

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 726

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
for the month of December 1859.*

No. 6. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, dated 23rd November 1859, No. 4169.

Communicating the Orders of Government in connection with the abolition of certain Brigade Commands. } *Vide*, Proceedings Military Department from 21st to 30th December 1859, Nos. 75 at 78.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1859, 726.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot in reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Papers :—

From the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

Directing the abolition of certain Brigade Commands, and requesting the reduction or discontinuance of the allowance granted in this Presidency to Staff Officers, for paying Pensioners. } Here enter 28th October 1859, No. 1362.

From the Adjutant General of the Army.

Acknowledges receipt of letter from the Government of India, dated 28th October 1859, No. 1362, referred to the Commander-in-Chief on the 10th instant, on the subject of the abolition of Brigade Commands at certain Stations &c., and requesting that the question may be brought under the consideration of the Madras Government, with regard to a similar measure being carried out in this Presidency—and submits His Excellency's remarks thereon. } Here enter 14th November 1859, No. 1221.

ORDER, No. 4169, 23rd November 1859.

The Governor in Council observes that the General Order by the Government of India, dated 28th October 1859, No. 1460, was re-published in General Orders at this Presidency, dated 11th November 1859, No. 438. The allowance of 520 Rupees per mensem, hitherto issuable for Commands at stations, not the Head Quarters of a permanent Brigadier, where two Regiments of the line might be cantoned, being discontinued under its 1st paragraph, no further order on this point is necessary.

2. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in the letter from the Government of India, and agreeably with the Commander-in-Chief's views, His Honor in Council directs, that the Brigade Commands at the stations named in the margin,* be abolished from the 31st December next. The Brigade Command at Bangalore will also be abolished as soon as Brigadier Pole can be otherwise provided for, or some arrangement can be made attended with less expense and inconvenience than the movement suggested in para. 6 of the Adjutant General's letter, which it does not appear advisable to adopt, simply to avoid the inconvenience therein alluded to. The command on the Nilgiris will be abolished as soon as arrangements can be made for the performance of the duties now devolving on the Officer Commanding there, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will suggest for the consideration of Government what appears to be necessary.

3. A Brigade Major will be continued at Bangalore, and one will be appointed at Trichinopoly, Bellary, Jaulnah and Rangoon, the Fort Adjutants at Trichinopoly and Bellary being discontinued consequent on the appointment of the Brigade Major at those stations respectively.

4. It was intended to defer the discontinuance of the appointment of Brigadier at Vellore until orders were received from the Home Government for the dismantling of the Fort, but under the present instructions from the Government of India, the Brigade command will be abolished from the date above mentioned; the payment of the Civil Pensions will be transferred to the Collector of North Arcot, who will take steps as soon as possible after assuming charge, to ascertain the identity of the Pensioners. The situations of Fort Adjutant of Vellore and Masulipatam will be discontinued, station Staff Officers being appointed instead. The Fort Adjutant of Cannanore, and the station Staff Officer at Jaulnah will be abolished, their duties being transferred to the Brigade Majors of Malabar and Canara and Jaulnah respectively.

5. The command of the Troops in the Straits will be specially retained on the allowances sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation 24th June 1856, No. 1537.

6. The Governor in Council concurs in the views of His Excellency, expressed in paras. 5 and 6 of the Adjutant General's letter, which will be communicated to the Government of India.

7. With reference to para. 7 of the Adjutant General's letter, it is observed that the allowance to station Staff Officers, of whatever amount, is payable only where such appointments are distinctly authorised, and that the allowance of (110) one hundred and ten Rupees is not admissible under para. 6 of the G. O. G. G. No. 1460, when the duties are performed by one of the Regimental Staff Officers. Adverting to para. 3 of the letter from the Government of India, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is requested to furnish a list, specifying respectively, the fixed stations where a station Staff Officer, to be selected from the Captains or experienced Subalterns of the Corps composing the Garrison, and drawing the highest scale of salary, should be specially allowed, and the other stations where such appointments should also be authorised, the duties however in this case being performed by one of the Regimental Staff, and the lower scale of salary alone being admissible, as indicated in paras. 2 to 6 of the General order referred to.

8. The Governor in Council observes, that the Adjutant General's letter, transmitting Lieutenant Colonel Pritchard's report on the subject of improving the system of paying Pensioners at this Presidency, was referred to the Superintendent of Pensions on the 20th May last. That Officer will be again requested to forward his report as early as practicable; and the suggestion of the Government of India in the last para. of their letter will be duly attended to, when the subject is taken into consideration.

(True Extract.)

Ministerial
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.
" Superintendent of Pensions.
" Political Department.

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13 Dec 1859

Proceedings of Secy
in the Secy's Office
No 4169

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Carry'd to the order
of Government for
consolidation with the
abolition of certain
District Commands.

With an Order

To the Chief Secretary, Secy to Govt.

Exd. J. Davis.

13 Dec 1859

Order of the Government
for the consolidation of
the District Commands
13 Dec 1859, No 721.