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

No. 245. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Directing the removal of the Detachment of
Sappers and Miners from Luckady at the end } (Here enter 11th February 1867, No. 505.)
of March next, &c., &c.

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1867, No. 439.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

Communicated to Captain Kennedy.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—
From Captain R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Department Public Works, Luckady, 24th January 1867, No. 6; to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to bring to the notice of Government, that it is desirable I should be informed, with as little delay as possible, of the arrangements determined upon regarding the detachment of Sappers at Luckady.

2. The lines are in sufficiently good repair for fine weather, and nothing need be done to them should the men be removed at the same time as last year; but in the contrary case, it will be necessary to put more thatch on the roofs, and after the middle of February it will be difficult to obtain thatching materials, owing to the practise that prevails in this part of the country of every year burning off the grass on the hills.

3. Furthermore, I beg to say that should it be decided that the detachment must move, I would request that no party be left except under the Command of an Officer not under the rank of a Jemadar, as the party that remained here last season under the idea that it would keep the lines in good order and preserve them from deterioration, proved perfectly useless owing to the want of influence of the Non-Commissioned Officer in Command of it.

4. I beg also to deprecate in the strongest terms, a renewal of the condition under which the men were left before; that is, not being permitted to be employed on any work except the care of the lines, though plenty of employment might have been found for them with perfect security to their health. The Apothecary in charge frequently requested me to find work for them, but I was debarred from so doing by the orders under which the men were left here. Whilst as regards the repair of the lines, their idleness, inattention, and carelessness, (in the absence of any proper control) was such that I was compelled to refuse to pass working pay for them, their time was principally passed in loitering about the bazaar and in drinking. If therefore a party is left here, (and under proper supervision it would be very serviceable) I trust that not only will it be under competent Command, but that the work they are to be employed upon may be left to the discretion of the Executive Officer, who will not be likely, after all that has been said and written on the subject, to employ them in any manner likely to be prejudicial to their health.

Referred to the Military Department.

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

31st January 1867.

ORDER, No. 505, 11th February 1867.

The Governor in Council directs that the detachment of Sappers and Miners be removed from Luckady at the end of the month of March next.

2. The suggestion in the concluding paragraph of Captain Kennedy's letter will be referred for the remarks of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in the Adjutant General's Department.

(True Extract.)

Minshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department. with 20 spare Copies
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
" Commissary General.

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Proc of Govt for Feb 21st No 518
Proc of Govt
Military Dept
No 505

Dated 11th Feb 1867
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Directing the
removal of the
Detachment of Sappers
and Miners from
Luckhady at the end
of March next - do as

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