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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1868.

No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating to the Revenue Department Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, respecting the numerous changes in the reported date of arrival of the 29th Native Infantry within the Bellary district. } (Here enter 27th May 1868, No. 2,089.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1868, No. 1,521.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 2,089.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Docket from the Revenue Department..... Here enter 21st April 1868.
Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... ,, 16th May ,, No. 4036.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15*th April* 1868, *No.* 2738.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, Camp at Havalgi talook, Gooty, 24th March 1868, No. 54; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honour to request that you will move the Board to bring the following circumstances to the notice of Government.

2. On the 29th ultimo, the Assistant Quarter Master General, Secunderabad, advised me that the 29th Regiment Native Infantry, en route to Hong Kong from Secunderabad, would enter this district on or about the 27th March, and requested me to have supplies ready at the first stage on that date. The necessary arrangements were made accordingly.

3. On the 2nd March, the Assistant Quarter Master General wrote that the Regiment would not arrive till the 3rd April. Fresh orders were accordingly issued.

4. On the *same date*, the Officer Commanding the 29th Regiment indented for supplies to be furnished at the first stage on the 27th March.

5. On the 5th March, the Assistant Quarter Master General again wrote, intimating that the Regiment would enter the district on the 30th March, instead of the 3rd of April.

6. On the 7th idem, the Assistant Quarter Master General intimated that the Regiment would arrive on the 1st April, and for the *fifth* time orders were sent to the local officers regarding supplies.

7. To my dismay, I yesterday received a letter, dated 16th idem, from the Officer Commanding, to the effect that the supplies indented for by him on the 2nd should be ready at the first stage on the 29th or 30th instant, and on the dates following at the succeeding stages, but "that he could not be quite certain about the dates." Orders accordingly have been issued for the sixth time; but in the event of the supplies not being ready when the Regiment does arrive, I trust that the Collector and his subordinates may be exonerated from blame. The local bazaars being incapable of meeting the requirement of a large body of men, supplies have to be brought from a distance, and if the consumers do not arrive to date, they deteriorate and in some cases are wholly spoilt. Prices are enhanced in consequence, at which the troops grumble.

Submitted for the orders of Government.
(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

Transferred to the Military Department.
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

21*st April* 1868.

Referred for the observation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department).

23*rd April* 1868.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 16th May 1868, No. 4036; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded for submission to Government, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, received under the Military Secretary's endorsement, dated 23rd April 1868.

2. The Commander-in-Chief considers that the explanation of the Assistant Quarter Master General is satisfactory so far as that Officer is concerned.

3. The Commanding Officer of the 29th had embarked with his Regiment for Hong Kong before the receipt of the reference order under reply. He will, however, be communicated with on the subject if desired.

4. With reference to Mr. Sullivan's representation respecting the numerous changes in the reported date of arrival of the 29th Regiment within the Bellary District, the Commander-in-Chief observes that the postponement of the departure of the Corps from Secunderabad for four or five days having been sanctioned at the earnest request of Colonel Gore, that Officer was no doubt desirous of making up for the delay and arranged his marches accordingly. Adverting to the discrepancies between the reports of the Assistant Quarter Master General and those of the Commanding Officer, His Excellency thinks that the Collector might have acted on those of the latter Officer without hesitation.

5. The shortest notice that the Collector had, allowed six days for the collection of supplies (for a Regiment without families) at the first stage in the District: which is only 59½ miles from Bellary.

From the Acting Assistant Quarter Master General, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Secunderabad, 11th May 1868, No. 135; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by order, to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, No. 3428, dated 25th April 1868, and to inform that as the departure of the 29th Regiment Native Infantry was deferred from day to day, the necessary reports were agreeably to paragraph 3, Section XXII of General Regulations, page 326, sent to the Civil authorities.

2. The reports of arrivals were, in this office, calculated according to the usual marches.

3. From these it appears that the Officer Commanding 29th Regiment Native Infantry deviated, with a view to save his cattle and at the same time to expedite his movements by making two short stages into one and so on causing the discrepancy in the reports of arrivals.

4. Such I would respectfully submit must occur when forced marches are being made, and the intended movement not communicated to the Divisional Quarter Master General.

ORDER, No. 2089, 27th May 1868.

Ordered that the foregoing memorandum from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Revenue Department, with the remark that the case reported by Mr. Sullivan appears an exceptional one, and not likely to recur with sufficient frequency to call for any special order in regard to it, beyond suggesting to His Excelleney the Commander-in-Chief the desirableness of reminding Local Military authorities, regulating the movement of troops, of the inconvenience and loss necessarily entailed on the Civil authorities and inhabitants of districts concerned, by the issue of conflicting orders for the provision of supplies in such cases.

(True Extract.)

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. With 20 spare Copies
,, Quarter Master General.
,, Adjutant General,... ... ...} for information.
,, Controller of Military Accounts,}

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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With Order
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