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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11*th December* 1865.

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Approving of cart funds being established in the Native Regiments of the Madras Army as proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. (Here enter 2nd December 1865, No. 4,445.)

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1865, No. 3,004.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 4,445.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General.....	Here enter	17th October	1865,	No. $\frac{691}{10,050}$.
Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts.	,,	,, 26th	,,	,, A.
From the Quarter Master General....	,,	,, 20th	,,	,, No. $\frac{704}{10,175}$.
Report from the Ag. Contr. of Mily. Accts. ...	,,	,, 26th	,,	,, C.
From the Adjutant General.	,,	,, 8th	November	,, No. 554.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 17th October 1865, No. $\frac{691}{10,050}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to present the following report on the establishment of cart funds in Regiments of Native Troops, referred to in paragraph 8 of Proceedings of Government, dated 3rd June last, No. 2074.

2. Every Regiment has been referred to for information as Government is already aware of—*Vide* Circular, dated 12th July last—and all have replied, except the Regiments in the Pegu Division and in the Straits. The Commander-in-Chief does not think it necessary to wait the receipt of their answers, because the information already collected is conclusive.

3. To the question put "Is there a cart fund in the Regiment maintained by "the men of their own consent?" Thirty-nine separate bodies of troops say, "there "is not," and two say, "there is."

On the question "Will the men consent to suffer a deduction from their "pay monthly or otherwise: the sum to be fixed for each rank, and the "accounts to be adjusted under Regimental arrangement?" Thirty-eight are content—three are non-content.

4. With *so* few dissenting voices, the Commander-in-Chief considers that the measure should not merely be encouraged, but ordered.

5. Four years being now the minimum duration of a Regiment at a station in India, he is of opinion that, after the expiry of two years, every Regiment should be called upon to subscribe to the cart fund. For more or less under two years after the arrival of a Regiment at a new station, the men are subject to stoppages for huts, Regimental necessaries, &c., and their resources are therefore sufficiently bespoken.

6. The amount to be deducted from each rank he would suggest should be fixed at a minimum of

And ranks corresponding, under G.O.G., No. 411 of 1861, para. 1.	Rupee	1	for a Subadar.
	Annas	12	,, Jemadar.
	,,	8	,, Havildar.
	,,	5	,, Naigue.
	,,	3	,, Private and all authorized Regimental followers;

and directly the Corps appears in orders to move, it should be left discretional with Commanding Officers to diminish or increase this rate, according to the cost of cart-hire for the journey to be undertaken.

7. The Hutting Rules provide that (paragraph 74) the money advanced by Government to a marching Regiment as the value of the huts, may be wholly or in

part devoted to the liquidation of marching expenses. Indeed, the advance was granted with that special object—and thus if, on an average, three privates occupy a cart, the money accumulated by the time the Regiment had to march would be

Men. Annas. Months.

3 × 3 × 24 = 13½ Rupees.

And supposing the average price of a private's hut is 12 Rupees, and half advance was taken from the same three men to assist in defraying the cost of the march, there would be a further sum of 18 Rupees available, making a total of 18 + 13½ = 31½ Rupees at the disposal of every three privates for the cost of their cart, or for Railway for their families. Half would be advanced as cart-hire, and on arrival at the new station the Commanding Officer would be in possession of the remaining half, to pay off the cart-men without a day's delay.

8. Stoppages from Regiments on foreign service should be made likewise, in order to provide for the conveyance of their families to Regimental Head Quarters on return to India.

9. And lastly, it should be permitted to Officers Commanding Regiments to lodge these accumulations of money in the Government Savings' Bank until required, a small reserve being kept in the Regimental chest for the purpose of closing the estates of casualties, &c.

10. Should Government concur in these propositions, the Commander-in-Chief will frame a draft G. O. for submission, in conformity therewith.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 26th October 1865, *A.*

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 20th October 1865, No. $\frac{704}{10,135}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Referring to my letter, dated 17th instant, No. 691, on the subject of cart funds, I have now the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit a draft G. O., upon the different topics adverted to in Proceedings of Government, No. 2074, dated 3rd June last.

2. In order that the curtailments or additions to previous orders may be the better seen, the Commander-in-Chief has thought that it will be more convenient if the printed record, having the alterations noted on it, be submitted. The only entirely new section being "families on the march."

3. Should Government concur in publishing the matter now presented, it is requested that it may be returned to this Office to be prepared for the Press accordingly.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 26th October 1865, *C.*

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 8th November 1865, No. 554; to the Secretary to Government, Military Dept., Fort Saint George,

In returning the papers received with your binder memorandum of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that His Excellency has no objection to the scale of stoppages proposed to be made for the several ranks of the Native Army for cart-hire.

ORDER, No. 4445, 2nd December 1865.

The Governor in Council approves of cart funds being established in the Native Regiments of this Army, in the manner proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Any further orders that may be required will be passed, on the submission of the draft G. O. C. C. for the approval of Government.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with 4 enclosures.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Adjutant General.
,, Military Accountant.
,, Examiner Pay Department.
,, President Sanitary Commission,
,, Revenue Department, ... } for information.
,, Commissary General, ... }

With 5 spare Copies.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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To the Bd of Rev. with Govt. Order Dept. No. 4445 dated 12th Dec. 1865.