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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th August 1867.*

No. 353. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Passing orders on the plans and estimates for }
Rest-houses for Troops at Beypore and Errode. } (Here enter 7th August 1867, No. 2,917.)

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1867, No. 2,486.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 25.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Do. do. 4th Division, for information.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secy. to Govt., Public Works Dept..... Here enter 2nd July 1867.

From the Quarter Master General..... 14th June .. No. $\frac{537}{4123}$

Report from the Controller of Mily. Accts..... 3rd July .. C.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore, 25th June 1867, No. 60; to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works.

I have the honor to submit herewith plans and estimates for rest-houses at Beypore and Errode, with copy of my memorandum to the Quarter Master General on the subject, and of his reply communicating the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thereon.

Enclosures.

- 1 Plan of single man's quarters and out-offices.*
- 1 Do. Married men's do.*
- 1 Do. Officers' quarters.*
- 1 Alternative Plan.*
- 1 Sketch of site at Errode *
- 1 Detail estimate of Rs. 67,840.
- 1 Estimate appendix Rs. 2,600 and Rs. 560.
- 1 Alternative estimate Rs. 20,360.
- The above three for Beypore.
- 1 Abstract estimate Rs. 87,050.
- 1 Estimate appendix Rs 3,400 and 740.
- 1 Alternative estimate Rs 30,200.
- These for Errode.
- 1 Sketch of Beypore site.*
- 1 Plan of Mr. Allan's house.
- 1 Lieutenant Mainwaring's report, No. 145 of 20th June 1867, with a sketch.
- 1 Superintending Engineer's memorandum, No. 44 of 14th May 1867.
- 1 Copy of Quarter Master General's letter, No. 527 of 12th June 1867.
- 16 Total.

* Forwarded by banghy.

Allan's house with report of its actual condition. My objections to it are that the back-rooms are entirely shut off from the sea-breeze, and that its terraced-roof is utterly unsuitable for the west coast climate. The only object in buying the house would be to add to the encamping space, on which account perhaps Rupees 1,000 might be added to the valuation of Rupees 4,000 for the buildings alone, if Beypore be fixed on eventually as a port of embarkation.

4. If orders are at once issued for commencing the Errode rest-houses, it will not be possible to spend Rupees 50,000 of their estimated cost till next official year. Of the remaining Rupees 37,050, Rupees 4,300 are provided in the budget of the current year (item No. 42), and the balance will probably be available from the allotment of the Lawrence Asylum for which no sanctioned plans are forthcoming.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 12th June 1867, No. 527; to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coonoor.

I have the honor to return herewith the plans* and estimates for rest-house accommodation at Errode and Beypore, received with your memorandum dated 14th ultimo, No. 44.

* By banghy.

2. The Commander-in-Chief approves generally of the plans of buildings suggested in your 4th paragraph, both for Errode and Beypore, in preference to the upper storied barrack for single men referred to in paragraph 5. But it is noticed that the width of the verandahs of the quarters

for the officers and married men is planned at less than 8 feet wide, which is the width laid down in the circular from the Government of India which you quote. This should not be diminished: and in His Excellency's opinion it would be well in a climate like that of the western coast if the verandahs were even 10 feet in width.

3. Brigadier General DeSausmarez considers that the site at Beypore is rather cramped for the number of buildings to be erected on it. Adverting then to your final paragraph, it will be for the consideration of Government whether it would not be advisable to purchase Mr. Allan's house, which could probably be easily converted into suitable quarters for officers.

4. Brigadier General DeSausmarez alludes to the possibility of the Railway being extended from Beypore to Calicut. If this is at all probable, it will of course be advisable to await further instructions from Government before taking any further steps for providing rest-house buildings of a permanent nature at Beypore. On this point, I am about to address Government. In the meantime sanction might be obtained to the plans proposed; whether the buildings are to be constructed at Beypore or Calicut. In any case they will be required at Errode.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

2nd July 1867.

Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 13th June 1867, No. ⁵³⁷/₄₁₂; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

The Commander-in-Chief having had under consideration the arrangements requisite to be made at Beypore for embarking and disembarking troops in connection with the Overland Transport Service, I have the honor, by order, to submit that His Excellency thinks it essentially necessary that an experienced Officer should be appointed Staff Officer at Beypore, under the designation of Embarking Officer. He should be under the orders of the Quarter Master General, and available for employment along the line of Railway from Beypore to Jollarpet and Arconum, as circumstances may render necessary.

