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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th July 1860.

No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 26th June 1860, No. 2,334.

Communicating a letter from the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, and agreeing with the Board of Revenue and the Commander-in-Chief, that it is not desirable to constitute the Ramandroog a Military Station. (Vide Military Proceedings, 26th June 1860, Nos. 137 to 140.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON 6th July 1860, No. 1,119.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance with reference to their Proceedings, dated 31st May 1860, No. 2,607.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st May 1860, *No.* 2607;—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, Ramandroog, 19th May 1860, *No.* 82; *to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.*

In their Proceedings of the 7th March 1860, No. 1174, the Board of Revenue directed me to ascertain whether the Raja of Sondur was willing to dispose of the Hill of Ramandroog to the Government.

2. Till a few days ago, I was unable, through his illness, to obtain an interview with the Raja.

3. He (as was to be expected) declines to part with the Hill; but has expressed his perfect willingness to allow Government to take whatever measures they like, with reference to the extension of the present barracks, and the maintenance of authority and order.

3. He also stated that, if not actually consulted on the subject, he would raise no objection to the slaughter of bullocks, in an enclosed building on the slope of the Hill.

5. This is a point alluded to by the Quarter Master General of the Army in paragraph 5 of his letter to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department dated 17th January 1860, No. 19, copy of which accompanied the Proceedings under review.

6. It might be advisable to confer on the Officer in charge of the Depôt, the powers of a Joint Magistrate; and to make the sanitarium a *Military station;* the rights of the present owners of houses being reserved to them.

7. It should, however, be borne in mind that at present the fixed station of the Head Assistant Magistrate is at Hospett, about 13 miles distant from Ramandroog.

8. I have requested the District Engineer to prepare an Estimate (with sketch plan) of the expense that would be attendant on the removal of the present bazar to the eastern aspect of the Basin.

9. What I consider very desirable is,

1st. That a small covered market be erected, in which merchants might be induced to vend their commodities once a week.

2nd. That a public Lattrine be constructed, to which natives should be obliged to resort.

3rd. That a plain Church be erected; as at present the Officer Commanding the Depôt gives up the centre of his house every Sunday morning for this purpose.

10. I would add that a commodious house (the property of Colonel Whistler) is at present for sale for Rupees 6,000; a price which the District Engineer considers to be reasonable.

11. This, I think, it would be advantageous for the Government to purchase; as there are no quarters or residence of any kind available for the Medical Officer in charge of the Depôt, for sick Officers who may be sent up here, or for the Chaplain who visits the station quarterly.

12. A rent charged to the Medical Officer, and any sick Officers, who might use the house, would repay the interest on the outlay.

13. When the bazar is removed, there will be ample space for the extension of the barracks, and I see little probability of any more private dwelling houses being erected for some time to come.

14. Any applications for land for building purposes would of course be decided upon by the Collector in concert with the Officer Commanding the Depôt.

In Consultation, 1st March 1860, *No.* 965.

Resolved, that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 29th February 1860, No. 324, Revenue Department.

2. The Government will perceive that the Sundúr Rájá is unwilling, as he has always been, to part with his proprietary rights over Rámandrúg; but he consents to Government taking whatever measures they please to extend the present barracks and to maintain good order on the Hill, and if not directly consulted will not object to cattle being slaughtered in an enclosed building on the slope of the Hill.

Board's Proceedings, 30th November 1848, *No.* 2862.

3. These concessions seem sufficient for all practical purposes.

4. In paragraphs 6 to 8 of his letter, Mr. Hathaway makes various suggestions, in which with one exception the Board concur. The excepted proposal is that of making Rámandrúg a Military Station. It would be well, the Board think, to vest the Officer selected for the charge of the Depôt with the powers of a Joint Magistrate and District Munsiff, but the conversion of the place into a Military Cantonment, just when all Police functions are about to be transferred to the new Police would be unadvisable. It will be necessary if the powers above stated are vested in the Officer Commanding the Depôt, that more than purely Military qualifications should be possessed by the Officer selected for this post.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1860, No. 955.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to the Order in that Department, dated February 16th, 1860, No. 686.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, for His Excellency's observation.

12th June 1860.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1860, *No,* 2700:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, Ramandrúg, 31*st May* 1860, *No.* 88; *to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue, that on referring to my letter of the 19th instant, No. 82, in reply to their Proceedings of the 7th March 1860, No. 1174, I observe that I have omitted to remark, that under the agreement, on which the cession of the Rámanamallí Hill was originally made to the British Government, it is necessary that the Revenue management of the Rámanamallí Hill be still vested in the Collector; and this the Rájá of Sondur will reckon upon.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 9th August 1847; *Extract Minutes Consultation, dated the 2nd November* 1847: *Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue,* 11*th January and* 14*th June* 1849.

2. It will suffice for all the exigencies of the Military authorities, if that part of the plateau, which embraces the Barracks and the Bázár, be placed under Military authority; and if the Officer Commanding the Depôt be entrusted with the powers of a Joint Magistrate and Justice of the Peace, he might also be consulted by the Collector in the allotment of future grants of land.

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1 Submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 31s ultimo, No. 2607.

2. The Board recommend that under the circumstances stated the Revenue administration of the Hill should rest as heretofore with the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1860, No. 1011.

The Governme t are aware of no reason for taking the Revenue administration of the Ramandrúg out of the hands of the Collector of the District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

From the Acting Q er Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 18*th June* 1860, *No.* 212; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Adverting to the order of Government, No. 955, dated 9th instant in the Revenue Department, referred by you on the 12th idem for His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's observations, I am directed to state that His Excellency is of the same opinion with the Board of Revenue, who concur in all M. Hathaway's proposals save making Ramandrúg a Military Bazar station.

2. In his Minu e of March 1858 the Commander-in-Chief suggested that the powers of a Joint Magistrate sho l be conferred on the Officer Commanding the Depôt. If this be done, the Commander-in-C ef considers every necessary requirement will be met.

Sir P. Grant co lers that Colonel Whistler's house would be a good purchase, and that a covered market place w ld be a great convenience.

3. The question of building a Church, His Excellency considers may be allowed to lie over until the Barracks are extended.

ORDER, No. 2334, 26*th June* 1860.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Governor in Council agrees with the Board of Revenue and Commander-in-Chief that it is not desirable to constitute the Ramandroog a Military Station. His Honor also concurs in the opinion that all requirements will be met by vesting the Officer in Command of the Depôt with the powers of a Joint Magistrate,—which will accordingly be carried into effect in the Judicial Department.

3. The Chief Engineer will be called upon to submit a plan and estimate for a small covered market; also for a plan of the house proposed to be purchased by Government, with full particulars as to its condition &c., when further orders will be passed.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. *With 10 Spare Copies*
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,, Quarter Mast r General.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Adjutant General.

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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