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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1862.

No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 19th December 1862, No. 4,345 :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Government of India, regarding the selection of fixed resting places for Troops along the main line of Railway in the three Presidencies. (Vide Military Proceedings 19th December 1862, Nos. 395—398.)

No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1862, No. 2,692.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information and communication to the Collectors concerned.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 20th October 1862, *No.* 435; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a letter, No. 433 of this date, addressed to the Deputy Quarter Master General, conveying the approval of the Government of India of the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that fixed stations at such distances (from 90 to 170 miles) as circumstances may indicate as desirable, be selected along the lines of Railway for the accommodation of bodies of Troops proceeding along the line; and that this system be authorised for adoption in the three Presidencies.

2. A copy of Colonel Paton's letter, No. 884, dated 8th March, and paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Report of the Military Finance Department, No. 1231B, dated 27th ultimo, is also transmitted for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George.

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 20th October 1862, *No.* 433; *to the Deputy Quarter Master General.*

With reference to your letters marginally noted, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that Government generally approve of the proposals that fixed resting places for Troops should be selected along the main lines of Railway in the three Presidencies at convenient distances of from 90 to 170 miles; and that ground not exceeding two hundred yards square be secured at once, at such of the Stations so selected as can be determined *with certainty*, for Rest-houses to accommodate 100 men and 3 Officers.

No. 1963, *dated* 12*th July* 1862.
No. 2220, *dated* 19*th August* 1862.

2. The ground should, of course, be in each case selected in the usual and formal manner, after communication with the Civil authorities, and the sanction of Government for its occupation be applied for with full information as to the expense (loss of Revenue, amount of Compensation to the occupants, &c.,) which will be incurred by taking it up.

3. The sanction of Government has been already communicated to you* in regard to the disuse of the Bullock Train below Benares as a means of transport for Troops, and to the arrangements which you have made in consequence for the accommodation, &c., of the Troops who will proceed up and down country in the course of the cold season. I am to request that, at the conclusion of the season, Government may be favored with a report of the suitability, as respects their length, &c., of the daily stages between Calcutta and Benares proposed in your letter No. 884, dated 8th March 1862, to the Quarter Master General of the Army.

* *Letter No.* 88, *dated the* 4*th October* 1862.

4. Until it is considered necessary to construct permanent Rest-houses (which is not recommended at present) repaired, or even in most cases unserviceable, Tents will answer well for the accommodation of the parties passing up and down by rail.

5. The Governments of Fort Saint George and Bombay will be informed, that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council approves of the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that one uniform system should be adopted in the three Presidencies.

Copy of a letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General, 8th March 1862, *No.* 884; *to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters.*

With reference to my memorandum, No. 2992A, dated 28th December 1861, and your letter, No. 383 of the 25th January last, I have now the honor to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a proposal for the establishment of Rest-houses for Troops travelling by Railway between this and the Northern Provinces.

2. To this rail alone I have necessarily confined specific recommendations, as other lines are not sufficiently advanced to admit of any beyond general arrangements; but I would add a few preliminary remarks on the subject.

3. From the nature of their buildings, and the ground they occupy, Railway Stations are not usually conveniently near Military Cantonments—they are necessarily situated at some considerable distance from the Barracks of the Troops; and the marching to and fro is not only inconvenient to passing Detachments, but a source of expense to Government in carriage.

4. I think, therefore, it might obviate much difficulty hereafter, if a certain portion of ground were reserved for Military purposes on all completed or projected lines.

5. These sites should be as near as possible to Railway Stations, and only chosen at large towns, or Military Cantonments; and I presume they could be much more readily obtained now than some time hence, when it might be difficult to obtain ground in a conveniently near position, as the value of land in the vicinity of the rail will certainly increase.

6. A space of about 200 yards square would perhaps be sufficient, on the supposition that Buildings for the accommodation of a complete Company of European Infantry or 100 men were to be erected if required; and I would recommend that the sanction of Government be solicited to such sites, if the proposal is approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Committees of Officers being afterwards appointed to select, and at once mark out sites in communication with local Civil authorities.

7. I would also solicit the Supreme Government to authorize the same plan in the other Presidencies, in order that a uniform system may gradually obtain, as with improved communications and the amalgamation of the European Forces, the eventual movement of Troops in a similar manner, and under like Regulations will be advantageous.

8. I would not suggest the immediate erection of Buildings on all such sites selected, but merely the reservation of space for employment as Military requirements become apparent, and the different lines progress; and considering the extent to which we may expect rail transport to be used in India, I anticipate much economy to the State, and great convenience to the Troops by this early provision for Military wants.

