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

No. 260. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating certain correspondence regard- } (Here enter 6th July 1867, No. 2,473.)
ing the transport arrangements for the current }
year.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1867, No. 2,068.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

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(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 Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 21st June 1867, No. 314 ; to the Quarter Master General.

In continuation of former correspondence, relative to the relief of British Troops in India, via Bombay, I am now directed to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, copy of a message, dated 29th ultimo, despatched to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, and of his reply, dated 17th instant, intimating that two of the transport steamers instead of one as at first arranged, will proceed to Calcutta, but that none can go to Kurrachee.

2. The despatch of the 14th instant, to which the message refers, will give further details, and must be awaited before the arrangements can be finally determined on ; but the information now given will probably enable His Excellency to prepare a revised scheme for the Home reliefs, which the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council will be glad to take into consideration as early as possible.

3. The general concurrence of His Excellency in Council with Sir William Mansfield's views, was intimated in the letter from this department, No. 410, dated 12th March ; and there seems no reason why some of the troops should not march by the Agra and Bombay road to and from Kundwa, as may be found convenient, as suggested in your letter, No. 1167, dated 14th ultimo.

4. It is almost needless to say that the new proposals should shew the places from and mode in which the troops of all three Presidencies which are to embark at Bombay, will be sent to that port, and also the transports by which they will respectively proceed to Suez : as the arrangements made in Madras and Bombay must necessarily be subservient to those of this Presidency. For this purpose, on the final proposals being approved by Government, it will be necessary for you, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to place yourself in direct communication with the Quarter Master Generals of Madras and Bombay.

Message from His Excellency the Governor General of India, Simla, 29th May 1867, No. 32 ; to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, Westminster, London.

Considering that the relief this year involves the movement of five regiments to and from Bengal, which Presidency also gives the bulk of the Invalids, I apprehend great difficulty as well as expense, and also sickness in carrying out the reliefs via Bombay, with which the railway communication is incomplete.

If a second steamer could come to Calcutta for troops, and if two or three regiments could come direct from Suez to Calcutta, the arrangements for the relief would be greatly facilitated. I strongly advocate this.

If this cannot be done, we will endeavor to carry out the existing programme, but this will certainly involve great expense, and sickness will probably ensue, for there is much cholera prevailing.

Message from the Secretary of State, London, 17th June 1867, No. 8825 ; to the Viceroy, Simla.

Your message of the seventh instant, received. My despatch of the fourteenth instant will inform you of the transport arrangements for the present year—two of the steamers go to Calcutta—the arrangements will not admit of any of the ships going to Kurrachee, as proposed by you.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, 21ST JUNE 1867.
No. 315.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(By Order,
(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 2473, 6th July 1867.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department) and to departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

Murdoch Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Superintendent of Marine.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Commissary General.
" Clothing Department.
" Inspector General British Medical Service.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Public Works Department, for information.

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