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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 456. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 17th December 1860, No. 4,542.

Awaiting reply from this Department to the Proceedings of 5th September 1860, and referring for report a letter from the Quarter Master General, respecting rent for land on which the Troops are hutted at Ellore. (Vide Millitary Proceedings 17th December 1860, No.293, 295.)

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1860, No. 2,513.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report with reference to paragraph 3.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters :—

ıe Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, 20th September 1860, *No.* 199; *to the :tary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

ıave the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government No. 3217, dated ıd received 14th) instant, in which I am called upon to report as to the necessity of the directed in paragraph 8 of a Circular from this Office, No. 1846, dated 26th January last, ıy the head "Charges Military" was to be discontinued in the Civil Accounts. The of this alteration was two-fold, 1st, to bring all Military expenditure into the Paymaster's nts, and so before the Military Auditor General, in view to his correctly ascertaining the expenditure of the year, and 2nd, to relieve the transfer accounts of numerous adjustments properly appertain to the Paymaster's accounts, both of these objects have been obtained instructions aforesaid, and I am unable to devise a simpler method for securing them.

I beg to point out however that the alteration directed by the Circular above referred to, othing to do with the matter submitted by the Quarter Master General in his letter, No. 312, 29th ultimo. The effect of that alteration, so far as the present question is concerned, was y to change the medium of transmission to the Military Auditor General, of the vouchers ıe payments of Assessment on lands taken up for a Military Cantonment at Samulcottah. tofore these vouchers were sent to the Military Auditor General for audit by this Office, were regularly admitted by him. Now they are submitted to him by the Deputy Paymaster ılipatam, and I cannot conceive how a mere alteration in the channel of submitting these hers to the Military Auditor General can affect the nature of the charge, if the charge was ously admissible when submitted by me for audit, it must be equally admissible now when ıitted by the Deputy Paymaster Masulipatam. But if there be anything objectionable in charge which has only now arrested the attention of the Military Auditor General, a revert to the former system under which this charge was submitted for audit through this Office, not remove the objection.

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m the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 8th December 1860, *Jo.* 408; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit for the ers of Government, the enclosed Bill for the amount of annual rent for land, on which the ops are hutted at Ellore, from 15th May 1859 to 14th May 1860.

In explanation of this charge, the Officer Commanding Northern Division states as ows :—

"It has been sent in yearly by the Officer Commanding Ellore to the Deputy Paymaster at Masulipatam, who forwarded it always to the Military Auditor General, where it was passed. t has been a charge of many years standing, and this one system has been adopted. The Minutes of Consultation referring to the subject are dated 24th August 1830, 18th September 38, and 20th August 1839.

"The Hutting ground in question, is occupied by huts belonging to the family guards, and amilies of Corps on Foreign service. When they leave, the families of Corps who come in heir place purchase the huts of them. The men of the Rifle Company 24th Regiment Native Infantry, have likewise hutted themselves on the same ground. Its extent as entered in the Revenue accounts, would appear to be 38,857 square yards.

"With reference to the question, whether any arrangements could not easily have been made at Ellore, or elsewhere, for housing the men without charge to Government beyond Hutting money, the Officer Commanding Ellore observes that there is no suitable ground (the property of Government) available for that purpose."

3. The charge has hitherto been disposed of by the Military Auditor General without reference to this Office. It does not appear to have passed through the hands of the Accountant General, as was the case in regard to the Assessment Bill for the ground occupied by the Cantonment of Samulcottah, which was brought under the notice of Government, in this Office letter No. 312, dated 29th August last.

ORDER, No. 4542, *17th December* 1860.

The Governor in Council observes that the case submitted by the Quarter Master General in the foregoing letter, is similar to that recorded in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, the final disposal of which, is awaiting reply from the Revenue Department.

No. 3217, *5th September* 1860.

2. Meanwhile, the Accountant General has submitted in the letter above recorded, his explanation and reasons for discontinuing the charge in the Civil Accounts, in which the Governor in Council concurs. His Honor accordingly directs the letter in question to be communicated to the Quarter Master General of the Army, and Military Auditor General, in view to the charges being passed in future, as proposed by the Accountant General.

3. The foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General will also be referred to the Revenue Department for report whether the land for which rent is now payable, cannot be redeemed by Government on similar terms to that proposed by Mr. Purvis, as stated in paragraph 4 of the Quarter Master General's letter recorded in the Proceedings of Government referred to in paragraph 1 of this Order.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
" Military Auditor General, with Bill, &c.
" Quarter Master General.
" Revenue Department. *With 10 Spare Copies.*

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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No 3016

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
Military Depart

Dated 17 Dec 1860.
Rec'd 21 Dec
No 4542

Awaiting reply from
this Dept to the Govt of
5th Sept 1860, and referring
for report a letter from
the Quarter Master Genl
respecting rent for land
on which the Troops are
stalled at Ellore.

From 24 Sept 1860 No 2296

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