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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th December 1867.*

No. 301. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating to the Government of India
certain correspondence submitted by the
Commissary General regarding the Stations
at which sheds should be provided for the
accommodation of Elephants. } (Here enter 10th December 1867, No. 4,754.)

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1867, No. 3,888.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 13.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineers for information.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D.... Here enter 7th August 1867, No. 88.
From the Acting Commissary General „ 18th November „ „ 6293.
From do. do. „ 28th „ „ „ 6673.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 7th August 1867, No. 88; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In continuation of memorandum from this Department, No. 214, dated 5th April 1867, regarding the provision of sheds for elephants, I am directed to request that you will move the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to cause the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, to be furnished with a return shewing the stations where, for the causes set forth in the resolution of this Department above referred to, it appears advisable to erect sheds.

Referred to the Commissary General for early report, in communication with the Quarter Master General.

24th August 1867.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 18th November 1867, No. 6293; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 24th August 1867, on a communication from the Government of India, regarding elephant sheds, and to forward a precis of reports from Executive Commissariat Officers, together with reports themselves, which I forwarded to the Quarter Master General, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that sheds for elephants at Bellary, Madras and Secunderabad, should be provided.

2. I beg to add that the thatched shed at Cannanore be also converted into a tiled roof.

3. Reports from Tonghoo and Thyetmyo have not been received as yet.

PRECIS of Reports from Executive Commissariat Officers on elephant sheds.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Bangalore, dated 10th September 1867.—
Informs that sheds are not required for reasons therein stated.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Bellary, dated 7th September 1867.—
Recommends that sheds may be erected for the use of the elephants, and suggests an increase in the number of elephants and decrease in that of Camels.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Cannanore, dated 14th September 1867.—
States that the present one which is capable of containing fifteen elephants is built of bamboo, cadjan, requiring to be thatched yearly, and recommends its being converted into one with a substantial tiled roof.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Kamptee, dated 11th September 1867.—
Informs that a shed was lately built for the elephants of this depôt.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, dated 5th September 1867.—
Informs that the erection of sheds for elephants alluded to is highly desirable—no tree shelter available.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Secunderabad, dated 17th September 1867.—
Informs that three elephant sheds are required, two at Secunderabad and one at Chendee—no tree shelter available.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Trichinopoly, dated 6th September 1867.—
States that no shelter is required for the elephants—the rainy season being of short duration and the rain-fall not violent.

From the Executive Commissariat Officer, Rangoon, dated 9th October 1867.—Affords information regarding the extent of shelter available for elephants at Rangoon, and states that another of similar size is being built by the Engineers' Department,

COMMY. GENL.'S OFFICE, MADRAS, }
18th November 1867.

(Signed) J. LONDON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Commissary General.

From the Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Bangalore, 10th September 1867, No. 734; to the Commissary General, Madras.

In reply to your letter, * I have the honor to inform you that the five elephants attached to this station are always kept at the grazing station of Tamagoondall, a village 33 miles from Bangalore.

2. They have no tree shelter, but as the climate of Mysore seems to agree with elephants, and they have hitherto been healthy, I do not think that for the present, there is any necessity of providing sheds for them.

From the Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Ceded Districts, Bellary, 7th September 1867, No. 92; to the Commissary General, Madras.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 3859 of 2nd September 1867, I have the honor to state that the present allotment of public cattle for this range includes four elephants, abundance of green forage for their use being procurable at all seasons of the year, it appears worthy of consideration whether it might not be advantageous to increase the number of elephants and make a corresponding reduction in the allotment of camels, as great difficulty is experienced in regard to grazing for the latter, and half the depôt have, in consequence, been detached to Moonsoor where they will probably have to be kept during the greater portion of the year.

The elephants of this depôt are kept for convenience of grazing at a village named Durojee, eighteen miles from Bellary, no suitable tree shelter is available at the above locality, and sheds are consequently desirable for such number of elephants as it may be decided to maintain at this depôt.

From the Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore, 14th September 1867, No. 137; to the Commissary General, Madras.

With reference to your letter No. 3860, dated 2nd September 1867, annexing copy of one from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government at Fort Saint George, I have the honor to state that the present elephant shed at this station is capable of containing fifteen in number, and is constructed of bamboos, cadjans, which is annually thatched, and if it could be converted into a substantial field roof, a great saving would be effected, and I strongly recommend its conversion. No tree shelter is available in the lines.

The ground now occupied by the elephants belongs to a native who receives a rent of Rupees 2-8-0 monthly.

I take this opportunity to bring to your notice that the bullock shed, which at present contains thirty two draught and four forage bullocks, is also constructed of the same materials above alluded to, I would therefore beg to suggest that it also be converted into tiled roof. The ground in which the bullock shed stands is a Government property.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Kamptee, 11th September 1867, No. 119; to the Commissary General, Madras.

† No. 3861, dated 2nd September 1867.

In reply to your letter, † I have the honor to state that a shed has lately been erected for the elephants belonging to the Kamptee Depôt.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Madras, 5th September 1867, No. 3854; to the Commissary General, Madras.

In reply to your letter No. 3862 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to inform you, that I consider the erection of sheds for the elephants under my charge highly desirable. There is no exposed situation without any means of protecting themselves from the sun's rays, from which they undoubtedly suffer.

II. The shelter required is for six elephants, the allotment for this range.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Secunderabad, 17th September 1867, No. 2085; to the Commissary General, Madras.

In reply to your letter, No. 3863, dated 2nd September 1867, I have the honor to inform you, that three elephant sheds are required at this station.

One for six elephants attached to the Commissariat Department, stationed in the Cantonment.

A second, for twenty-two elephants belonging to the Commissariat Department stationed at Chendee, 30 miles from this.

And a third, for nine elephants attached to the Heavy Battery at Secunderabad.

There is no tree shelter at this station or at Chendee available.

From the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Trichinopoly, 6th September 1867, No. 173; to the Commissary General, Madras.

With reference to your letter, No. 3864, dated 2nd September 1867, and its annexure, I have the honor to state the two elephants attached to this depôt have heretofore enjoyed good health without any shelter. The rainy season at Trichinopoly is of short duration, and the rain-fall not violent. No tree shelter is available.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Rangoon, 9th October 1867, No. 227; to the Commissary General, Madras.

I have the honor, in reply to your letter, * to inform you that there is one elephant shed here capable of giving shelter to 10 or 12 elephants, and another of similar size under construction by the Engineers' Department. These will afford

sufficient covering for the elephants at this station. The shelter is not always conveniently available.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 28th November 1867, No. 6673; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the last paragraph of my letter No. 6293, dated 18th November 1867, I have the honor to report that the elephants both at Tonghoo and Thyetmyo have been provided with sheds; and the Executive Commissariat Officer at Thyetmyo reports that trees are also available near the lines, which are made use of as shelter for the animals when necessary.

DOCKET, No. 4754, 10th December 1867.

Copies of the Commissary General's letters forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, with reference to Colonel Norman's letter, No. 88, dated 7th August 1867.

(True Extract.)

W. C. Smith Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government,

To the Commissary General, with nine enclosures.

.. Quarter Master General.

.. Controller of Military Accounts,

.. Public Works Department, ... for information.

With 20 spare copies.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Dr. J. H. Adams Esq.
Military Academy

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