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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
19th March 1877.*

Barracks and Buildings—Commissariat.

Read the following papers:—

No. 338. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George; dated Madras, 21st November 1876, No. 6237.

Adverting to Proceedings and Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1333, dated 25th September 1876, communicated to this office in your endorsement, No. 5125, dated 7th October 1876, and to your memorandum, No. 5914,

Letter, No. 727, dated 14th November 1876, from Collector of Madras to the Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras.

Letter, No. 1069, dated 10th November 1876, from President, Municipal Commission, to the Collector of Madras.

dated 17th November 1876, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, the correspondence as per margin, on the subject of the site proposed for the erection of lines for the bullocks and mules of this department.

2. It will be seen that the President of the Municipal Commission considers that at no distant date additional accommodation will be required for a cemetery, and recommends that the land in question be reserved accordingly, but, in my opinion, it would be far better on the score of the public health to allot the site in question to this department for the erection of cattle lines, which would at all times be kept clean, than to convert it into a grave-yard, situated, as the latter would be, in close proximity to the Sepoy lines and amid a thickly-populated suburb.

3. The piece of land in question is a most convenient situation for the cattle lines, affording facilities for a much more efficient supervision, from the fact of all the cattle being located together.

4. I solicit the orders of Government on the subject.

From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Assistant Commissary-General; dated Madras, 14th November 1876, No. 727.

In reply to your letter, No. 7153, dated 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you, that so far as the Revenue Department is concerned, there are no objections to handing over the site mentioned to be used for mule and bullock lines. But the Municipal President, to whom the subject was referred by me, objects to the land being handed over to you, on the grounds mentioned in his letter, copy herewith enclosed. I would therefore suggest your writing to Government on the matter, and obtaining their orders on the subject.

2. The enclosures to your letter under reply are returned.

From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President, Municipal Commission, to the Collector of Madras; dated Madras, 10th November 1876, No. 1069.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant,* and to thank you for giving me an opportunity of mentioning what I conceive to be an important objection to the land referred to in the correspondence which accompanied it being handed over to the Commissariat Department for mule and bullock lines.

2. In this connection I beg to enclose a copy of a report on Cemeteries made by a Committee appointed by Government in G.O., Ecclesiastical Department, dated 14th January 1876, No. 10, from which it appears that this piece of land was recommended as suitable for a cemetery. As the General Cemetery in Washermanpettah, which is in the immediate vicinity of this piece of ground, will at no distant date be fully occupied by graves, and as it will thereupon become necessary to find additional accommodation, I strongly recommend that the land in question may be reserved for the purpose of a cemetery.

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3. I am not aware of any orders having been passed on the Committee's report, nor what are the views of Government as to the propriety of the Committee's recommendation, but foreseeing, as I do, the great difficulty that will arise for cemetery accommodation when it becomes necessary to close the General Cemetery, I am very anxious that this objection should be fully considered before the site is handed over to the Commissariat Department.

No. 339. From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 4th December 1876, No. 384.

I have the honor to forward herewith the plan* referred to in the enclosure to your official memorandum, dated 2nd December 1876, No. 6223.

* To be returned.

No. 340. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George; dated Madras, 5th January 1877, No. 7491.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 6413, dated 12th December 1876, I have the honor to state that the distance of the proposed site for the Commissariat mule and bullock lines from the harbour and Commissariat godowns is about a mile, nearer and more convenient than the present bullock lines.

2. The District Engineer, Presidency, reports that the ground is high for that part of the ground on the average about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the level of the railway rails, and can be well drained at a very small cost, also that there is an excellent supply of good water to be had about 18 feet below the surface of the ground.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1620.

His Grace the Governor in Council directs that the site in question, which is reported to be favorably situated for Commissariat purposes, is not to be disposed of or appropriated without special orders of Government.

2. The plan received from the Collector of Madras will be returned to that officer through the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Michael Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary-General.
" Quartermaster General.
" Controller of Military Accounts. *with 10 copies.*
" Financial Department.
" Revenue Department, with the plan. *and 5 spare copies.*

Ed. A. Raitt.

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for information, and for communication
to the Collector of Madras.

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