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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd December 1868.

No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating to Revenue Department letter from the Quarter Master General on the question of the supply of carriage to troops on the line of march. } (Here enter 6th October 1868, No. 3,907.)

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1868, No. 3,016.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 3,907.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1868] Madras

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DECEMBER.

Nos. 15-16.

Carriage for troops.—Order on the question of their supply while on the line of march, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 9th September 1868, No. $\frac{551}{6559}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Referring to your office memorandum, dated 24th July last, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit the following observations on the question of the supply of carriage to troops on the line of march ; which forms the subject of the correspondence recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 9th April 1867, No. 1314.

2. Lieutenant-General McCleverty assumes from the Order in the Revenue Department, dated 27th March 1867, No. 724, that it is incumbent on the Magistrate or other Civil Authority applied to, to meet the requisition of the Commissariat Department for carriage for the movement of troops : it being understood that the application is not made until both the Regimental Authorities and the local Commissariat Officer have failed in their endeavours to obtain the requisite supply. His Excellency further understands that the official then applied to is authorized, and must take upon himself, to have recourse to impressment in order to meet the demand, both in respect of quantity and punctuality of supply, if he cannot otherwise obtain it.

2. If the foregoing is a correct interpretation of the views of Government on this question, the Commander-in-Chief considers that nothing further is required to ensure the necessary supply, and to prevent any delay in the movements of troops. But it would appear from Colonel Scott's letter No. 11,599, dated 7th December 1865, that it was not then clearly understood that the intentions of Government in regard to this matter were to the effect above indicated.

3. With respect to the adjustment of the hire for carriage employed by troops on the march, the existing regulation provides that the difference between the rate prevailing prior to November 1859, and the hire actually paid, is to be defrayed by Government; the charge against the State being supported in each case by a certificate from the Commissariat Department specifying the old rate, and one from the Officer Commanding the Corps, or the supplying Officer, stating that the hire paid was the lowest at which the carriage could be procured. Any exceptionally high rate which a Magistrate is authorized to determine, in consideration of the compulsory service for which impressed carriage may be engaged, is a matter with which the troops have no concern, as all such additional charge is debited to the Public. The Commander-in-Chief would not suggest any change of system in the above particulars.

4. Referring to the question of fixing a limit to the quantity of carriage to be supplied for the use of troops on the line of march, you are aware that this point has been repeatedly under consideration without any satisfactory result having been arrived at. The late Quarter Master General, in his letter dated 5th April 1865, No. 4084, showed that where a limitation had been imposed it exceeded the actual average supply ; and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having referred to the previous voluminous correspondence in connection with this matter, is of opinion that it is not desirable to lay down any rules on the subject.

ORDER, No. 3907, 6th October 1868.

The foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. Adverting to the progressive improvement in the state of the communications in this Presidency, the Governor in Council considers it inexpedient to discuss the question of limiting the supply of carriage for Native troops at present.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

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

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Exd. J. E. Cashart.