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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th July 1867.*

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Sanctioning the free conveyance by rail from }
Cuddapah to Arcot of 417 Camp followers, } (Here enter 3rd July 1867, No. 2,419.)
&c., of the 2nd Light Cavalry.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1867, No. 2,067.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

Communicated to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Proceedings of Government, Milly Dept., } Read again the paper noted in the margin.
No. 701, dated 27th February 1867.

Read also the following papers:—

Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... Here enter 12th June 1867, No. ⁵¹³₄₀₀₉.

Report from the Controller of Military Accts. .. 19th C.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 12th June 1867, No. ⁵¹³₄₀₀₉; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Government under date 27th February last, Order No. 701, approved of the measures reported by the Collector of Cuddapah in regard to the movement of the men of the 2nd Cavalry by rail from Cuddapah to Arcot.

2. The within letter from the Officer Commanding the Corps shews that the whole of the camp (with the exception of the party that went with the horses via Naggery) proceeded by rail on the occasion; and among the camp followers there seems to have been 417 persons for whom conveyance by rail at the public expense is not authorized under the provisions of G. O. C. C., 5th February 1867, No. 13.

3. The Commander-in-Chief thinks that, under the circumstances, it was a prudent precaution to send these people by rail, and that probably this was what Mr. Smith intended. His Excellency accordingly recommends the application* from Colonel Stainforth,

herewith submitted, to the favorable consideration of Government.

4. The question has been under reference to the Controller of Military Accounts, whose reply, dated 4th instant, is herewith forwarded.

From the Commandant 2nd Regiment Light Cavalry, Arcot, 3rd April 1867, No. 7; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward the Railway returns made out for the 3 days during which the Regiment under my command was in transit from Cuddapah to Arcot.

2. I regret I cannot give you a separate statement shewing how much baggage was carried for men and followers on each day; as the baggage was weighed and loaded on trucks, they were sent on and I did not keep any separate account of each day.

3. In forwarding these returns, I have respectfully to submit, for the decision of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the matter of the Camp of the 2nd Light Cavalry, travelling by rail from Cuddapah to Arcot on the 15th, 16th and 17th of February 1867. In Minutes of Council No. 701, of the 27th of February 1867, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council was pleased to approve of the measures adopted on the above occasion; His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having also approved of the same.

4. I beg therefore most respectfully to submit that, as all the camp of the 2nd Light Cavalry, except that party which accompanied Captain Prendergast with the horses, via Naggery, was ordered to proceed as quickly as possible by rail to Arcot, that the whole camp might be considered to be travelling free.

5. The Cholera, I trusted, had ceased on the 11th February; remaining stationary was most unadvisable, the heat was intense and the camp large. Mr. Smith, the Collector, in consultation with Colonel Boudier and myself, considered it advisable to send the whole camp away as soon as possible, not only to prevent a fresh out-break, but to save the sound district of Cuddapah also from running any risk. I considered that a quick transition from Cuddapah to Arcot—a rather different climate—would most probably prevent the epidemic breaking out again, and medical opinion concurred in this: this has most effectually proved correct.

6. If the camp or any portion of it had had to march through the Chittoor district (the Naggery road was reported bad for carts of which I had nearly 300) the disease would most probably have broken out again and been carried into the districts free of cholera, and at last we should have brought the epidemic into this densely populated place, which is ever susceptible at most seasons.

7. It will be seen by the aggregate of the statements of persons and baggage carried, which accompany this letter, that if I interpret G. O. C. C., No. 13 of the 5th February correctly, the especial request, I most respectfully submit, for a free transit by rail for my camp as a special case would only entail an additional expense to Government to the extent of 417 passengers and 23,466½ lbs. of baggage; these passengers being chiefly near relations of the men of the 2nd Light Cavalry.

8. If His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to consider that my appeal in favor of my whole camp travelling free, bears any reasonable pretext under the above special circumstances, I trust he will be pleased to support the appeal with his weighty approval.

DETAILED STATEMENT shewing the relationship of persons, proceeding by rail from Cuddapah to Arcot, to the men of the 2nd Regiment Light Cavalry.

Rank.	Grand-fathers and grand-mothers.	Fathers and mothers.	Brothers and sisters.	Fathers-in-law and mothers-in-law.	Brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.	Uncles and aunts.	Nephews and neices.	Cousins.	Servants.	Selves.	Wives and children.	Others not relatives.	Total.	Remarks.
Native Officers...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	15	per-
Rank and File...	1	79	53	15	18	14	3	4	17	...	...	...	204	sons.
Recruit and pension boys	3	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	
Puckallies, barbers and dhobies...	...	8	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	28	...	43	417
Bazaar...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	19	...	42	
Store Artificers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	16	
Officers' and mess servants and their families not in the return ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	48	
Others not relatives...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	34	
													Grand total	417

ARCOT, }
6th May 1867. }

(Signed) C. R. STAINFORTH, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commandant 2nd Regt. L. C.

From Major J. G. TOUCH, conducting duties of Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 4th June 1867, No. 228; to the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

I have the honor, in returning the enclosures of your memorandum of the 10th May 1867, No. ³⁰⁹/₃₄₀₅, to state that the approval of Government of the measures adopted by the Collector of Cuddapah does not appear to me to touch the question of free conveyance of parties not entitled thereto.