9. With regard to the rail communications between this and the Northern Provinces, I have the honor to submit a List of stages proposed for adoption.

10. In the selection made, I have been guided by the following considerations:—That longer intervals would be exceedingly fatiguing when great distances had to be travelled from starting point to destination; men would be without food for prejudicially long periods; invalids, women and children, would certainly not be able to accomplish longer journeys continuously without injurious effects; and that in most cases two or three hours would be occupied in getting Troops from Barracks to Stations, which time must be added to that occupied in travelling. Explanatory notes are also attached to the Statement of stages.

11. The space of ground, 200 yards square, proposed above, would be sufficient for the necessary Barracks for a complete Company of European Infantry, or say 100 men, including Quarters for three Officers, the authorized Out-offices, Well, &c., &c.

12. Each stage should be furnished with a Commissariat Establishment similar to that lately organized at the Bullock train stages on the Grand Trunk Road from Raneegunge;—they should however only be entertained during the marching months, from 15th October to 16th March; and only at stages which are not in, or contiguous to, Military Cantonments where the local Commissariat Department could arrange for the supplies. Establishment of servants on the scale allowed for a detachment of 100 men would however be necessary at all the stages during the marching season, and I would suggest their retention all the year, as convenient for any occasional movements of small bodies or guards.

13. In conclusion, I would add that the information called for from the Railway Department will be furnished when received in this Office; but as the distances given in the Statement accompanying cannot be materially incorrect, I have thought it best not to delay the submission of these proposals.

List of Stages from Calcutta recommended on the East India Railway.

Names.	Distances.	Hours in travelling.	Hours from Barracks.	Remarks.
1. Synthea.	120	5	7-8	A convenient place—as the marching road to Berhampore strikes off from here.—*It would be necessary to mark out a site here and erect Buildings.*
2. Colgong...	~~126~~	~~5~~	~~6-7~~	The Steam Ferry to Caragolah for Darjeeling at present runs between Sahebgunge to Caragolah; but it is every inconvenient as it takes six hours to cross. If kept up at all, about which there seem to be doubts;—*vide* Bhagulpore Commissioner's letter, copy annexed—it should be moved to Colgong, where there are European residents, and is a better place by far.—*A site should be here marked out and Buildings erected.*
Bhagulpore preferred to Colgong. See Colonel Paton's No. 2220, paragraph. 4.	146			
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3. Dinapore...	~~170~~	~~7~~	~~9-10~~	A day's halt recommended for all Detachments for Allahabad.—*Existing Buildings might be available if conveniently placed, if not, a site to be marked out and Buildings erected.—Committee to decide.*
4. Benares...	140	6	8-9	The Railway Station here will be on the right bank of the River Ganges.—*A site should be marked out and Buildings erected here at once.*
5. Allahabad.. ...	90	4	5-6	The Military Cantonment is a long distance from the Railway Station. The Bombay Rail will also branch off here, a halt recommended.—*The existing depôt Buildings might answer here, but they are a considerable distance off, it is suggested that a site be selected on both banks of the Jumna as near Rail as possible, to be built upon if need be hereafter.*
6. Cawnpore.....	120	5	7-8	The Cantonment here again is some distance off.—*The present depôt Buildings would answer, but it is suggested that a site be selected for the erection of Buildings hereafter, if found necessary.*
7. Agra.....	160	7	9-10	A halt recommended.—*A site should be selected here and Buildings erected on both banks of the Jumna.*
8. Delhi...	135	6	8-9	*Ditto.* *ditto.*
9. Umballah.....	.....	.....	.....	It is believed the rail will run some miles south of this place.—*A site should be selected as the line progresses.*
10. Hurreike.. ...	.....	.....	.....	It is understood the main line to Lahore will cross the Sutlej here.—*A site on both banks should be selected as the rail proceeds.*
11. Meean Meer, Lahore.	.....	.....	.....	*If the Railway Station is close to Cantonments, a site might be selected at once.*

N. B. As the distance between Lahore and Mooltan is considerable, and the Invalids of the season will proceed by this route from the North-Western, the journey might be divided. A site should be at once selected at a convenient Depôt,—Gogaira (there being a Civil Station here) would seem a good plan,—although it would not divide the journey equally. The following places are also suggested on the Allahabad and Bombay line, where sites are recommended to be secured as shortly as deemed advisable.—

Nagode...	*about*	120 miles	from Allahabad.
Jubbulpore...	„	110 or 120 „	Nagode.
Hoosungabad...	„	150 „	„ Jubbulpore.
Asseerghur...	„	120 „	„ Hoosungabad.

