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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th July 1860.

No. 343. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 17th July 1860, No. 2,584:—

Passing orders on the subject of Rest Houses between Masulipatam and Secuderabad, and referring for report the suggestion regarding the occupation of staging Bungalows by Troops. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 17th July 1860, Nos. 232—235.)

No. 344. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1860, No. 1,257.

These papers will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Order. The Board's report will extend to all Traveller's Bungalows, not to those only which are under the new arrangement alluded to.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 26th June 1860, *No. 225; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the consideration of Government, copy of letter No. 308, dated 9th instant, from the Collector of the Kistna District to the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, on the subject of Rest Houses between Secunderabad and Masulipatam.

2. With the sanction of Government, arrangements have been made for forwarding European Troops between these two important stations by transit. It follows, as a consequence, that Rest Houses at suitable intervals are essential for the accommodation of the many European Soldiers and others now constantly moving along that route.

3. The Commander-in-Chief does not consider that less than four Rest Houses at intervals of about 45 miles, will suffice.

4. The cost of the Establishment for each would be about Rupees 42 per mensem. This expenditure of Rupees 168 a month forms, in His Excellency's opinion, a very small item in addition to the expense already incurred by Government for the transit of its European Troops, and profitably so, as is reported by the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, by the saving of life which has been the result of the adoption of this means of transport. It may, in short, be said that in a mere pecuniary view of the case, if these Rest Houses are the means of saving three European lives during the year, they will more than pay for the expense of their maintenance.

5. In his last para., Mr. Knox objects to the use of the staging Bungalows for the purposes of Rest Houses—In this, the Commander-in-Chief cannot concur. Their being made use of in this manner, would save the cost of erecting Rest Houses. All travellers of the class for whom the Bungalows were intended, travel as a rule, it is understood, by transit. The probability of travellers and Soldiers arriving at exactly the same time at a Bungalow, are not great, when it is remembered that Soldiers only stop three hours at a Rest House. The convenience on the other hand of travellers on duty, of having a place of the kind from whence to procure refreshments on payment, would be very great.

6. It has been stated that four Rest Houses will be necessary: Sanction will, however, only be required for establishments for three, as a Rest House at Pulmanair having been discontinued since the Kistnagherry road has been used, the Establishment sanctioned for it can be made available for the Secunderabad road.

7. When Government approves of the proposal that there should be four Rest Houses on the road, and states whether or not the staging Bungalows can be used for the purpose, the Commander-in-Chief will submit his opinion as to where they should be placed.

From the Collector of the Kistna District, Dindi, 9th June 1860, *No.* 308; *to the Brigadier Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Secunderabad.*

In reply to your letter of the 18th ultimo, I beg leave to state that I do not think Comarabunda is the station for a Rest House.

2. It is true it is the half way house between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, but the distance, 102 miles, is much greater than could be travelled by bullock transit in one night, as the cattle used seldom go out of a walk. When the Lancers came down, they halted at Shermohomedpet on the 3rd day, and the next day at Ibrampatam, 8 miles from Bezawada, at which station, there is a shed for Europeans, but it is enclosed by a high wall and by no means comfortable.

3. In a letter to the Board of Revenue sometime back, I proposed to take the timber doors and windows &c., of the Condapilli Barracks and use them for Soldiers' Rest Houses. There should be one at Bezawada and one at Shermohomedpet, and probably two between that and Secunderabad, say Madaveram and Nariketapalli.

4. Bezwada will soon be connected by Canal with Masulipatam, and as the road thence to Shermohomedpet, with the exception of first eight miles, is good, transit ought, with proper

management, to do the distance without much difficulty; but they will not, unless greatly improved, do it in less than 16 hours.

5. There is a good deal of travelling on the Hyderabad road, and when the Steamers to and from Madras and Rangoon are regularly on the line, this will be much increased. I think, therefore, it is undesirable to give up the present Bungalows for Rest Houses.

Memorandum from the Commissary General, Madras, 3rd July 1860, *No.* 144; *to the Military Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

In reply to the Memorandum from the Military Secretary, dated 28th June 1860, the Commissary General has the honor to state that the Commissariat have no transit establishment between Masulipatam and Secunderabad available for Troops and the ovens sanctioned to be built at Bungalows on the road have not been constructed for reasons given in letter from this Office, dated 20th May 1858.

Memorandum from the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 5th July 1860, *No.* 240; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

In reply to Memo. of the 4th instant, the Acting Quarter Master General has the honor to inform the Secretary to Government, that a contract for one year commencing on the 19th May 1860, has been entered into with one Somasoondrum Moodeliar, of Secunderabad, for maintaining a transit establishment between Secunderabad and Masulipatam, at certain fixed rates per head.

ORDER, No. 2584, 17*th July* 1860.

The Governor in Council observes with reference to the proposition contained in the letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, that no Government Transit Establishment is available at present, for the conveyance of Troops between Masulipatam and Secunderabad; and that the private one reported to have been established is on contract, for one year only.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that under present circumstances, and until a permanent transit is established, it would be premature to sanction any outlay for Rest Houses on the route in question.

3. With reference to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's suggestion regarding the occupation of staging Bungalows by Troops, the Governor in Council directs that the subject be referred to the Revenue Department for report, whether this arrangement can be effected without interfering with the system lately introduced,* relating to the occupancy, and rent of such Bungalows, chargeable against travellers.

4. Meanwhile, the Resident at Hyderabad will be addressed on this subject, with regard to the Bungalows on the route within the Hyderabad territories, in view to its being ascertained whether any objections to the measure exist on the part of the Nizam's Government.

(True Extract,)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department, Order No. 991, 20*th July* 1858.
Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, Order No. 336, 2*nd March* 1860.

To the Quarter Master General.
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Exd. G. Rodrigues.

Somasundara Moodaliar

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