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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd December 1862.

No. 34. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 25th November 1862, No. 4,033 :—

Passing orders on the Revenue and Judicial Proceedings, communicating the replies of certain Officers regarding the expediency of retaining a small European Force at Trichinopoly.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 25th November 1862, Nos. 413—416.)

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1862, No. 2,528.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Secretary's letter dated 9th October 1862.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 2nd October 1862, *No.* $\frac{497}{7556}$ *; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

1 have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to again bring to the notice of Government, the nature of the accommodation at present provided for Her Majesty's 105th Regiment at Trichinopoly.

2. The efforts of His Excellency to induce Government to expedite the completion of the new Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, by the grant of a sufficient sum to enable the Department Public Works to accomplish that purpose, within a moderate time, having failed, there can be no possibility (even if the Supreme Government eventually sanctioned the measure,) of removing the Regiment from Trichinopoly to Bangalore for two or three years. For that period then at least must the Regiment at Trichinopoly, if not otherwise provided for, continue to occupy their present miserable Barracks. These Buildings long since condemned, are quite unworthy of alteration or addition, and it would be, as has been before stated, a waste of money to lay out anything upon them as Barracks. The enclosed letter from Major General Coffin will shew that merely to improve a portion of the Buildings a sum of 9,050 Rupees is required. To do what is necessary to the whole, including cover for the families, &c., may be expected to fall not far short of double that sum.

3. Looking to this cost and to the time which it must take to provide for the Regiment at Bangalore (conditionally on the sanction of the Supreme Government), His Excellency is driven to the alternative of proposing that the whole of Her Majesty's 105th should now be sent to Wellington. The Right Wing of that Corps arrived at Trichinopoly in April 1858; the Left Wing in December 1859. His Excellency sees no prospect of relieving this Regiment by another in India for a length of time, and he cannot consent to see it exposed for so long to such a climate and to such Barracks as those of Trichinopoly, without interposing his strong remon-

4. The Regiment is for the most part young, incomplete in numbers, which must at some time be filled. It is represented as so sadly wanting in efficiency that His Excellency has been obliged to stop for the present the Rifle Practice. It should therefore be held together at one Station, under a vigorous Commanding Officer. Its removal to Wellington under its present Commanding Officer, will meet all these purposes.

5. If this is not acceded to, there will only remain to His Excellency to call for the probable cost of every thing that is necessary to be done, to place these Barracks in a condition suited to the ordinary wants of a Regiment. For reasons stated, its division into Wings, one at Trichinopoly and one at Wellington, he strongly objects to.

6. His Excellency has seen the papers relative to the removal of the 60th Rifles from the Hills, and to the appropriation of the Barracks there to the use of a Sanitarium only. But there is nothing to his apprehension in them, that can be urged against this proposition being carried out under the circumstances stated.

7. The removal of the Regiment to Wellington will, it should be remembered, save the provision of other Buildings at Trichinopoly which will have to be entered in the ensuing Budget, nothing having yet been done to remove the Arsenal (or Depôt as it is to be) in the Fort into the Cantonment—a measure long since ordered.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, 9th October 1862*; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.*

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 13th September 1862. No. 1967, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the replies of the Officers named in the margin, relative to the proposed removal of the European Regiment from Trichinopoly.

Mr. Silver, Collector of Tinnevelly.
„ *Levinge,* „ *Madura.*
„ *G. L. Morris, Acting Collector of Tanjore.*
„ *McDonell, Collector of Trichinopoly.*

2. Mr. Levinge does not at present see any cause to anticipate a call for European Infantry in his District, but is of opinion that European Artillery should be retained at Trichinopoly.

3. Messrs. Silver, Morris and McDonell, consider that the European Infantry should also be retained.

4. The Board of Revenue are of opinion that the removal of the Regiment would be inexpedient.

ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1862, No. 2209.

Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 5th September 1862, No. 3081.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, 17th September 1862, No. 2101; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

With reference to Order of Government, dated 11th September 1862, No. 1483, Judicial Department, referred to me, I beg to state that I would most respectfully urge the retention of a small European Force at Trichinopoly.

2. It would not perhaps be possible to point to any present cause for anxiety in the Southern Districts, or to any class of the population necessitating, as in Malabar, the presence of European Troops; but I do not think it would be either safe or expedient to denude the Southern Division of Districts, containing a population of 6,731,214, of the present scanty body of Europeans.

	Area.	*Population.*
Tinnevelly.....	5,144	1,364,399
Madura.....	8,716	1,791,346
Trichinopoly.....	3,097	809,580
Tanjore.....	3,720	1,580,264
South Arcot.....	4,933	1,185,625
Total	25,610	6,731,214

3. The moral influence of a small body of [illegible] itself contains a large [illegible] population.

The Tondiman's country lies adjacent, and Madura and Tinnevelly contain a robust population.

4. There are four or five Native Regiments in these Districts, and they should have a few Europeans amongst them.

5. Transit of Troops has, no doubt, been facilitated by Railway communication; but so far as the Southern Division is concerned, the advantages are but partial. Much marching would fall on any European Troops speedily thrown into it to meet a sudden call.

6. Were the Europeans removed, the nearest places from which European aid could be procured would be:—

Wellington, miles...	151
Bangalore, „	203
Madras, „	298

The facility with which the line of rail is reached from each of these places varies; but in all cases there is the march from Salem to Trichinopoly of nearly 90 miles, to be accomplished. And probably European Troops would not be thrown into Trichinopoly, on emergency, under a week. There would still be 80 miles from Madura and 180 from Palamcottah.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1862, No. 1763.

Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to their Proceedings, 5th ultimo, No. 3081.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER, No. 4033, *25th November* 1862.

Resolved that the foregoing Proceedings and papers be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the Order of Government, *No.* 3081, *5th September* 1862. marginally noted.

2. Adverting to paragraph 1 of the same Order and to the replies now recorded in the foregoing Proceedings, the Governor in Council observes that the removal of the European Regiment from Trichinopoly becomes not solely a Military but partly a Political question; and under the views expressed on the subject by the Civil Authorities concerned, His Excellency is not prepared to assent to Trichinopoly being left without any other European Force than that of the Battery of Artillery. The Wing of the 105th Regiment must therefore be permanently retained at that Station, and steps taken to provide adequate and suitable accommodation for the men.

3. Under the above view and pending the erection of new Buildings, the alterations recommended to the temporary Barracks, submitted with the Quarter Master General's letter above recorded, will be carried into effect without delay by the Department Public Works—instructions being issued at the same time for the preparation of Plans and Estimates for new Barracks for the Wing, in communication with the Quarter Master General of the Army.

4. The report called for in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government referred to in paragraph 1 of this Order, will be submitted by the Chief Engineer Department Public Works as early as practicable, for communication, with these Proceedings, to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with 3 enclosures.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Chief Engineer, Dept. Public Works.
„ Revenue Department. Wth 10 spare Copies
„ Judicial Department.
„ Adjutant General,.....
Dy. Adjt. Genl. Military Exchequer, British Forces. } for information.
„ Accountant General, Finance,.....

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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