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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th April 1864.*

No. 186. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Requesting to be informed whether suitable stone for build-
ing purposes cannot be obtained in the vicinity of the } (Here enter 1st April 1864, No. 1,082.)
Fort of Cannanore.

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1864, No. 609.
Referred to the Collector of Malabar for report.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Malabar, } with Proceedings Military Department, No. 1,082.
„ Board of Revenue,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, 24th February 1864, No. 16; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.

Proceedings and Order, dated 20th Jany. 1864, No. 121, Revenue Department.

With reference to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit the accompanying Plan of the Cannanore Cantonment.

2. It belongs to the Brigade Major's Office, and Mr. Garstin, the Acting Sub-Collector, who has sent it to me, states that it is the only correct copy extant in the District.

* Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

3. He has, it will be observed, marked* in red the three Gardens under notice, and has drawn a blue line to show where their limits run.

4. The areas of the Gardens as given by Mr. Garstin are:—

	N to S	E to W	
No. 1	about 125	× 30	} Yards.
„ 2	„ 85	× 46	
„ 3	„ 45	× 46	

5. The Gardens lie immediately to the eastward of the spot marked S on the Plan.

They all contain excellent stone and are within a mile of the Barracks; while the place from which the stone is now brought is between 2 and 3 miles distant, and outside the Cantonment altogether. The cost of the stone is thereby doubled.

6. Before quarrying in the Cantonment was stopped by the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, the Executive Engineer, Mr. Bayley, had excavated a large quantity of stones, for the Military Buildings now in progress, from a Garden adjoining No. 1 and marked No. 4 on the Plan.

7. I request that the Plan may be returned when no longer required.

From the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, Cannanore, 21st December 1863, No. 373; to the Acting Sub-Collector of Malabar.

I have now the honor, after considering and personally investigating the subject, to say, in reply to your letter, No. ³⁶³/₁₈₆₃ of the 4th instant, that I find the whole interior of this Military station is undergoing a fast spreading system of excavations by quarrying; upon the tendency whereof to form an ubiquitous and prolific source of miasmatic exhalations, and direct cause of epidemic (more or less of which latter almost annually occurs in the more thickly inhabited Native portions of all stations probably from analogous sources), I have caused a Medical Committee to assemble and report—Copy of Reports herewith—It is certain that on obtaining permission to quarry on any one spot, to a stated extent, evasive advantage of it is taken, to continue the process unlimitedly—that agreements to fill up the pits cannot be, and are not, at all carried out; and that, the *universal supply* of building materials by these means, having become, and daily becoming more, an extending trade, affording proceeds already four times what they were but a few years ago—the highly mischievous process threatens to make the place one network of quarry pits; wherein refuse is thrown; which the population make cloacæ—and which the six months, monsoon here fills with water—to convert the mass into matter which the sun of the succeeding hot months forms into a local atmosphere. This being the case, I have prohibited all quarrying *within* the Cantonment, as the only effectual mode of putting a stop to what else may soon constitute a frightful evil in the station.

Inexhaustible supplies of Laterite can be quarried in all directions outside the Cantonment a little way—without the above serious consequences; probably a trifle more expensively; but which consideration, I have no idea the Government will put in competition, in the Department of Public Works, with the above sanitary ills.

Proceedings of a Medical Committee assembled by order of Brigadier General Babington, Commanding Malabar and Canara, to examine and report upon the open quarries, and excavations in various parts of the Cantonment, and whether they are likely to affect the health of the Troops and Inhabitants and if objectionable in a Sanitary point of view.

CANNANORE, 21st December 1863.

PRESIDENT.

Surgeon Major J. B. STEVENS, Acting Garrison Surgeon.

MEMBERS.

1st Class Assistant Surgeon DICKINSON, 40th Regiment Native Infantry.

Assistant Surgeon TYRRELL, Her Majesty's 102nd Regiment.

