Engineer for railways, and the local Civil Authori-

Dated 29th December 1866, No. 2841.

which was referred to the Commander-in-Chief on the 4th January last.

2. The railway authorities do not propose to open any further portion of the north-west line beyond Moodanoor until it shall have been completed for the whole distance to Gooty. The railway will probably be available for the passage of troops to that station soon after the close of the present year.

3. Temporary arrangements for troops coming from Secunderabad to Madras already exist at Moodanoor: and considering the progress that has been made in the rail, the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that a Rest house is now unnecessary at Cuddapah.

4. Gooty however will always be an important position on the line, where

Vide Order of Government, 6th March 1866, No. 859.

commends that a Rest house for 180 men and 20 families with quarters for officers at the rate of 3 per cent. &c., be erected at that station: and if his recommendation is concurred in by Government, he would urge the early construction of these buildings.

ORDER, No. 1611, 3rd May 1867.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to a plan and estimate for a Rest-house at Gooty being called for and submitted to Government, as early as practicable.

(True Extract.)

Macmillan Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
.. Quarter Master General.

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No. 1578. 8 May 1867
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ration & submission to Govt
of a plan & estimate for a
rest house at footy, Bellary
D. for 100 men & 20 families
with quarters for officers at
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