The Bombay Authorities, if this scheme is approved of, would continue the Stages onwards.

Note.—Italics for red ink in the original.

Extract of a letter from the Officiating Chief of the Military Finance Department, Calcutta, 27th September 1862, *No.* 1231 *; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.*

Paragraph 9. It would however be premature to make further arrangements until the lines between Jubbulpore and Allahabad, and between Delhi and Lahore are more advanced, although there might be no objection to obtaining the proposed ground at Nagode and Jubbulpore, as it might be obtained at a less cost now than a year or two hence.

10. I would here observe, whatever may be the decision of Government on the propositions contained in this letter, that it is very desirable that a similar mode of conveying Troops from one Station to another be adopted in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, with reference to the main lines at those Presidencies, so that one general principle may regulate the employment of the Railway for Military purposes throughout all India.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) for report, on the existing arrangements regarding Rest-houses and Encamping-ground for Troops on the line of Railway in this Presidency.

31*st October* 1862.

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 2nd December 1862, *No.* 9290*; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge receipt of letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, referred on the 31st October for report, on the existing arrangements regarding Rest houses and Encamping ground for Troops on the line of Railway in this Presidency.

No. 435 *of 20th October* 1862.

2. In reply, I beg to append a List of the Rest houses on the Railway from this to Beypore. More will not be required on this line.

3. There are no Rest houses on the line from Negapatam to Trichinopoly, and none are required.

4. In their Orders of the 31st October 1857, No. 3801, Government granted authority for the construction of Rest houses at such places on the roads specified, as might be determined by the Commander-in-Chief, at a total cost of not more than Rupees 1,500 each.

5. These Rest houses were intended to afford cover to small parties of Europeans, for two or three hours at most, while partaking of refreshments when in course of transit, in Bullock transit Carts, from Station to Station.

6. The Rest houses, since built on the line of rail, have been erected as far as practicable within the same limits as to cost as those referred to in paragraph 5.

7. It must however be borne in mind that the Buildings are intended for very different purposes.

8. On the main roads they were intended only to afford shelter for two or three hours.

9. On the line of Railway they are in many cases required to afford proper sleeping accommodation for the night.

10. Rest houses, therefore, built on the scale first adopted in 1857, will not afford sleeping accommodation for more than 15 or 20 men.

11. The Commander-in-Chief would not however recommend any addition being made to existing Rest houses for the present at all events—they have hitherto been found sufficient for the purpose, and when more cover is required, Tents can always be supplied.

12. There is no information in this Department as to the size of the Rest house compounds. His Excellency would recommend that the uniform size of 200 yards square be adopted, and that the Department Public Works be authorized, in communication with the local Civil authorities, to enclose compounds of that size around all existing Rest houses.

13. Regulations for Soldiers' Rest houses were published in G. O. No. 401* of 1859, and the Establishment, as authorized in paragraph 14, with the addition of a waterman since sanctioned, has been found to be sufficient. When large bodies have been in movement, the Commissariat Department has sent extra servants, and this course would appear in this Presidency to be preferable to maintaining a larger Establishment, which would not be required more than once or twice in the season.

* *See also G. O. No.* 403 *of* 1860.

14. Government are aware that Rest houses have been established from Tripatoor to Bangalore, from Bangalore to Bellary, and from Masulipatam to Secunderabad. Reference has not been made to these Rest houses, as information was only called for in reference to the line of Railway.

List of Rest Houses from Madras to Beypore.

Names.	Distance.	Remarks.
Tripatore.	136	Soldiers destined for Bangalore and Bellary take transit Carts here. Time 6¼ hours from Madras. When the rail is opened towards Bangalore, it will be determined whether this Rest house shall be maintained or not.
Salem... ...	70	Troops for Trichinopoly go to this stage in 8½ hours from Madras.
Coimbatore....	95	The Train stops here for the night, 14½ hours from Madras. Troops destined for the Hills, as well as the higher classes, make one journey of it from Madras.
Beypore... ...	104	5½ hours from Coimbatore. Troops destined for Cannanore and other Stations on the Western Coast and Details occasionally for Bombay here take the monthly Steamer, which touches at all the Stations on the Coast as far as Bombay.

(Signed) E. J. LAWDER, Major,
Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army.

ORDER, No. 4345, 19th [illegible]

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in paragraph 11 of the foregoing letter, which will be communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to the arrangement proposed in paragraph 12, regarding the Rest house compounds, being effected, if practicable.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Government of India, for information.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 19th December 1862, No. 4316.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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