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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th February 1869.*

No. 274. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Suggesting that the consideration of the appoint-
ment of Gymnastic Instructors for this Presi- } (Here enter 27th January 1869, No. 393.)
dency should be deferred for the present.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1869, No. 434.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 46.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 5th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Read the following papers :—

No. 775. From the Adjutant General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 12th December 1868, No. 781.

With reference to Proceedings Madras Government, No. 4652, dated 30th November 1868, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to report, for the information of Government, that nothing has yet been done towards providing the requisite buildings, or materials for gymnasia at either Bangalore or Secunderabad.

2. The following extracts of letters from Officers Commanding European Regiments and Batteries of Royal Artillery at these stations will show Government, why little or nothing has been done towards establishing gymnasia in this Presidency.

Bangalore, Royal Artillery.—"No steps whatever have been taken in the matter of establishing a gymnasium for, or affording proper instruction to the men of the Battery under my command."

"At considerable cost, Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, of the Brigade, kindly placed at my disposal some gymnastic apparatus, and at still greater personal expense, I had secured a very eligible spot for the apparatus to be erected upon, receiving no support or aid however from Government. I have of course been prevented carrying out the desires of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief, and the consequence is that no steps have been taken to carry out a proper system of gymnastics.

"Owing to the non-support of Government, I must confess to having myself lost that interest in the private gymnasium I have, and still keep up, which can alone render it of real use and benefit, and compensate me for the expense I have been put to."

16th Lancers.—"No steps have been taken in the Regiment towards carrying on a system of gymnastics, and no apparatus provided, except for fencing."

2nd Battalion 19th Regiment.—"There is no gymnasium at this station, and the Regiment has not done anything towards starting one."

Secunderabad, Royal Artillery.—"No steps whatever have been taken towards carrying out the system of gymnastics. No apparatus of any kind has been provided."

18th Hussars.—"There is no gymnasium available. The only apparatus that has been provided is a vaulting-bar, the cost of which has been defrayed from the Canteen Fund."

2nd Battalion 10th Regiment.—"No steps have been taken towards the establishment of a gymnasium, in consequence of there being no qualified Instructors with the Battalion."

2nd Battalion 21st Regiment.—"In the absence of a covered gymnasium, a Non-Commissioned Officer Instructor conducts a class out of doors. The apparatus in use are all provided by the Regimental Canteen Fund, except hollow shot supplied from the Arsenal, from which dumb-bells are made."

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5th DIVISION.

Dated February, 11th.

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G. O., 11th February 1869, No. 431.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
27th January 1869.*

The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that, until a competent Officer who understands the subject is appointed to superintend gymnastics in this Presidency, it is useless to expect that any progress can be made in its introduction.

From the Assistant Adjutant General, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Madras; dated Simla, 27th November 1868, No. 11,138.

I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief in India to inform your Excellency that Captain Stockwell, Director of Gymnastics, has been directed to proceed to the Madras Presidency during the present cold season, and to report himself at Fort Saint George, for the purpose of receiving your Excellency's orders, and to assist in establishing the system of Military gymnastics in a uniform manner throughout India.

No. 776. Memorandum from the Adjutant General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 15th December 1868, No. 479.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to this office letter No. 781, dated 12th instant.

No. 777. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1869, No. 393.

As nothing has as yet been done towards providing the requisite buildings or materials for the experimental gymnasia authorized to be established at Bangalore and Secunderabad, and as the Government of India have decided that an Assistant Instructor of Gymnastics is not to be appointed until these experimental gymnasia have continued a sufficient time to indicate what establishments, &c., are wanted in this country, the Governor in Council resolves to suggest to the Commander-in-Chief, that the consideration of the appointments proposed by His Excellency should be deferred for the present.

(True Extract.)

Michael.

Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

- To the Adjutant General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance.
„ Public Works Department, for information.

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Ed. A. W. Cooke,

P.W. 1269 Dept.
Govt. of {1869} Madras.
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MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Dated January, 27th.

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