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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th October 1860.

No. 388. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 5th October 1860, No. 3,569:—

Sanctioning until further orders the course suggested by the Commissary General in regard to the supply of Carts for the families of Native Troops marching from station to station, the Troops being charged the old rates of hire only agreeably to the Order of 13th January 1860.

Vide Military Proceedings, 5th October 1860, Nos. 88, 89. A.)

No. 389. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1860, No. 1,945.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to Proceedings dated 26th January 1860, No. 130.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 28th September 1860, *No.* 225*; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

Dated 13th January 1860, *No.* 188.
Dated 24th January 1860, *No.* 355.

With reference to para. 2 of Proceedings of Government, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that generally the attempt to obtain contracts for the supply of Carts for the use of the families of Native Troops marching from one station to another, has been unsuccessful.

2. The extreme uncertainty of the time when the Carts may be required, and the number, deter any one from binding himself to produce them when the demand may be made.

3. There is not the same difficulty in obtaining from time to time the few Carts required by the Commissariat Department, at prices somewhat higher than formerly.

4. The following Officers have reported to me on the subject.

Mysore Eastern Range.—Major Miller, Assistant Commissary General at Bangalore reports, that notwithstanding every effort he has made to induce people to take contracts for the supply of Carts, no one has come forward for that purpose, and that the rates of hire are now greatly in excess of those formerly given.

Mysore Western Range.—Captain Loudon, Assistant Commissary General at Hoonsoor states, no one has come forward to answer to his call for tender for a contract.

Jaulnah.—Lieutenant Hawkes, Sub-Assistant Commissary General, writes me that the owners of Carts decline to enter into contracts on any terms. There are about 1,000 Carts at Jaulnah and its vicinity, constantly engaged in the carrying trade of Cotton &c., and get very high rates of hire from the Merchants.

Cannanore.—Captain Ewart, Sub-Assistant Commissary General at Cannanore reports, that every effort he has made to obtain a contract for carriage has been unsuccessful.

Kamptee.—Captain Watts, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, writes from Kamptee, that no one has come forward to contract for the supply of Carts, but Bunseelal Abeerchund Rae, Bahadoor, and who is the only person there who could undertake such a contract, and the rates he offers are very high—30 Rupees per Cart per month, or 2 Annas per Cart per mile, and requiring two months' notice.

Jubbulpore.—Captain Ranken, Sub-Assistant Commissary General writes, that there is no one willing at Jubbulpore to take a contract for Carts, and he can with difficulty hire them at 30 Rupees per month.

Trichinopoly.—Lieutenant Walker, Sub-Assistant Commissary General reports, that one man has offered to contract for the transport of Government Stores, but not for families with Native Troops, and stipulates that when he supplies Carts for stores accompanying Corps marching, he shall be paid whatever may be fixed for the Carts supplied to the families of Native Troops, and at other times he engages to supply the few required by the Commissariat at one Anna six Pice per mile, which is high.

Secunderabad.—Major Webb, Assistant Commissary General reports, that he has a contract with Rajah Bommadavara Nagana Naidoo, the Zemindar of Vulloor, in the Northern Division, for the supply of Carts on ordinary occasions at stated rates, but that when 300 or 400 Carts are wanted at once, it is impossible to obtain them without having recourse to impressment, and that the arrangement he has now made, is the nearest approach that can be made to carrying out the order of Government not to impress Carts.

Bellary.—Captain Benson, Deputy Assistant Commissary General reports, that no person would come forward to contract for the supply of Carts. That on his explaining to Cart-owners the advantages which would accrue to them, one tendered to supply 200 Carts at 15 days' notice, at exorbitant rates. Captain Benson recommends having a number of Carts made up and kept in reserve and the purchase of Bullocks when required, and the sale of them when no longer wanted ; he states what I believe to be correct, that it would prove economical in the end.

At Masulipatam, Rajah Naganah is always ready to supply Carts in his vicinity on sufficient notice being given to him—he has a contract for that purpose ; as regards Military Stores, at Madras also there is a contract, and little difficulty experienced, but there is great objection on all sides to supply Carts for the families of Sepoys when marching, probably from their being over loaded, or their attendants maltreated.

Vellore.—Captain Mainwaring, Sub-Assistant Commissary General at Vellore, has had one offer to supply Carts to families on 15 days' notice being given, at 2 Annas per mile, and although

the rate is very high, I have thought it advisable to accept it under the belief, that it will lead to future competition.

5. I have no doubt that since the abolition of the impressment of Carts, the value of the carrying trade will be greatly increased, and many persons will embark in it who were afraid to do so before.

6. It will be necessary for a long time to come, to give higher rates of hire than formerly, but I think in due course, rates will find their level. On occasions of Troops marching, personal intercourse with the owners of Carts on the part of Commissariat Officers, may render the service more popular than it is, by explaining to them that every protection will be given to them, and the less frequent movement of Troops will also have its effect in removing the difficulties.

It would appear from the above, that each case of a Native Corps moving with its families must be individually met, and the best arrangement practicable made with the Cart owners for the supply of Carts.

Order, No. 3569, *5th October* 1860.

1. The Governor in Council regrets that the efforts to procure contracts for the supply of Carts for the families of Native Troops marching from Station to Station, have not proved more successful, and from the foregoing report it appears evident, that for the present, each case must be provided for specially as it arises, as suggested in the concluding para. of the Commissary General's report. This course is accordingly sanctioned until further orders—the Troops being charged the old rates of hire only, agreeably to para. 1 of the Order of Government, No. 188, dated 13th January 1860.

2. A report of the entire expenditure incurred under this Order, will be submitted by the Military Auditor General, for the information of Government, *annually*.

3. The contract entered into by the Sub-Assistant Commissary General at Vellore, is approved as a temporary arrangement, to be reported on at the expiration of one year, beyond which period it is assumed the present contract does not extend.

4. The Commissary General's remarks on the objections which exist to the supply of Carts for the families of Sepoys when marching, from their being overloaded, or their attendants maltreated, appear to be fully met by the provisions of paras. 23 and 24, Section 22, General Regulations; but the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to enforce the strictest attention to these orders in future, with the view of preventing the practices complained of.

5. Further, the Commissary General will instruct the Officers of his Department, to assure the owners of Carts, that on all occasions of proved misconduct on the part of the Troops towards their Cattle or Attendants, prompt inquiry and redress will be afforded them.

6. Finally, His Honor observes, that owing to the present reduced strength of Regiments, and their probable less frequent reliefs, the expenditure to be incurred under this head, need not be great.

7. The Proceedings of Government on this subject will be specially reported to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, and to the Government of India. A copy will also be forwarded to the Military Finance Commission, for their information.

To the Secretary to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 5th October 1860, No. 3569 A.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.
„ Quarter Master General.
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Exd. J. Davis.

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Write an order

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C J Macnell

For Sec. to Govt
24th October 1860.

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