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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

6th December 1878, No. 6646.

Cantonments—Native Lines.

Read the following papers :—

No. 180. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Bolarum, 28th January 1878, No. 55-740.*

With reference to a recent telegram from His Grace the Governor, and the reply of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thereto, on the subject of budget allotment for Native Infantry lines at Poodoopett, I have the honor, by order, to submit, for the consideration of Government, whether it might not be advisable to reconsider the question of site for the new lines.

2. Government is already fully informed of the very great objections to the existing lines in Vepery, and the imperative necessity for new lines being built elsewhere.

3. The Poodoopett site was selected as the best available in Madras, but as circumstances have necessitated the postponement of the construction of lines on this site, it may not be inopportune to consider whether it might not be advantageous to remove the Vepery Regiment to some place in the vicinity of Madras, rather than to keep it in a crowded town where there are difficulties in obtaining all that is desirable for a locality for troops.

4. The ground at Poodoopett is costly and very limited; building on it will deprive Madras of one of the open spaces so conducive to health in large Cities or Towns; and it is believed the location of a regiment on the site will be very distasteful to the owners of houses in the vicinity. The site itself is not a good one for lines, as there are buildings to the eastward which would shut off the healthful sea breeze, and, moreover, the drainage from the lines would add to the already too large deposits of filth in the bed of the River Cooum.

5. The guard duties in Madras are heavy, and require three regiments of Native Infantry; but if one of the three could be placed somewhere near Madras and guards moved in and out by rail, it might perhaps, for many reasons, be desirable to abandon the Poodoopett site.

6. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would, therefore, suggest that if suitable ground at a less cost to Government can be provided at Pallavaram, it might be worth while to place the Vepery Native Infantry Regiment there rather than at Poodoopett. Inquiries might be made in the Revenue Department as to ground at Pallavaram. If available, an officer could be deputed to examine it and a report submitted to Government.

7. With two regiments at Pallavaram in addition to two at Madras, the guard duties both at the Mount and Madras could be provided for, guards being moved between Pallavaram and Madras by rail. The contemplated removal of the Arsenal from Madras to the Mount will lead to some of the guards now required at the former place being transferred to the latter, and will make the location of another regiment at Pallavaram a convenience.

No. 1185.

Referred, with advertence to Proceedings of Government (Military Department), No. 5226, dated 17th September 1877, and previous correspondence, to the Revenue Department, for inquiry and report whether a suitable site for a Native Infantry Regiment is available at Pallavaram at less cost than the Poodoopett ground.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th March 1878.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G.O., 21st September, 1877, No. 5648, for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th March 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 181. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1878, No. 1270.*

Read the following letter from A. M. JONES, Esq., Deputy Collector, General Duties, Chingleput District, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Saidapet, 29th April 1878, No. 113.

Adverting to your letter, No. 911, dated 27th ultimo, and the papers which formed its enclosures (returned herewith), I have the honor to inform you that, after careful inquiry and inspection of the ground about Pallavaram, I have marked a site which, I think, will answer admirably for the formation of the lines of a Native Infantry Regiment. The site in question fulfils all the conditions detailed in your letter, except (No. III) that it is not Government ground.

2. The villages named in your letter as eligible on the score of being Government ones have no land available in the two adjoining Pallavaram, viz., Thiroosoolam and Meenambakam, while the third Anakpoothoor, in which land is available, is distant and not contemninous, and consequently cannot be included in the extension of the Pallavaram cantonment boundary.

3. The site I have selected is in the limits of the Shrotriem village of Pommel which adjoins the Pallavaram cantonment boundary on the south-west face. It stretches from the lines of the Native Infantry Regiment, now located at Pallavaram, over a wide tract of high and dry ground behind the Roman-Catholic Chapel Hill, and north of the present relief camp at Gollanchavady (Pallavaram), and runs almost to the edge of the southern trunk road, while the branch road to Tirooneermalai, now being finished as a relief work, skirts the site on the south, if it does not in some parts actually run through it. It makes the site of easy access to wheeled traffic.

4. The ground is open and well exposed to the prevailing winds, and there are some three tanks in different points of it having a pretty free supply of good water in them, and I am told that water is likely to be found in easy depths if wells are excavated.

