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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1864.

No. 180. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Communicating to the Military Department certain correspondence in view to orders being passed by that Department to ensure as little interference as possible being allowed when no emergencies occur with the carts and cattle employed on the Irrigation Company's works in Kurnool District during the present season, } (Here enter 2nd November 1864, No. 1,594.)

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1864, No. 2,094.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue with Proceedings Judicial Department No. 1,594.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 29. Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company; to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st October 1864, No. 127.

I have the honor to transmit, for the consideration of Government, a letter from the Agent and Manager, Irrigation and Canal Company, forwarding a copy of certain correspondence relating to the impressment of carts.

2. The Chief Engineer apprehends that, as the Regiment now at Kurnool is under orders to march, the inconveniences which were on a former occasion experienced are likely to recur, and he applied to the Collector, who, in the event of an impressment being found necessary, would be the Controlling officer, to know whether he could guard the carts of the Company's contractors against impressment, by entering into a formal written engagement with them. The Collector in reply informs Colonel Cotton that the carts employed by the Company cannot be exempted, should impressment become necessary, and the Chief Engineer now desires that the subject may be laid before Government, in the hope that orders, which will relieve the Company's works from the loss and inconvenience of the withdrawal of carriage, may be passed.

Vide correspondence disposed of in Proceedings of Madras Government, Judicial Department, No. 42, 30th March 1864.
Do. Department Public Works, No. 969, 6th April 1864.

3. There can be no doubt that the evil consequences to the canal works, of such interference with the arrangements made by the Executive Engineers as the impressment of contractors' carts would occasion, are far more considerable than can be accurately estimated on paper, and it is very desirable that, if possible, such interference should be avoided; for, as it is, cholera at some seasons, and an almost impassable country at others, sadly interfere with the progress of works, and the latter cause renders it very necessary to take advantage of all the fine weather to make the utmost possible use of all the carts that can be collected.

4. It does not seem in any way possible to exempt either the contractors' carts or those belonging to the Company, if impressment has to be resorted to. The fact that the Collector could not obtain the necessary number, in the face of the exemption, is only one point, and not the most important one, for the Ryots probably suffer more in degree by the interference with agricultural operations, than the Company or the contractors from delay in the one case and postponement of contract in the other, and therefore it would be unjust to relieve the one at the expense of the other. However it is particularly hard upon the Company to have to obtain carts from a distance at considerable expense, and then to see these carts, which, but for their Agency, would not have been within reach of impressment, carried off, and perhaps it may not be considered impracticable as, I think, it would be quite fair, to exempt imported carts; and besides this should impressment ultimately be found necessary the Company, through its Chief Engineer, might be called upon to contribute its share of carriage and the Chief Engineer would then be able to detail those carts which might be employed on work which could with the least inconvenience be delayed.

5. I hope, however, that as the march of the Regiment has not been suddenly ordered, it may be practicable to make arrangements for obtaining carriage without impressment, for it is better that the extra expense of obtaining carts from a distance should be met directly, than that a little of it should fall on the Ryots, and a large

portion upon the canal works; for probably the indirect expenditure would be three times as much as the direct, and even were the Government less immediately interested in the cost of the Company's works, they would deprecate any waste that could be avoided.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

CHEPUAK, 22*nd October* 1864.

From the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company; to the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras October 1864, No. 1537.

In transmitting the accompanying copy of a letter, and its enclosures, from the Chief Engineer,

No. 903, dated 12th October 1864.

I have the honor to request that you will move the Government to pass such orders as will prevent the impressment of the carts employed on the Company's works.

(Signed) J. S. N. BUDD,
Chief Acct. for Agent and Manager, absent on duty.

From Colonel H. C. COTTON, Chief Engineer; to F. H. HENSLOWE, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras, dated Kurnool, 12th October 1864, No. 903.

With great difficulty, and at a great expense we are collecting by purchase, and on hire, carts and bullocks for the works in this District, and many are procured from distant parts of the country. The operations of the season before us are of most critical importance, and the cartage of materials is the chief work, and I think the Government will scarcely, under these circumstances, object to grant us an exemption from impressment, to which it seems we are otherwise liable on the movement of troops through the District.