2. The Commander-in-Chief further purposes that this Officer should have two European Non-Commissioned Officers employed under his orders at each of the following stations, viz.:—

Beypore,*

Errode,*

Jollarpet,*

and

Arconum.

*The services of the present Supts. at these three stations being dispensed with.

These might be selected† from the European Non-Commissioned Staff of Native Regiments at present under absorption.

†As sanctioned for Akola, in Order of Govt., dated 25th May 1867, No. 1919. Should Government accede to this proposal, suitable accommodation will have

to be provided for these men at Errode and Arconum. At Beypore and Jollarpet the present small rest-houses might be made available for the Serjeants nominated to those stations.

3. I am further directed to say that, at Arconum, it will be desirable to provide accommodation for officers and men similar to that proposed for Errode and Beypore. Arconum is distant from Bangalore about 173 miles.

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The sanction of Government is requested for the erection of the requisite buildings.

4. With regard to the salary of the Staff Officer at Beypore, the Commander-in-Chief thinks that he should be granted a staff allowance of at least Rupees 300 per mensem in addition to Staff Corps pay of rank. This should cover the expenses for writers and stationery, as well as personal salary.

5. For the Non-Commissioned Officers at the several stations no allowances, additional to their present receipts are proposed.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 3rd July 1867, C.

ORDER, No. 2917, 7th August 1867.

In the Quarter Master General's letter above recorded, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief recommends the appointment of a special Officer at Beypore to superintend the embarkation and debarkation of troops at that port, on a Staff salary of Rupees 300, with the Staff Corps pay of his rank, and also the employment, under his orders, of two European Non-Commissioned Officers at each of the stations marginally noted—taking for this purpose a corresponding number of the present Staff Serjeants attached to Native Regiments, now under absorption.

2. To the first of these proposals, the Governor in Council is not prepared to accede, considering that the duty in question can be suitably arranged for by temporarily detaching, when required, an Officer of the Quarter Master General's Department, (to which department the duty appertains) either from Madras or Bangalore, as may be found most expedient.

3. To the employment of the Non-Commissioned Staff on the basis proposed, the Government will not for the present object.

4. With his letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division submits, for sanction, estimates and plans, approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for rest-houses at Beypore and Errode, aggregating respectively Rupees 67,840 and Rupees 87,050, or together Rupees 1,54,890.

5. The erection of these rest-houses was originally contemplated in connection with the new Overland Troop Transport Service, the accommodation estimated for, being that stated by the Quarter Master General to be necessary.

6. The erection of a rest-house at Beypore having been stayed in Proceedings of Government, No. 2418, dated 3rd July 1867, the estimate for that building need not now be considered.

7. The Errode rest-house is intended for troops in transit to, and from, Madras, Bangalore and the Western Coast—the estimated cost being Rupees 87,050. An alternative estimate for an upper storied building, costing Rupees 30,200, is also submitted, but the Commander-in-Chief has disapproved the plan.

8. Adverting, however, to the heavy expenditure proposed, and to the probable eventual establishment of Bombay as the sole port of embarkation and debarkation for all troops for this Presidency, on the completion of Railway communication between Madras and Bombay, the Governor in Council considers the erection of a rest-house at Errode, on the scale proposed, a needless outlay of public money.

9. It appears therefore to the Governor in Council that, for the present, sufficient temporary accommodation may be provided by the Camp Equipage Depart-

ment both at Errode and Arconum, in connection with any buildings now available there, until the arrangements for the new Transport Service have assumed a more permanent form.

10. With these remarks, the plans and estimates will be returned to the Department Public Works, for consideration hereafter if necessary. Meanwhile, these Proceedings will be reported to the Government of India for approval.

Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 7th August 1867, No. 2918.

(True Extract.)

Mauillon Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with 7 plans and 6 estimates. *20 copies of Order*
,, Quarter Master General. *& 1 Encl. & a Sketch.*
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
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,, Superintendent of Marine.
,, Commissary General, ... }
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