5. The resources of this site in regard to water-supply, I am told and I believe are better than those of the present cantonment site. Some 300 or more acres of land are at present available, and I believe, if necessary, more could be acquired at no very great cost. The land is cultivated dry land almost throughout, and is held on puttah by the Shrotriem ryots. I believe, at a rough calculation, 300

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acres could be purchased at Rupees 8,000, or at the outside 10,000 Rupees, and there would be no difficulty in effecting the purchase. The site is marked A on the accompanying rough map.

6. Before anything further is done in the Revenue Department, I would respectfully suggest that the Government be moved to appoint a Committee of Military Officers to inspect the ground, and if it is suitable, to mark out the extent required; we could then arrange to settle the compensation and to acquire possession.

No. 249.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue in reference to their Proceedings, No. 776, dated 21st March 1878.

2. The conditions referred to by the Deputy Collector are as follow:—

- (1.) The ground chosen should be high and water should be easily obtainable either on it, or at a short distance from it, care being taken that the source of supply is not likely to be contaminated by drainage.
- (2.) It should be at such a distance from other buildings as to prevent its being shut in or the exposure of the troops to immediate danger in the event of the outbreak of an epidemic.
- (3.) Government ground should, if possible, be selected.
- (4.) It should, as far as is practicable, be within such distance of a railway station as will allow of the easy marching to and fro of the men.

3. The site selected appears to be in every way the most desirable one that could be pitched upon.

4. The estimate of the cost of acquiring it is based upon the sums previously paid for similar land taken up for the cantonment.

5. For the rough map mentioned by Mr. Jones the survey plan of the village (to be returned when no longer required) has been substituted, and the site has been roughly indicated and marked A.

6. I beg to support the Deputy Collector's suggestion that before any thing further is done, the spot should be inspected by a Committee of officers.

7. If this is done and the boundaries of the land required are marked out, immediate steps to acquire what is wanted can be taken by the Revenue Department.

SAIDAPET,
May 1878.

(Signed) S. THOMPSON,
Asst. Collector for Ag. Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to endorsement, dated 13th March last, on reference from the Military Department.

2. The site selected should be inspected by a Committee of Officers as suggested before any steps are taken to acquire it. The cost is estimated at under Rupees 10,000.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to the endorsement from that department, dated 9th March 1878, No. 1185.

OOTACAMUND,
18th May 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 182. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General; dated Fort St. George, 21st June 1878, No. 3126.*

With reference to the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 740-55, dated 28th January 1878, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, in forwarding for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the enclosed report of the Civil Authorities on a proposed site for a second Native Infantry Regiment at Pallavaram, has the honor to request, by order, that information may be furnished on the following points:—

It appears from a foot-note on the plan of the Cantonment of Pallavaram last furnished to Government that the boundaries of the cantonment were revised in 1863, and comparing that plan with the one (No. 60) in Pharoah's Atlas of Southern India, it would appear that the revision was necessary consequent on the transfer to the Civil Department of the northern portion of the cantonment which was inundated in 1827; but if the flood line shown in Pharoah's Atlas be correct, the barracks still occupied by the European detachment and a great part of the buildings of the European Artillery Veteran Company are within the area then flooded.

With reference to this it is requested that, in communication with the Collector, information may be furnished whether there has, since 1827, been as great a flood in the river as the one of that year, and whether effective measures have since been taken for diverting the waters of the Adyar so as to save the cantonment.

Is it not possible to provide a suitable site for a second regiment nearer the existing Native lines, say, about the spot of the former Commanding Officer's quarters so as to have one bazaar for both?

Could not the apparently available space on the north-east of the present cantonment, which appears to be on dry ground, be appropriated as the site of the new lines?

No. 183. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Public Works Department; dated Ootacamund, 7th June 1878, No. 2855.*

Grant in Budget for 1877-78	...	Rs. 50,000
Surrendered by Collector	...	30,000
Balance spent	...	20,000
Grant in 1878-79	...	24,830
Total	...	44,830

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1739-W, dated 8th April 1878, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to inquire whether he is correct in assuming that the sum of Rupees 44,830 has already been paid by Government towards the Poodoopett site.

No. 184. *From Major R. THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 1445.*

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 2502, dated 8th June 1878, I have the honor to report that the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is right in assuming that the sum of Rupees 44,830 has already been paid by Government towards the Poodoopett site.