2. The Regiment now at Kurnool is under orders to move in December, and we hear of other Military movements through Kurnool, in all which cases our carriage can, we are informed, be seized. I send you copy of a correspondence* with the Collector, the result of which gives me no hopes of exemption, but through a direct order from the Government, and we are in fact at this moment going to a great expense to draw means of transport for Government purposes from distant parts of the country which might be done at the Government expense. Last year our hired carts were seized for the 36th Regiment and taken to Nagpore, and some never returned. I trust you will draw the attention of the Government to the circumstance, and obtain authority for the Collector to take other measures than the impressment of the Company's carts and bullocks on these occasions.

* No. 178, Colonel Cotton to Mr. Minchin.
„ 239, Mr. Minchin to Colonel Cotton.

From Colonel H. C. COTTON, Chief Engineer; to J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated Kurnool, 8th October 1864, No. 178.

As some inconvenience was experienced last year by our contractors' carts being pressed for Military purposes owing to the want of definite terms of engagement being entered into between our Engineers and the owners, may I beg you to read the enclosed blank contract, and say if you consider such a deed executed on stamp paper, would save the owner from being forced to give up the use of his carts should such a press take place again.

2. The undisturbed maintenance of carriage on our works this year to the fullest possible extent is of critical importance to the Company, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly assist me to prepare for such an emergency as may occur when the 26th Regiment marches and other troops pass through to Kurnool.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. NEWMAN,
Manager.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 2nd November 1864.

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Nagatore Division, 3rd Range.

I of the village of do hereby agree to let my bandy or bandies to the above Company for months to cart stone, chunam, and sand, from Gunnapoorum or any other place as directed, to the site of any work in the 3rd Range, Nagatore Division, (except when employing my bullocks for agricultural purposes) at the rate of Rupees 20 per mensem, for a single trip per day, Rupees 40 for a double one.

If employed in carting stone, I agree to bring a load of at least one-third cubic yard each trip; carting sand I will bring not less than 12 parahs, and if chunam not less than 16 parahs. I also agree to be responsible for the undermentioned men of the village of that they let their bandies to the Company on the condition herein mentioned, and to which I now agree.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Magistrate of Kurnool; to the Chief Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Kurnool, dated Kurnool, 11th October 1864, No. 239.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 8th instant, No. 178, on the subject of exempting the carts in the employ of the Irrigation Company from impressment, in case it may be necessary to have recourse to that measure to provide carriage for the 26th Regiment when leaving Kurnool.

2. I beg to state that I am doing all in my power to obtain the required carriage by private contract, and there is no immediate reason to suppose that it will be necessary to have recourse to impressment, an odious alternative which no one can be more anxious than myself to avoid.

3. I have as yet received no offer to supply the requisite carriage for the Regiment by contract, and should it be necessary to use impressment, it will not be in my power to exempt bandies employed on your works from the general measure, as almost all the bandies in these parts being thus employed, such an exemption would render nugatory this final effort to provide carriage for the Regiment, which might remain for years immoveable at Kurnool.

4. I shall regret extremely any delay that may be thus imposed on the prosecution of your works, and if by a representation of the facts to Government, you think that the Military authorities may be directed to supply carriage through the Commissariat, or from other stations, I need not say that I shall be grateful for being relieved from the most hateful duty that can fall upon an officer of the Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. NEWMAN,
Manager, Chief Engineer's Office.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. S. N. BUDD,
Chief Accountant for Agent and Manager, absent on duty.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1864, No. 1594.

The Governor in Council observes that private carts and cattle are impressed to aid in the movements of troops, only when the efforts of the authorities to hire the required amount of carriage prove unsuccessful. The Irrigation and Canal Company cannot expect perfect immunity on such emergencies occurring, but, under the circumstances explained, Captain Mullins' letter, with its enclosures, will be communi-

cated to the Military Department, in view to orders being passed to ensure as little interference as possible being allowed with the carts employed on the Company's works in the Kurnool District during the present season.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Military Department.
" Revenue do.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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