The Committee having assembled and examined the quarries and excavations in various parts of the Cantonment, are of opinion that they are very objectionable in consequence of their being made the receptacle for all the rubbish of the surrounding houses; vegetable and animal matter, dead dogs and cats, &c., &c., are there thrown, and they are also made public privies of; during the monsoon all this animal and vegetable matter becomes saturated, and in various stages of decomposition, exhaling obnoxious vapours, which must be prejudicial to the health of the troops and inhabitants. We, therefore, recommend that measures be taken to have the present quarries and excavations in the Cantonment filled up, and also prevent their further extension.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, 29th December 1863, No. 373 to the Brigadier General Commanding Malabar and Canara.

Referring to your letter, No. 373 of the 21st instant, which reached me this day, I have the honor to inform you, that the question of getting ground in the Cantonment for quarrying not being one that admitted of delay, and being under the impression, from conversation held with you privately on the matter, that you would have no objection to the ground behind the Fusiliers' Mess-house being taken up for that purpose, I after waiting a fortnight or more without hearing from you, sent in an application to the Collector to have the ground by Government for public purposes under Act VI of 1857, which application has gone on to Government. I would venture to suggest that the Cantonment Magistrate and Police Authorities might effectually prevent such spots being turned into receptacles for filth and causes of disease.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge, Calicut, 9th January 1864, No. 3; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George

1. Great difficulty exists in the way of obtaining stones for Military buildings at Cannanore.

	Acres.	Ans.	16ths
1. Velluvakandi Paramba	0	8	0
2. do.	0	4	13
3. Mitaleenaneaden Kandi Paramba.	0	14	15
	1	11	12

The Sub-Engineer at that station has at last discovered a piece of land (within the Cantonment) adapted for a quarry.

The land belongs to Government and consists of three small

Gardens measuring in the aggregate Acre 1, Annas 11, and Sixteenths 12.

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2. The tenant in possession declines to give up the land and brings forward a claim

3. He has been called upon to adduce proof of his alleged title.

4. The Brigadier-General Commanding Malabar and Canara objects to the ground being taken up for quarrying. Copies of the correspondence between him and the Sub-Collector's Office are herewith forwarded.

5. Mr. Ballard not considering that the General's objections were valid, and thinking that it was very desirable to have the land at once taken up under Act VI of 1857, left orders to have an application to Government drafted. Acting up to what I know to be Mr. Ballard's views on the matter, I forward the present application, leaving it to Government to decide whether the ground shall be taken up or not.

6. All that will have to be done, in the event of the land being ordered to be appropriated under the Act, will be to pay the present tenant the value of the land,*

* Should he be able to prove that the land is his private jenm.

in addition to compensation for improvements now existing on it, which have been valued at Rupees 89-5-7.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1864, No. 121.

The correspondence does not enable Government to form any opinion on the question at issue. A copy of the Plan of the Cantonment should be submitted, showing the position of the existing and proposed quarries.

(True Extract.)

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

Transferred to the Military Department with Government Order, dated 20th January last, No. 121, and Map of the Cantonment.

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

8th March 1864.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)

10th March 1864.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 11th March 1864, No. 2970; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reply to the reference made by Government on the 10th instant, relating to the intention of quarrying in the Cantonment of Cannanore for Stone, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief desires me to say that he quite coincides with the Officer Commanding the station and with the Committee in the great inexpediency of doing so. The material should be procured from some spot outside the limits.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 11th March 1864, No. 2996; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Quarter Master General has the honor to request the Secretary to Government will return the accompanying Plan of the Cantonment of Cannanore when done with by Government, to him. It was obtained, it is stated, from the Brigade Office at Cannanore, but though the last ordered by this Department, and correct so far as it represented the limits at that time, requires amendment according to late changes, and it has therefore not been signed by the Collector, the Officer Commanding the station, and the Quarter Master General as it should be. It was returned to Cannanore several months ago, to be there amended and it has not yet been attended to. It belongs to the Head Quarter Office and will be lithographed when amended.

ORDER, No. 1082, 1st April 1864.

Before passing final orders on the subject of the foregoing papers, the Governor in Council wishes to be informed whether suitable stone for building purposes cannot be obtained in the vicinity of the Fort of Cannanore, and, if so, whether any and what objections exist to its being quarried there.

(True Extract)

M. M. M. M.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, *With 20 space copies.*
,, Quarter Master General, with Plan.

Exd. G. Rodrigues.

No. 20 January 1863
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