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No. 2584.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, with reference to his Memorandum, No. 2855, dated 7th June 1878.

OOTACAMUND,
13th June 1878.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 185. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1878, Mis. No. 7805.*

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Saidapet, 26th July 1878, No. 89.

I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to direct the transmission to the Deputy Quartermaster-General, Centre Division, of the survey map referred to in paragraph 5 of my foot-note, No. 249, dated May last, to letter from the general charge Deputy Collector, No. 113, dated 29th April 1878 (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 1270, dated 11th May 1878) as that officer has written asking for it.

Submitted to Government with the request that the survey map forwarded with Board's Proceedings, dated 11th May 1878, No. 1270, may be sent to the Deputy Quartermaster-General, Centre Division, direct if no longer required.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to endorsement from this department, dated 18th May 1878.

OOTACAMUND,
7th August 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 3997.

Forwarded to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, at the request of the Collector of the Chingleput.

2. It is requested that the map may be returned to this department, with the Quartermaster-General's reply to reference from Government, No. 3126, dated 21st June 1878.

OOTACAMUND,
8th August 1878.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 186. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1878, No. 750.*

I have the honor, by order, to forward, for the information of Government, letter, No. 118, dated 27th ultimo, from the Commandant, 39th Regiment, Native Infantry, at Pallavaram, showing the high rates for rent that the men of his regiment have to pay for houses at that station.

2. As soon as a site for lines is determined on, it will be very desirable that two sets of lines for Native Infantry Regiments be constructed at Pallavaram. One for the 39th Native Infantry, and the other for the regiment now at Vepery, the 15th Native Infantry.

3. I place below in juxtaposition the average rates paid by the men at Pallavaram for house-room, and what the cost is to the Army generally, taking into account the whole of the lines in the Presidency which are purchased and kept in repair by the men:—

Ranks.	Average Rates at Pallavaram.			Average Cost on the Army Generally.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Subadar	2	6	0	1	9	4
Jemadar	1	13	0	1	2	8
Havildar	1	3	0	0	10	8
Naigue	0	14	0	0	6	3
Private	0	10	5	0	6	0
Puckally	0	10	0	0	6	4

4. It will be seen that the average is for each class higher at Pallavaram than in the Army generally. For privates it is 73 per cent. higher. The returns show that thirty-eight privates pay from 1 Rupee to 1-12-0 per mensem for their huts, or from 14 to 25 per cent. of their pay. These facts are reported to show the necessity for early sanction for the construction of lines at Pallavaram.

From Colonel D. GRANT, Officiating Commandant, 39th Regiment, Native Infantry, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George; dated Pallavaram, 27th July 1878, No. 118.

I have the honor to request you will lay the following before His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for information and consideration.

2. The landlords of the houses in the town rented by men of the regiment under my command having raised the rents in many instances on the occasion of the detachment at the Mount returning to regimental head-quarters some days since, I called for rolls of men compelled to live scattered about the town, accommodation in the lines being insufficient.

3. I have the honor to forward them, to show what excessive house-rent is demanded from all ranks, as well as the enhanced rent put on some of the lodgings.

4. Only 138 huts in the Native Infantry Depot lines are lent on hire for the use of the regiment.

No. 2956.

Forwarded.

(Signed) W. A. RIACH, Colonel,
Commanding, Centre District.

MADRAS,
29th July 1878.

No. 187. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 4th September 1878, No. 992.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 3126, dated 21st June 1878, I have the honor, by order, to forward, for submission to Government, Proceedings of a Committee assembled at Pallavaram to select sites for Native Infantry lines. Two plans accompany the Proceedings.

2. The Committee consider that lines for two battalions of Native Infantry could be built in the south-west of the cantonment, in the vicinity of the building marked in the plan as the Commanding Officer's quarters.

3. The Commander of the Forces agrees in this opinion. The advantage of placing the lines here would be that existing huts would be utilised and by one regiment occupying the place of arms and hospital of the depot, no new buildings of this nature need be constructed.

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4. When the buildings now occupied by the European Veterans fall to the disposal of Government, a redistribution of places of arms and hospitals can be made.

5. The only expenses now necessary will be for—

- (1) the construction of lines;
- (2) the purchase of the huts in the Semmen Parcherry and the clearing of the ground;
- (3) the construction of a masonry nullah as recommended in paragraph 10 of the Committee's Proceedings.

