

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd February 1865.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Requesting to be informed if there are any }
means at the disposal of the Collector of }
Bellary for planting trees in the vicinity of } (Here enter 26th January 1865, No. 346.)
the European Hospital, Barracks and Family }
Quarters at that station.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1865, No. 199.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will obtain and supply the information referred to in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 346.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 21st December 1864,
No. 11,592; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts, has represented to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that, in consequence of the complete absence of Grass and Trees about Bellary, and more particularly around and in the vicinity of the European Hospital, Barracks and family Quarters, the glare is painful in the extreme, and that the Soldiers have suffered much from Sore-eyes and Ophthalmia, aggravated, if not produced, by the excessive glare.

2. In consequence of this, it was proposed to have standing Venetians put up in the front Verandah of the Hospital, and Tats to all the Barracks. The former are found to be objectionable, and the Tats are things the men cannot bear, and never have down if it can be avoided,

Order of Government, No. 3861, dated 1st November 1864.

finding them inconvenient to their ingress and egress from the Buildings.

3. Major General McLeod has therefore consulted with the Executive Engineer, and they have come to the conclusion, that it will be found ultimately far more economical to have trees about the places abovementioned, particularly on the side from which most glare falls into the Verandahs, than Tats which are constantly requiring repairs.

4. The Executive Engineer estimates at Rupees 2,000, the cost for planting round the Blocks of the Barracks, married men's Quarters, new Hospital, and the formation of a Plantation to the west of the Rock.

5. This Plantation it is proposed to form on a piece of waste land, formerly a Parade, within Cantonment limits. The soil is almost entirely black Cotton, in which the Neam-tree grows very well, and General McLeod considers that considerable benefit would be secured by the Plantation being formed.

6. On an average of 11 years, rain has only fallen on 36 days in each year at Bellary. The Executive Engineer therefore considers that the trees should be watered for two years. They must also be watched for the same period by Pensioned Sepoys to prevent the Goats, &c., destroying the young trees.

7. The services of Convicts can be obtained for watering the trees. The incidental expenses for watering and for watching will amount to Rupees 40 per mensem, and the cost of four Carts to carry water Casks (to be supplied by the Commissariat as required) Rupees 300.

8. The annexed Tabular Statement shews concisely the whole amount proposed to be expended, and I am directed by His Excellency to recommend the proposal for the favorable consideration of Government.

STATEMENT of Money required for planting, watering and watching Trees in the Cantonment of Bellary.

	RS.	A.	P.
For planting round the Blocks of the Barracks, married men's Quarters and new Hospital and Plantation, west of the Rock.....	2,000	0	0
For the purchase of four Carts for watering (the Casks being supplied by the Commissariat as required).....	300	0	0
For eight Watchers two at each Plantation at Rupees 3-8-0 each, Rupees 28-0-0			
For petty repairs of Carts, Chatties, &c.....	12-0-0		
Monthly for two years.....	40	0	0

HEAD QUARTERS, CEDED DISTRICTS, }
BELLARY, 14th December 1864. }

(Signed) W. C. McLEOD, Major Genl.,
Commanding Ceded Districts.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 31st Dec. 1864, A.

ORDER, No. 346, 26th January 1865.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction, in its present form, the Estimate submitted by the Quarter Master General, for planting trees round the Barracks and Hospital at Bellary; on a former occasion, great expense was incurred at Trimulgherry for a similar purpose, and the result was very unsatisfactory.

Proceedings of Government, No. 1569, dated 13th May 1863.

2. Before passing final orders, however, it will be ascertained through the Revenue Department, what means are at the disposal of the Collector of the District for providing trees and labor (Convicts) to give effect to the Commander-in-Chief's proposition. The plantation or nursery for the trees, as well as each tree planted out should be fenced, by which plan the charge for watching will be avoided.

(True Extract.)

Hamilton
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Revenue Department. *With 13 spare Copies*

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