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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th May 1867.

No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on the report of the Committee }
appointed to examine and report on a suitable } (Here enter 6th May 1867, No. 1,637.)
site for the lines of the Native Infantry }
Regiment in Vepery, Madras

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1867, No. 1,440.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 26.

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

(True Extract.)

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

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Sanitary Commissioner..... Here enter 16th March 1867, No. 609.
Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... „ 21st „ „ No. 2332.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, 16th March 1867, No. 609; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, the accompanying duplicate copy of a report* which has this day been submitted to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief by the Committee appointed in G. O.

Enclosure 1.

*No. 608, dated 26th March 1867.

No. 363, dated 29th January 1867, on the sites available in Madras for the proposed new lines of the Native Regiment stationed at Vepery.

From the Committee appointed to examine and report on a suitable site for the lines of the Native Infantry Regiment in Vepery, Madras, 16th March 1867, 608; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George

Enclosures 4

- 1 Plan of Madras
- 1 Plan of Lawder's gardens, Scorpion Hall and Egmore Retreat
- 1 Plan of open space of ground at Poodoopettah.
- 1 Plan of waste land opposite Landon's gardens, Poonamallee road.

In accordance with the Orders contained in the Proceedings of Government, dated 29th January No 368, we have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the following report on the sites available in Madras for the lines of a Native Regiment, in substitution for the existing lines at Vepery.

2. The selection was limited,

1st —by the amount of space required by lines and their subsidiary buildings.
Allowing to each hut the same space given to each private's hut in the Sappers lines at Bangalore, namely 30 by 13 feet, with streets between each row of huts, 40 feet in width, and allowing for a regimental parade ground of 300 yards square, an area of 30 cawnies or 40 acres, is required for properly locating a Native Regiment

2nd —According to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 2060, dated 10th June 1858, the proposed site should be on the south-west of Madras.

3 Bearing these two objects in mind, we have examined,

1st —a space of ground in Pursewakum consisting of three houses and compounds known as Lawder's Gardens, Scorpion Hall and the Egmore Retreat.

2nd —A triangular piece of ground bounded on the west by Marshall's road, on the south by the Cooum river, on the east and north by bazaars and houses forming the district known as Poodoopettah.

3rd.—A piece of land opposite Landon's gardens on the Poonamallee road.

4th.—A large compound known as Mackay's gardens, now the Mount Road Hotel, on the northern side of the Mount Road and nearly opposite to the building known as the thousand Lights.

4. With a view to enable the Government to decide on the respective advantages of these four sites, we have placed ourselves in communication with the Deputy Collector of Madras, and have ascertained from him the probable cost of taking each of these sites for regimental lines.

Cawnies.	Lawder's Gardens			sq. ft.
	Grounds	sq. ft.	Acres.	
12	9	1,958	= 16	17,798
		Scorpion Hall		
4	12	718	= 5	42,118
		Egmore Retreat.		
8	12	1,319	= 11	11,759
25	9	3,995	= 33	28,115

5. Site No. 1, Lawder's gardens, seems to us the best place available. The entire area is 25 cawnies, 9 grounds, 3,995 square feet or 33 acres, 28,115 square feet; the levels taken show that although the ground is not very high, it is about 10 feet above sea level. There is a sufficient fall to enable the new Lines to be successfully drained.

The cost of purchasing the land is so large, that we do not suppose that the Government would consent to the location of a regiment in this place.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 21st March 1867, No. ⁴⁴/₂₃₃₂; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Submitted, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 29th January 1867, No. 363.

2. The Commander-in-Chief having duly considered the remarks of the Committee, His Excellency is of opinion that site No. I, as recommended by the Committee, is the most eligible for the lines of the Regiment of Native Infantry now located in Vepery.

ORDER, No. 1637, 6th May 1867.

With the foregoing papers, relating to the contemplated removal of the Native Regiment from the lines at Vepery, is submitted a plan and report exhibiting and

No. 363, 29th January 1867.

describing four several sites which have been examined by the Committee appointed for that purpose, in Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

2. The site marked No. 1* in the plan is pronounced by the Committee as generally the most eligible one for the purpose intended, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has also selected the

* *Lawder's Gardens.*

same as the most suitable, and the Government fully concurring in this view, resolve accordingly to provide for the purchase of the land and property in question. The propriety and necessity for the removal of the regiment from the site now occupied by it, being, in the opinion of Government, for the reasons assigned in the papers recorded in the Proceedings of Government adverted to in paragraph 1 of this Order, unquestionable.

3. The estimated present cost of the land and tenements is Rupees 44,132—a sum of 50,000 Rupees will accordingly be entered in the ensuing Military Budget for 1868-69, together with a grant-in-aid of Rupees 20,000 to assist the regiment in building the lines. On these items in the budget being passed by the Government of India, final orders for the acquisition of the ground will be issued.

(True Extract.)

Macmillan Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner

„ Quarter Master General.

„ Adjutant General.

„ Inspector General Indian Medical Department.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Public Works Department, with ~~the~~ ^{four} plans. *120 spare Copies*

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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