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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th November 1860.

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 31st October 1860, No. 3,870.

Observe that the regulated Establishments for the two Rest Houses to be erected at Eezwarrah and Shair-Mahomed-Pet on the road between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, will be sanctioned on their completion being reported.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 31st October 1860, Nos. 576, 577.)

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1860, No. 2,111.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(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, 18*th October* 1860, *No.* 360; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

1. With reference to the Order of Government, No. 2584, dated 17th July 1860, on the subject of Rest Houses for Troops proceeding by Transit between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, and the subsequent Orders marginally quoted, and having been in communication with the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to make the following report.

Order of Government, No. 2861, *dated 8th August* 1860, *referring to the Commander-in-Chief, letter from the Resident Hyderabad, about Sheds for Soldiers.*

Order No. 3033, *dated 22nd August* 1860. *Communicating Order No.* 1395, *in Revenue Department, objecting as a general rule, to the use of staging Bungalows for Troops.*

2. In paragraph 1 of Order No. 2584, it is remarked, apparently as a reason against Rest Houses, that the Contract for conveying Troops between the two places, which now exists, is for one year only. On this, I am directed to observe, that one year was fixed on, merely as a convenient limit of period: and not with any view that the Contract should be then finally closed. During this period, there will be sufficient time to determine how the Contract answers, and what additions or emendations it may be expedient to introduce into it, on its renewal, if necessary.

3. As stated in my previous letter, His Excellency considers, there should be four Rest Houses between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, and the places marginally noted appear to be the most eligible. The two latter stages are in the Nizam's Dominions. At both these places, there are Soldiers' Sheds, as stated in my letter in the Order of Government No. 2861, dated 8th August last; but, as from the description given, they did not appear suitable for Rest Houses, so as to be in accordance with the scale sanctioned by Government, Brigadier Apthorp was requested to place himself in communication with the Resident at Hyderabad, to ascertain if he were prepared to erect such buildings, or to increase the accommodation of the Sheds now existing at these two places. The annexed extract from the Brigadier's letter, conveys an affirmative answer to that question.

From Masulipatam.
1. *Bezwarrah.*
2. *Shair-Mahomed-Pet.*
3. *Sooriapet.*
4. *Goondrampilly.*

"I communicated with the Resident on the subject of "erecting Rest Houses at Sooriapet and Goondram-"pilly. He is willing to erect them at both places, "but is anxious to be furnished with a copy of the "Plan on which they are to be erected in the "Madras Territories, at a cost not exceeding fifteen "hundred Rupees each."

4. Thus, it only remains for Government to sanction the erection of two Rest Houses at Bezwarrah, and Shair-Mahomed-Pet; and if the proposal made by the Collector, Mr. Knox, in his letter of the 9th June last, paragraph 3 (which accompanied my previous letter), be adopted, the cost of erecting these Buildings, by taking the Timber, Doors and Windows from the Condapilly Barracks, would doubtless be decreased.

5. At both these stages there are Bungalows, but as Government in the Revenue Department, has expressed its opinion adverse to using them for Soldiers, and as cover and resting places for Troops travelling by Transit are essentially necessary, His Excellency trusts, that the sanction of Government may not be withheld for erecting Rest Houses at these two Stations. At Bezwarrah especially is a Rest House required, as it will shortly become the starting point for Transits to Secunderabad. At this time, the Canal is open from within four miles of Masulipatam to Bezwarrah, and will be made use of in sending up the Troops now proceeding from that Port to Secunderabad.

No. 1395, *dated* 20*th August* 1860.

6. With reference also to paragraph 6 of my previous letter, Sir P. Grant requests, that sanction for the usual Establishments for three Rest Houses may be accorded; the sanctioned Establishment lately at Palmanair being made available for the fourth Rest House on this road.

7. His Excellency is fully aware how desirous Government is, that the movement of Troops should be made from Cocanada by Boat and Steamer to Budrachellum, and thence by road to

Secunderabad ; but it must necessarily take time before this can be effected. At present, the comparative condition of the two routes is this. By water from Cocanada to Budrachellum, 48 hours at least. After landing from the ship, the Troops would proceed to Dowlaishweram by Canal, and then tranship to Steamer. Thence by road to Secunderabad 198 miles, 7½ furlongs. A part of the way is through jungle, reported by the Resident to be feverish at all seasons, and therefore partaking of the same character as other jungle routes. His words are as follows :— "There is at present (from Budrachellum) a fair weather track, by which Government stores "could be brought after the monsoons are over, say from January to June, but the whole route "(to Sooriapet) is through a jungly country, which at all seasons is more or less unhealthy, and "by which, when the Contingent Troops have marched, they have invariably suffered severely "from fever, at all times prevalent, except in the very hot weather in the months of April and "May." By Canal Boat from Masulipatam to Bezwarrah, 21½ hours, thence by road to Secunderabad, 166 miles 6½ furlongs over an open country, and an ordinary high way, and now travelled by Transits.

8. The Resident has stated, that he has no funds to make the road from Budrachellum to Sooriapet, and the Chief Engineer Colonel Horsley, has said the same. Transit would therefore be impracticable at present.

9. There are now no facilities for the reception of European Troops at Cocanada, nor are there at Budrachellum.

10. Most of these impediments may, in course of time be removed, though the existence of fever beyond Budrachellum must to some extent be a source of anxiety, but it may be vastly mitigated, if not altogether dissipated by the use of Transits for the conveyance of Troops.

11. Under these circumstances therefore, His Excellency apprehends, that the establishment of Rest Houses on the route herein proposed, affords promise of permanence, and that for some time to come.

ORDER, No. 3870, *31st October* 1860.

The Governor in Council observes, that the Rest Houses proposed to be erected at Bezwarrah and Shair-Mahomed-Pet, on the road between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, appear for the reasons stated in the foregoing letter, absolutely necessary for the accommodation of Troops proceeding by Transit to Secunderabad from the Coast, and His Honor concurs in the views expressed in the same letter, that the establishment of Rest Houses on the route proposed, affords promise of permanence, especially under the circumstances mentioned in the 7th, 8th and 9th paragraphs.

2. His Honor in Council accordingly sanctions two Rest Houses being built at the Stations above mentioned, on the terms of the Order of Government marginally noted, provided funds can be made available for this purpose by the Chief Engineer. The timber and other materials from the old buildings at Condapilly being made use of as far as practicable, to reduce the actual money outlay.

No. 3801, *dated* 31*st October* 1857.

3. The regulated Establishments for the Rest Houses on this route, will be sanctioned on their completion being reported.

(True Extract.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Department of Public Works.
" Commissary General.
" Revenue Department. With 10 spare copies.
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.
" Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.
" Adjutant General, for information.
" Military Finance Commission.

Exd. J. Davis.

P. 20th August to N. 231-232

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C. G. M.

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