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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From the Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army, { Recorded in Pro. of Govt. } Read again the paper
dated 19th September 1861, No. 3427. { dated 24th idem, No. 3427. } noted in the margin.

Read the following papers:—

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 4th October 1861,
No. 152; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to Order of Government No. 3427, of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to report that no letter has been received by me from the Inspector General of Hospitals, on the subject of the sanitary condition of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment, at Tonghoo.

2. In a letter dated the 2nd of May, reporting the completion of his inspection duties at Tonghoo, Dr. Macpherson forwarded copy of a communication he had addressed to the Brigadier Commanding, on the sanitary condition of the Station; but in which there is nothing to indicate, that the health of the men of the 69th Regiment was in the state which is now represented.

3. The Inspector General of Hospitals will be called upon to explain, why a copy of so important a recommendation to the Major General Commanding, was not forwarded to me, in accordance with the established rules of the Department.

4. I would wish to be permitted to postpone giving an opinion on the subject under reference, until the Report of the Inspector General of Hospitals, on the Pegu Division, comes to hand.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund,
14th October 1861, No. 255; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of Order No. 3427, dated 24th ultimo. The reply of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department has probably been received by Government. The Commander-in-Chief awaits the final orders promised.

From Surgeon G. S. Beatson, M. D., Deputy Inspector General and Principal Medical Officer
British Troops, Bangalore, 3rd October 1861; to the Quarter Master General of the Army.

In acknowledging the receipt of the document named in the margin, I have the honor, in accordance with the instructions therein contained, to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council and of His Excellency the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, that I am of opinion, that it is highly desirable that Her Majesty's 68th and 69th Regiments now in Burmah, should be relieved and removed to India, as soon as circumstances will admit, and that in the case of Her Majesty's 69th, that this should be done during the coming cold season.

In reply to the enquiry of His Excellency the Governor, I may observe that, I have not made any special report on the state of health of the men of Her Majesty's 69th, for two reasons; the first being, that, as the 68th and 69th have been nearly four years in Burmah, and as I was aware that the relief of these Regiments did not take place last year, solely on account of financial considerations, I had hoped that it was fully intended to carry out these reliefs this year—secondly, circumstanced as I am, with the administrative, as well as all the inspection Medical duties of the now large British Force in this Presidency to carry on, without any one to assist me, and having many references from England constantly to answer, I did not feel that I could leave the Presidency to visit Pegu, and inspect the Hospitals, &c., of these two Regiments, without the knowledge and approval of the Director General of the Army Medical Department; this permission, I applied for in July last, and as I expect a reply by the Mail now due, I was only waiting for his sanction, to apply to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for permission to my proceeding about the end of this month to Bellary, Secunderabad and Kamptee, and to proceed from the latter Station, *via* Mirzapoor and Calcutta to Burmah, as I understand this is an easy and expeditious route.

My reasons, for recommending the relief, especially of the 69th are :-

1st. That the Medical Returns show a large number of admissions under the head of Zymotic disease, especially Fever and Bowel Complaints.

2nd. Having myself served during two years in Burmah, I know the climate well, and that it is one in which men cannot be kept too long, without serious impairment of their physical tone and strength.

3rd. The long continuance of an imperfect diet, such as it appears the men have at Tonghoo, is of itself a pre-disposing cause of disease.

I have the honor to add, that although the average daily sick in the 69th, has been very high, it has only been about one-half, the per centage mentioned by Dr. Macpherson, who states it at 14 per cent. This would be enormous, but it is clearly a daily sick of the 69th in a strength of 964, the numbers he instances, is just over 14 per cent., not 14.

In conclusion, I would beg leave respectfully to submit, that as I am the Medical Officer entrusted with, and solely responsible for the professional superintendence of Her Majesty's British Regiments, that I consider when any Inspecting Medical Officer of the Indian Service finds it necessary to make a professional Report on any of these Regiments, he should furnish me with a copy of such Report.

