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Read the following papers :—

No. 197. From G. VANS AGNEW, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Calligoody, Taluq, 12th August 1867, No. 41.

Adverting to the letter of the Inspector General of Police to Government, dated 10th September last, and embodied in their Proceedings of the 30th October No. 1118, Public Department, adverting also to paragraph 1 of their Order, dated 22nd December, No. 1306, and to their Proceedings of the 16th March, No. 283, I have the honor to submit a plan showing the Municipal and Cantonment boundaries with certain proposed alterations in the Cantonment boundaries noted on it.

2. In the last quoted Proceedings my instructions were to communicate, on the subject of revising the limits of the Cantonment, with the Officer Commanding the Southern Division and the Inspector General of Police.

3. The delay which has occurred is consequent on Major-General Duke's absence on leave, and the unwillingness of Lieutenant-Colonel Greenaway to dispose of the question while in temporary command.

4. Mr. Robinson and myself conferred on the subject several months ago, during a visit he paid to Trichinopoly. Our views coincided, and I have his authority to embody his opinion with my own. We think that the whole of that part of the present Cantonment, colored lake on the plan, should be excluded from Military limits.

5. I have since conferred with Major-General Duke, and I have his authority to state that he entirely objects to any curtailment of the Cantonment, and will communicate his views on the subject in the Military Department.

6. I was led to understand that it might be proposed to abandon Poottoor—the detached portion of the Cantonment across the Weyacondan Channel—and to transfer the Regiment, now located there, to the “proposed site” I have marked on the plan below the “Battery.” In that event, of course, Poottoor would cease to form part of the Cantonment.

7. There are only four or five combatants residing within the limits proposed to be struck out, as against a vastly superior number of the non-combatant branch of the community, European and Native.

8. Should it be argued that facilities would thereby be afforded for the establishment, in proximity to the barracks and lines, of drinking shops and houses of ill-fame, which it would be advisable to retain under Military control, I would reply that the ground is already occupied, and is likely ever to remain occupied, at its full value, by respectable persons, that establishments such as I have referred to could be brought into equal proximity to the troops on the outside of the Cantonment limits, where they would be equally out of Military control, that the men are not confined to the present Cantonment limits, and that, practically, no check exercised in the above respects, in Cantonment only, would produce appreciable results, unless extended to the whole neighbourhood, inclusive of the town and suburbs; consequently any argument of this nature against the proposed measure of curtailment falls to the ground.

Referred, through the Military Department, to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, for any remarks that he may have to offer.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th January 1868.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department).

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th January 1868.

(Signed) C. S. ELLIOT, Major,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to Government, M. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

26th March 1868.

No. 198. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 11th February 1868, No. 1151.

I have the honor by order to return the letter* from the Collector of Trichinopoly, received under your reference docket, dated 30th ultimo.

* With plan.

2. Several letters have passed between the Officer Commanding Southern Division and this Department on the subject of the revision of the Military limits of the Trichinopoly Cantonment, since the receipt of the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 19th June 1867, No. 991.

3. In order to curtail the limits, Major-General Duke proposed the removal of the lines of the Native Infantry Regiment at Poottoor to the site indicated on the plan, on the east side of the Madura road; thus removing from Military limits all the ground to the north of the Weyacandan Channel.

4. The report of the Sanitary Officer on the proposed new site for the Lines, and on the quality and quantity of water in that neighbourhood, was then called for. In forwarding this report (which contained nothing in favor of the suggested change) the Major-General said he had re-considered the question, and withdrew his proposal, which would involve a considerable outlay of public money without gaining any commensurate benefit, and he finally reported that he did not consider any modification of the existing limits of the Cantonment to be necessary or desirable.

5. The suggestion of the Collector is that a considerable portion of the ground within the present Military boundary, and running through the whole length of the Cantonment, from south-west to north-east, should be excluded from the Military limits, leaving as it were a Cantonment on either side.

6. The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that this is an objectionable arrangement, and he does not perceive that Mr. Vans Agnew gives any cogent reasons in support of his proposition.

7. Government are aware that the question of locating one of our Cavalry Regiments hereafter at Trichinopoly has been mooted. If this should be determined on, some of the houses in the neighbourhood of the old Cavalry Lines would, of course, be required for the Officers of the Corps; also, the former site for the Native Lines. But all this part the Collector wishes to exclude from the limits of the Cantonment.

8. His Excellency having duly considered the subject, concurs with the Officer Commanding the Division, that any modification of the present Military limits does not seem called for.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1868, No. 395.

The Government are not disposed at present to entertain the proposition for reducing the limits of the Trichinopoly Cantonment.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, with plan returned.

„ Military Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Limits of Trichinopoly Cantonment.

Memo

The decision on this question must I presume be deferred until Major-General Duke has stated his objections to the military authorities.

Yrs. &c. P. R.

W. R.
To the Hon. Secy.

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Report to the

Commander-in-Chief

Major-General D. Richardson

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Public Works

Memo for Orders.

