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Sanitary—Camps.

Read the following papers :—

No. 80. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head-Quarters, Ootacamund, 16th September 1875, No. 402-5649.

I have the honor, by order, to report that the site previously selected for a cholera-encamping ground near Berhampore, situated to the north of the station, and about 1,000 yards to the east of the Aska road, has recently been objected to for the following reasons :—

I.—The prevailing wind blows right over Berhampore towards this ground.

II.—The tanks on it are too near a village.

III.—There is no approach to it, and a road for about 1,000 yards would have to be made.

For the above reasons His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief concurs with the local authorities in recommending its being abandoned. Sanction for Rupees 221 as compensation for land on this site was granted in G.O., 14th January 1875, No. 192. This compensation has not yet been paid.

2. After a thorough examination of other localities, the Officer Commanding Berhampore recommends another site east of the station which he describes as follows :—

“The ground situated on the north side of the road from Berhampore to Cuttack at a distance of nearly five miles from the former town is considerably higher than Berhampore and opens to the prevailing winds. It has a considerable slope from the Ampura hill to the road, and from the same hill slopes to the northward and eastward. Between the Ampura hill and that of Palligumla the ground is fairly level and open. Westward of the Palligumla hill it falls somewhat suddenly. The surface soil is a sandy loam and the sub-soil gravel. Between the tank eastward and the road is a small strip of paddy ground fringed with low scrub. The three tanks shown in the map are small, and would be dry in the hot weather. The two nearest villages are those of Ampura to the southwest and Chinna Kustoli to the north; the former is situated on the north side of the Berhampore-Cuttack road about 1,000 yards from the proposed site for the camp and the latter about 700 yards. All other villages are at a considerable distance, and those mentioned are small.

“The ground marked waste in the map, containing an area of 107½ acres, is the exclusive property of Government, and I recommend that the whole of it should be retained for the proposed camp. It is easily accessible by the common cart-tract leading to the village of Chinna Kustoli. After the small belt of cultivation on the north of the high road is passed, a common country bandy can cross the land in nearly every direction, as the ground is firm and well drained.

“The ground is in every respect, except that of being nearer the high road, better than that which had been selected. It is high ground, having perfect drainage of considerable extent, further from villages, quite away from the town and cantonment, and clear of all scrub except a little and unimportant strip near the low ground eastward. As to water, I recommend that a reservoir be constructed in a suitable place, or better still that two wells be sunk. I anticipate no difficulty in procuring water, and that at no great depth, and the porous nature of the subsoil will act as a natural filter. I also recommend the planting of a few trees where the prevailing winds will not be intercepted.

“The only expense to be incurred will be for a reservoir on wells, and either one or the other would have been necessary for the previously-selected site.”

3. The Medical Officer concurs in this recommendation; a copy of his letter, No. 57, dated 25th August 1875, is enclosed. His Excellency the Commander-in-

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
5th April 1876.*

Chief submits the question to Government and supports the suggestion of the local authorities. If Government approves, the Officer Commanding the Northern District will be directed to submit an estimate for sinking wells on the proposed site and for planting trees.

From Surgeon W. H. BOALTH, Head-Quarters and Right Wing, 2nd Regiment, Native Infantry, Berhampore, to the Commandant, 2nd Regiment, Native Infantry; dated Berhampore, 25th August 1875, No. 57.

I have the honor to submit my report on the proposed site for a cholera camp inspected along with yourself and the Quartermaster on the 19th ultimo.

The ground is 4 miles to the east of the station, and is approached by the high road that leads to Cuttack. From the road to the centre of the camp the nearest distance is 550 yards. From the village of Chinna Kustoli the camp is 673 yards and from the village of Ampura.

The ground is very high and rising, consequently natural drainage is perfect. The soil is somewhat sandy with gravel underlying. The prevailing winds do not in any way affect the ground either by coming over villages or passing over the camp on to any village close by. The sea-breeze blows over the camp without, as far as I am aware, passing over any village on its way.

Water-supply.—There are two or three tanks within 6 or 7 hundred yards from the camp, but these cannot be depended on for water all the year round. Wells will, therefore, have to be sunk in suitable places, and trees planted on the site will improve the ground very much.

The only objection I see to the ground is its being too close to the high road; but, taking into consideration its other advantages, this is the most suitable site I am aware of within a range of some miles of this station. It is also sufficiently large to allow of a camp shifting its position once or even twice.

No. 4567.

Referred to the Revenue Department with advertence to Proceedings of Government, (Military), No. 192, dated 14th January 1875.

OOTACAMUND,
20th September 1875. (Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 81. Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th March 1876, No. 363. Communicating Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the report of the Collector of Ganjam that there is no objection to the appropriation of certain land for the cholera camp near Berhampore.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1876, No. 1785.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves the site proposed in this correspondence for a cholera-encamping ground near Berhampore, and sanctions its appropriation accordingly in lieu of the site previously selected, compensation for which will not consequently be now payable.

(True Extract.)

Michael

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with 5 copies.
" Quartermaster-General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

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G.O., 5th April 1876, No. 1785.

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