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Bangalore, 23rd October 1861, No. 162: to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government and Order thereon, No. 3427, dated 24th ultimo, and in continuation of my letter to your address, regarding the condition of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment at

Tonghoo, and the question of the continued occupation of that Station by the Corps, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the Report of the Inspector General of Hospitals, on the Pegu Division, has been received, and to subjoin an extract therefrom on the above subject.

2. I am of opinion that, considering the continued residence of the Corps in the quarters for nearly four years; the Station, though on the whole remarkably healthy, having many disadvantages as to rations, and the remoteness and isolation of its situation disposing to ennui and depression of mind, all tending, no doubt, to produce the state of health Dr. Macpherson describes the men to labor under; it is certainly desirable to change its quarters to a more bracing climate on the mainland of India.

3. The explanation called for, as intimated in paragraph 3 of my former letter, has not yet been received from Dr. Macpherson, but will be duly forwarded, for the information of Government, as soon as it reaches me. In the mean time I lose no time, in reporting the above.

Extract of Medical Inspection Reports by Inspector General Dr. Macpherson, Her Majesty's Madras Army, dated Rangoon, 1st October 1861.

"After mature consideration, a feeling of duty compels me to record here my opinion, that to prolong the residence of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment at Tonghoo, would inflict permanent injury to their health, and as such, add more to the burden of the State by deaths and Invalids, than the amount expended on their removal to another Station would come to. I have not come to this decision hastily, nor would I unadvisedly incur the expense of a considerable expense, for the consideration of Government, did I not consider it a moral obligation to do so. I had the full Medical history of the Corps before me from the Surgeon. I have already described the appearance of the men on the sick list, and two Companies of the healthy men, who were paraded for my inspection, were little better. The majority of them exhibited that bloodless anæmic appearance, that soft and relaxed muscular tissue, pale lips, tongue and gums, and that low state of the circulation which is clearly indicative of the advisability of a change of locality. They complained of a want of energy, a feeling of faintness and depression of spirits, and expressed a longing desire "to be taken away from Tonghoo;" and this is hardly to be wondered, for shortly prior to their embarkation for India, they had returned from long service in the West Indian climate, and proceeding at once to Burmah, they have during the last 3 years tasted nothing but Beef and other Commissariat Rations. The men now look as if they would

speedily succumb to any epidemic disease, or break down on an ordinary march. A residence in a Hill climate and good food is what is required to restore them to health and vigor. Physically they are a fine body of men."

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) ROBERT COLE,
Principal Inspector Genl. Medl. Dept.

ORDER, No. 3838, 26th October 1861.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing correspondence, the Governor in Council sanctions the relief at an early date of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment, and directs that a draft G. O. of the movements necessary to give effect to the measure, be submitted to Government, for publication.

2. The Provincial Commander-in-Chief is now requested to cause the information required in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government dated 24th September 1861, No. 3427, to be furnished, as early as practicable.

3. With reference to the preceding paragraph, it appears to the Governor in Council that, if there be no medical reasons to the contrary, the most convenient and economical arrangement would be to station the 69th Foot in Fort Saint George, relieving them by the 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles, whereby, the other movements proposed in paragraph 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter marginally noted, would be avoided, and the consequent expense saved to Government.

4. The remarks contained in the concluding paragraph of Dr. Beatson's letter, recorded with the above papers, will be communicated to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, for guidance.

(True Extract.)

Wm. H. D. Cole
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

- „ Adjutant General.
- „ Dy. Adj. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Principal Inspector General Medical Dept.
- „ Clothing Department.
- „ Superintendent of Marine.
- „ Brigade Major Fort Saint George.
- „ Controller of Military Finance.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
- „ Military Finance Department.

*Information Department In information
with reference to Para 3 of Proceedings dated
Sept 24th 1861 No 3427 dated 26 Oct 1861*

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