In their Order dated
16th March 1864, the Govt
called on the Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly, who had
submitted a map of the
Trichinopoly Municipality,
to state what alterations
he would recommend
in the Cantonment limits
of that station after con-
sultation with the Officer
Commanding the Southern
Division and the Inspector
General of Police.

In a letter dated
August 12th 1864 the Acting
Collector sends a map
exhibiting the Municipal
and Cantonment limits.

limits, with suggestions for curtailing the latter. He states that the Inspector General of Police concurs with him, but that the Officer Commanding the Southern Division is entirely opposed to any diminution of the Cantonment limits.

In the map the Cantonment limits are marked by a faint yellow border and black dots, bound by stones. The portions which the Acting Collector proposes to take away from Military limits are colored lake.

The present Military limits are inconvenient, because they include a large proportion of civil offices and houses occupied
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by the non-military. On the other hand the proposed boundary divides the Military portion with a large strip of civil territory.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief is opposed to any alteration in the present limits, partly on the ground that if a Cavalry Regiment is posted to Trichinopoly, a site for their lines and houses for the officers will be required.

There does not appear to be any very urgent necessity for altering these limits provided that the Towns Improvement Act remains applicable to Military limits. This, as pointed out in G. O. of the 19th June 1887, is necessary
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in order to provide funds
for carrying out the rules
of conservancy prescribed
under Act I of 1866.

The Inspector General
of Police was urgent on
the subject of reducing the
limits of the Cantonment
at Trichinopoly. See his
letter included in the Pro.
30th Oct. 1866. He does not
give his reason, but it
may be because the Police
within the limits of a
Cantonment are by Act
I of 1866 placed under the
officer Commanding in-
stead of under the magis-
tracy, and are, in so far,
in an exceptional position.

It must also be
remembered that a large
proportion of the purely
civil population and
their house property become
subject

How far

My opinion

YH.

I would adopt the view of the
late acting Collector and the District Council of
Police. I do not think the opinion of the latter functionary
can have been adopted from any disinclination to see
part of the Police men of the place under control by the
officer

subject to the Rules to be
prescribed under Sec 17 + 19
of Act I of 1866. But this
Act places matters affecting
civil interests on a better
footing than under the
old Law, and these people
have for a long time been
within military limits, and
so far no ~~new~~ ^{work} status is
imposed upon them. As
H.E. the Comd^r in Chief
sees objection to any alteration
the question may, I submit,
be laid aside, with the
proviso that Act X of 1865
(Towns Improvement) remains
applicable to military
limits, the Municipal tax
on houses or huts occupied
by Native Officers or Sepoys
being paid from the public
Treasury. MR

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as contemplated by Act I of 66
(Madras). This anomaly, if
it be one, occurs in other Cantonments to the
alterations of whose limits the Surpetal Council has
not objected. - Assuming the old Cantonment limits to be
correct, the Footstool line part left remains as trapping
satisfying pattern, but it is occupied only by native troops &
shows the application of the anti-nuclear rule is of little
real importance. - The declaration that the part colored
pink in the plan shall no longer be regarded as Military
cantonment does separate the remaining ^{area} into two portions, but
does not seem that the European troops are all
mapped on the N West plot, the supervision of which
for anti-nuclear & sanitary purposes, will be simple
enough. On the other, the S.E. plot, on which
troops are located, which then becomes an intermediate
Civil plot, (colored pink) is full of non-combatants
and persons belonging to the civil population of
this large & important town and as it seems to me, it
is of importance to retain them from the jurisdiction
of military Cantonment Magistrate & bring them under
the ordinary jurisdiction of that ^{branch} of the magistracy
by whom people of these ^{class} are generally controlled. -
I showed this plan, once or twice hinted at, of bringing
a cavalry corps to Secunderabad as preferable to the
more desirable arrangement of stationing it at Bangalore.
Even be adopted, it will be an easy & simple affair
again to include in military limits such
parts of this area included in present limits, as may
be wanted for the officers of the cavalry. WDH

I think that with a view to the
scheme embodied by H.E. the Govt.
and to the desirability still rendering
respecting the distribution of the forces in
this Presidency, it may be desirable to
to meet the suggestion of the British India
Cantonment.

and he does not perceive that Mr. Rams Agnew
gives any cogent reasons in support of his proposition.
The Government is aware that the
question of locating one of our Cavalry Regiments
hereafter at Trichinopoly has been mooted. If this
should be determined on, some of the Houses in
the neighbourhood of the Old Cavalry Lines would
of course be required for the Officers of the Corps,
Also the former site for the Statue Lines. But all
this part the Collector wishes to exclude from the limits
of the Cantonment.

8. His Excellency having duly considered
the subject, concurs with the Officer Commanding
the Opinion that any modification of the present
military limits does not seem called for.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
W. H. D. Colclough
Quartermaster General

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The Secretary of Government

William A. Richardson

March 11th
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from the Secretary of Washington, 22 August 1885, No. 1111.
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Order No. 27 March 1885 No. 395

The Government are not
deposed as seems to enter in the
proposition for securing the limits
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