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Read the following papers :—

No. 180. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 26th August 1875, No. 348.

With reference to a letter, No. 146, dated 14th August, from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, intimating the stations with dates when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales may be expected to arrive, I have the honor to report, for the approval of Government, the arrangements which the Commander-in-Chief proposes to carry out in the Military Department.

2. A guard of honor* will be ordered from the 43rd Light Infantry from Cannanore to Beypore to be in readiness for the 22nd November. After the departure of His Royal Highness, the Band and color will be sent back to Cannanore, but the guard will be brought on to Coimbatore and be available at that station on the return of His Royal Highness from the Annamallays. Subsequently, the guard will be sent on by rail to their new station, Bellary.

* 100 men with Officers, Regimental Color and Band.

3. It is necessary that the Collector should be requested to make the following arrangements for the guard :—

I.—To provide a camping site suitably near to the house to be occupied by His Royal Highness at Coimbatore.

II.—To provide for the latrine arrangements, and sheds for washing purposes for the guard.

III.—To provide good drinking water.

4. For the journey from the Pothanore Crossing towards the Annamallays, it is proposed, in communication with Colonel Michael, to make four stages. His Excellency considers the carriages should be worked with pairs of horses, in preference to teams, and on the supposition that four conveyances will be required to be horsed, twenty pairs† of horses have been ordered to be selected from the Battery at Trichinopoly, and put in training for carriage work by pairs.

† Including four spare pairs. One pair for each stage.

5. The following are the proposed stages :—

	Posted at	*To*	
5 pairs (including 1 spare.)	Pothanore Rail Crossing.	Kenetacuddavoo, about 9 miles.	To camp and remain there for return journey.
5 pairs	Kenetacuddavoo.	Roadside station, 8 miles.	To return to Kenetacuddavoo.
5 pairs	Roadside station.	Somatoor, 8 miles.	To go to Kotoor to camp.
5 pairs	Somatoor.	Kotoor, 6 miles heavy road.	To remain at Kotoor.

Thus, after the journey, ten pairs of horses will be camped at Kenetacuddavoo, and ten pairs at Kotoor, ready to take up stations for the return journey whenever and wherever Colonel Michael may decide.

6. It is proposed that a camp be pitched at the Pothanore Crossing, but His Excellency would wish that, to avoid using more tents along the road than necessary, the Civil authorities be required to provide shelter for the artillerymen*, followers, and harness, &c., at the two camps, Kenetacuddavoo and Kotoor, and sheds at the other stages where the horses change, and the men will be posted, *en route*. Further, that from the time of the arrival of the drivers and horses from Trichinopoly at Pothanore, all orders for their being posted, &c., should be given by Colonel Michael.

*Fourteen Europeans.

7. Facilities for watering the horses at all the stages, and providing straw bedding and also potable and washing water for the men, should be arranged for by the Civil authorities.

8. The Commander-in-Chief considers that the requisite guards at the camping site for His Royal Highness at Kotoor and on the Hills could best be provided by the Police.

9. At Bangalore and Madras, orders will be issued to the General Officers Commanding, to make the usual arrangements for guards of honor, escorts and personal guards on the arrival and departure and during the stay of His Royal Highness at those stations.

10. The Officer Commanding Southern District will also be similarly instructed, and to hold two teams of horses available.

11. His Excellency has offered the services of his Body Guard for attendance on His Royal Highness at Madras, but, considering the very many requirements there will be for their services on that occasion, Sir Frederick Haines considers it will be advisable to supplement the Cavalry by bringing down from Bangalore for escort duty a troop (fifty sabres) of the 4th Light Cavalry, should the proposal to bring that corps from Bellary to Bangalore be affirmed by the Government of India.

12. In accordance with the wish expressed in paragraph 3 of O.G., No. 2392, dated 19th August, in the Department Public Works, the Officer Commanding the Sapper Company at Ootacamund has been instructed to comply with Colonel Michael's requisition for eight sappers to be employed under that officer, or Colonel Davies, on the Annamallay Ghât.

