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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th July 1860.

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 29th June 1860, No. 2,407.

Forwarding for the consideration and report of the Revenue Board, a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army on the subject of providing supplies for Troops on the march. (Vide Military Proceedings, 29th June 1860, Nos. 308-309.)

No. 99.

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1860, No. 1,133.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 21st June 1860, *No.* 216; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to solicit the orders of Government on the subject of providing supplies for Troops when in movement from station to station, under the following circumstances.

2. In the Collectorate of Madras, the Inspector General of Mofussil Police has prohibited his Police Officers from having any concern with the supply of Provisions for any purpose whatsoever, and the Collector states that the "abolition of the greater portion of the Peons placed 'at the disposal of the Police Officers stationed near the line of march, renders it impracticable 'to attend to the work of providing Military supplies as heretofore." He adds, "the Police 'Peons formerly under my orders have been abolished, and my Revenue Establishment so 'restricted, that I shall be unable to undertake the duty of laying down supplies at the smaller "stations in this District, at which the Troops halt, there being no Bazar permanently established "at these localities."

3. Mr. Cunliffe proposes, that the Commissary General should make arrangements for the supply of Troops on the march.

4. Mr. Ellis, Joint Magistrate, with whom this suggestion originated states, that he does not consider that there are people in the Chingleput District, able and willing to undertake the contract for the supply of Provisions to Troops on the march, but that the Commissariat Department might be able to effect the contracts.

5. The contract system would in the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief, be attended with expense to Government, and delay in the movement of Troops;—to avoid this, as well as all risk of failure of Provisions, I am to request that the Collector of Madras, or any other Collector similarly situated, be empowered on the receipt of the usual *Notifications from this Department, to hire Purveyors for each occasion, for as long as may be necessary, at every stage, to do what has hitherto been done by a permanent Establishment; and to charge the cost in his own bills, or to send me Contingent bills for the same, vouched by the Officer Commanding the Troops, under the head of "Marching expenses."

*Para. 30 *G. O. No.* 166 *of* 1856, *and G. O. No.* 354 *of* 1858.

6. To enable him to continue the supply of Provisions to Troops, Mr. Ellis asks for two Peons at a monthly pay of 4 Rupees each. It is hence apparent, that the course now recommended by the Commander-in-Chief would be attended with but little expense to Government.

ORDER, No. 2407, *29th June* 1860.

As at present informed, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that any alteration of the system now in force, of providing supplies for Troops on the march is inexpedient, as it is not desirable to introduce any agency in the matter beyond that of the Revenue authorities.

2. It further appears to the Governor in Council, that the agency of the Revenue authorities may be conveniently substituted for that of the old Police, in the provision of the requisite supplies and that any expenses attendant thereon, should be borne by the Government.

3. Before deciding finally on the question however, His Honor directs that the foregoing letter be forwarded through the Revenue Department, for the consideration and report of the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Revenue Department. With 10 spare Copies
" Commissary General, for information.

Exd. J. Davis.

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Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
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Pro: of the Bd of Rev: 21st Augt
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