

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 27th August to 2d September 1859.*

No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department; dated 29th August 1859, No. 1326.

*Accepting Major Hamilton's offer to visit the
Mountain ranges of the Madras Presidency
with reference to their adaptation to European
Colonists and to Sanatoria.* (Vide Public Proceedings from 27th August
to 2d September 1859, Nos. 19-20.)

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 2d September 1859, No. 1180.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Major DOUGLAS HAMILTON, 21st Regiment Native Infantry; to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., &c., &c., dated 24th August 1859.

With reference to a conversation I yesterday had with Sir Charles Trevelyan, I request you will have the goodness to lay the following proposition before His Excellency.

His Excellency has seen and been pleased to approve of a series of pen and ink sketches I made to illustrate the report of an expedition to the higher ranges of the Annimully Mountains, delineating the character of that scenery.

The high lands of India with reference to their adaption for European Colonists and Military Sanatoria are now occupying the serious attention of Government both at Home and in this country; many hill ranges are little known, few have been thoroughly described, and I believe, in no instance, except in the late expedition to the Annimullies, has a report been illustrated with characteristic sketches of the localities described; feeling convinced that a report so illustrated would be of considerable use to Government, I beg respectfully to offer my services to visit such mountain ranges of this Presidency as Government may consider advisable to carry into operation the above proposition.

The Pulney Mountains having now become of considerable importance, should Government approve, I propose first to visit that range of hills as the most convenient to commence my work on the season also being favourable.

I will undertake this duty without any extra remuneration from Government. I simply require that my full Regimental allowances including horse allowance should be secured to me while so employed; Government will not thereby be put to any extra expense as I should draw the same amount with my Regiment at any full batta station.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1859, No. 1326.

The Government resolve to avail themselves of Major Hamilton's offer to visit such mountain ranges of this Presidency as they may wish to have explored, with reference to their adaptation to European Colonists and to Sanatoria, and to record the result of his observations in brief Reports illustrated by pen and ink sketches. Application will accordingly be made to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Major Hamilton's services for such employment.

2. Major Hamilton whilst so engaged will draw his full Regimental allowances including horse allowance, but no further allowances either for his personal expenses or for establishment.

3. Major Hamilton will, as he proposes, first visit the Pulney range—and Government will subsequently determine where he shall proceed afterwards. He will communicate with Dr. Cleg-horn, Conservator of Forests, for the purpose of learning from him the points to which his attention should be mainly directed in his inquiries.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To Major D. Hamilton.

To the Military Department.

„ Revenue do.

„ Adjutant General of the Army.

„ Conservator of Forests.

„ Military Auditor General.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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