No. 181. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 1st September 1875, No. 387.

In continuation of my letter, No. 348, dated 26th ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to forward, for the orders of Government, an extract from a letter from the Officer Commanding the Battery at Trichinopoly, relative to his requirements for training the horses &c., for carriage work.

2. The use of an old carriage is most certainly necessary; the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly has been asked if he can obtain one on hire on the spot, but no reply has been yet received. If not procurable, it will be advisable to send a carriage or break from Madras.

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3. Further, I am desired to recommend that authority may be granted to the Inspector-General of Ordnance to issue to the Officer Commanding the Battery, on his requisition, the harness or parts of the harness, &c., as may be required for the proper equipment of the horses.

4. With reference to paragraph 4, it is proposed that the carriages and horses should be brought to Coimbatore by the 10th of November, as this will allow time to see to the proper fitting of the harness and practising the horses in the carriages it is intended they should be worked in.

5. The employment of a syce for each horse for the number sent to Coimbatore appears necessary.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Officer Commanding D Battery, 9th Brigade, Royal Artillery; dated 24th August 1875, No. 398-Q.M.O.

"In answer to your letter, No. 319, of the 19th instant, subject as per margin, I have the honor to solicit as follows:—

Breaking in twenty pairs of horses for use of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

1st.—That a phæton or break of exactly the same size as all four of the carriages which will be used for the conveyance of His Royal Highness to the Annamallay Hills may be sent to Trichinopoly forthwith, in order that the horses may be at once put in training.

2nd.—That sixteen pairs of harness may be sent to me direct from the Grand Arsenal, Fort Saint George, and permission granted to me to fit these hames with a bar and ring (in lieu of hook and chain) to take the pole chains, and in order that they may be fitted to the collars. When this work is over, I can easily refit the hook and chains, and the hames will be perfectly serviceable. The ordinary indent can be preferred so soon as I learn how many can be sent. I know, from trial, that none of the hames in the Trichinopoly Arsenal are suitable.

3rd.—I wish four pairs (eight) pole steel chains sent me. These are stronger than straps, will be more in keeping with the harness, and can be purchased of better manufacture than I can make them up, and will be more likely to fit the o's at the ends of the poles than straps. No time should be lost in sending me one pair.

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Four carriages to be at Trichinopoly early in November to ensure a perfect fit in the harness.

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As there will not be sufficient Europeans to make an efficient guard at each stage, I beg that the Native establishment may be temporarily increased to one syce per horse sent away or a Native guard sent to each post."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) A. HOWLETT, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

No. 182. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 2nd September 1875.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, in reference to this office letter of yesterday's date.

From the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly, to Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 1st September 1875.

Your telegram 30th. Cannot hire carriage, for sale barouche good order, Rupees 350, fit for Prince suite Annamallays.

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No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1875, No. 4410.

The Honorable the Governor in Council approves the arrangements proposed in the earlier of the foregoing letters, which will be communicated to all concerned.

2. The purchase of the barouche offered for sale at Trichinopoly for Rupees 350 is sanctioned, under the circumstances reported. To save time, a telegram to this effect was despatched to the Officer Commanding Southern District, from the Government Office, on the 4th instant.

3. The Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines was instructed, on the same date, to comply with the requisitions of the Officer Commanding D Battery, 9th Brigade, Royal Artillery, for the necessary harness.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
To Colonel Michael.
To the Judicial Department.
„ Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Commissary-General.

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To

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 11th.

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G.O., 11th September 1875, No. 4310.

To S.
Wm. Mr. Nuttall

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Communicated to the Board of
H.P. Secretariat. R. The Collector of Trichinopoly
has directed the undersigned to request
that the Superintendent of the Public
Gardens at Trichinopoly may be
authorized to draw a Bill for
Rupees 300 on account of the
Grant for Improvements during 1875-76
No. 340. 3. The completion of the Gardens
is expected to be effected
by the end
of September 1875

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