2. Had Government intended to authorize any charges inadmissible, if the Regiment had been ordered in ordinary course to move by rail, an express intimation to that effect would have been called for, as there do not appear to be any circumstances connected with the case which would beget a special claim to free conveyance.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 19th June 1867, C.

ORDER, No. 2419, 3rd July 1867.

Under the notification issued by the Collector of Cuddapah, (and as such the local representative of the Government,) recorded in the foregoing Proceedings of Government, that "the 2nd Cavalry will proceed by train on account of cholera, the horses will go by Naggery," the Governor in Council considers that the Regimental Authorities were fairly warranted in assuming that the families and followers of the regiment not proceeding by Naggery with the horses were intended to

be conveyed by rail at the public expense; and the Government fully concur with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in considering that "it was a prudent precaution to send these people by rail."

2. The free conveyance of 417 Camp followers, with 23,466½ lbs. of baggage, on the occasion of the 2nd Light Cavalry proceeding by rail from Cuddapah to Arcot, on the authority of Mr. Smith, the Collector of Cuddapah, is accordingly sanctioned as a special case.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. Major General,

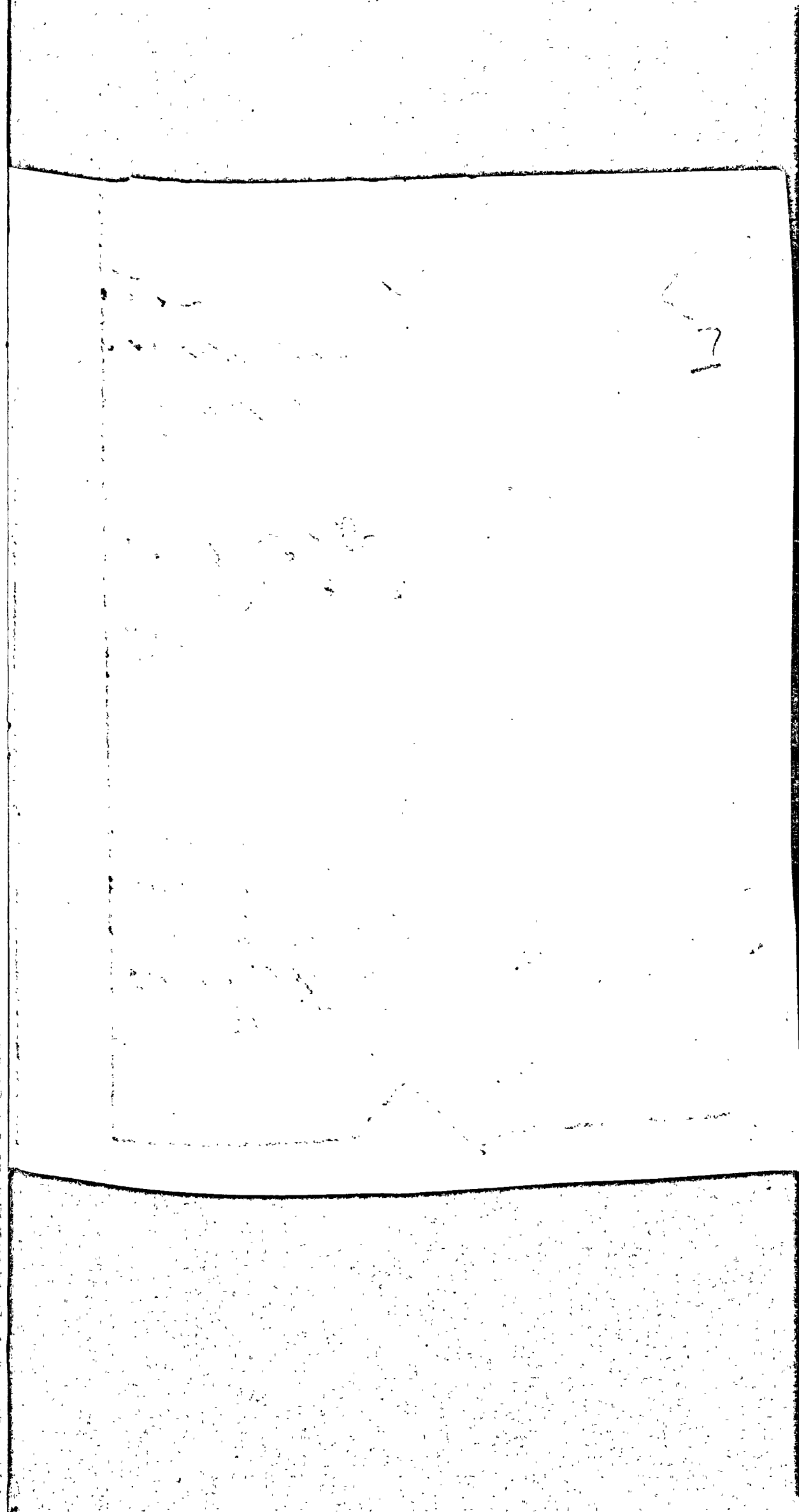
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with three enclosures.

- .. Controller of Military Accounts.
- .. Adjutant General.
- .. Collector of Cuddapah.
- .. Financial Railway Department, for information.

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Exd. T. Stubbs.



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