6. If Government approves of the sites selected for lines, it is proposed that Colonels Hearn and Grant, Commandants of the 15th and 39th Regiments, Native Infantry, should be called on to submit approximate estimates of the cost of constructing lines for their regiments. The money for construction of the lines to be advanced by Government, the lines to be built by the men, with the assistance of such hired labor as may be necessary and when finished made over to the regiments at the maximum price for huts laid down in Madras Army Regulations, paragraph 2305.

7. The drainage of the lines and the construction of the nullah mentioned in paragraph 10 of the Committee's Proceedings to be undertaken by the Public Works Department.

8. Compensation for the tenements at Semmen Parcherry to be paid by Government.

9. The Committee in their Proceedings report on the subjects on which information was called for in your Memorandum No. 3126, dated 21st June 1878.

PROCEEDINGS of a Committee of Officers assembled at Pallavaram, on the 11th of July 1878, by order of His Excellency SIR NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, c.s.i., Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army, for the purpose of inspecting a site for the Lines of a Native Infantry Regiment selected by the Deputy Collector of Chingleput, as set forth in Proceedings of the Revenue Board, No. 1270, dated 11th May 1878; and also certain ground within the Cantonment limits of the town of Pallavaram indicated for a similar purpose in Memorandum No. 3126 of the 21st June 1878, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

PRESIDENT.

Colonel D. G. S. St. J. GRANT, 39th Regiment N. I., Commanding Pallavaram.

MEMBERS.

Major A. KENNEY HERBERT, Depy. Asst. Quartermaster-General, Center District.
Conductor E. FALVEY, P.W.D., Executive Officer, Mount Range.

Surgeon-Major H. T. SHAW, Indian Medical Department, Medical Officer of the Native Infantry Depot and Veteran Company, Pallavaram, in attendance.

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to read—

- (a.) Letter No. 450-4344 of the 1st July 1878, from the Quartermaster-General, to the Officer Commanding Centre District;
- (b.) Memorandum, No. 3126, of the 21st June 1878, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department; and
- (c.) Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1270, dated 11th May 1878.
- (d.) The Plan of Pallavaram contained in Pharoah's Atlas of Southern India, in which the mark of the inundation of 1827 is indicated, is carefully examined and compared with the plan of the station taken by the Revenue Survey in 1867.

2. The Committee then proceed to examine the ground in the vicinity of the building marked in the plan as the "Commanding Officer's quarters" (now the property of the Roman Catholic Mission), and discover that, without any difficulty, lines for two Battalions of Native Infantry could be laid out in that neighbourhood. To illustrate which attention is requested to a portion of the plan of Pallavaram (Revenue Survey, 1867), attached to these Proceedings.

3. Of the six existing rows of hutting shown in the plan, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are double; that is to say, are composed of central walls with rows of huts on either side of them. Row No. 6 has a single line of huts only.

4. Numbers 4 and 5 are occupied by the Native Infantry Depôt, and Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 6 are lent to the 39th Regiment.

5. Blocks Nos. 1 and 2, in the same straight line, accommodate a company, with barber and pockally complete, viz., 102 huts, and serve as a fair indication of the amount of ground that would be required for a regiment.

6. The "open space" shown in blue, is free from huts and would supply a site for the Drummers' and Bandsmen's lines.

7. Lines for a battalion could of course easily be replaced on the site of the "ruined lines," and ample space exists on the north-east side of the "Commanding Officer's quarters" for a second corps, as shown in the plan roughly by dotted red lines.

8. The tenements marked as "Semmen Parcherry" have fallen into disreputable hands, and it would be a boon to Pallavaram if the ground they occupy were taken up by Government.

9. If required, the ground appertaining to the "Commanding Officer's quarters" could doubtless be secured.

10. The tank marked in the plan, in Pharoah's Atlas, has long since silted up. Traces of the old bund remain, but the ground around is now covered with turf. A nullah which carries off the water from the south-western spur of the Pallavaram hills runs in the manner shown in the Revenue Survey Plan. Additional ground would be gained if this were directed along a straight channel strengthened by masonry.

11. In recommending that the site for an additional Native Infantry Corps be chosen to the north of the existing Depôt lines, the Committee bear in mind that the buildings now occupied by the Veteran Company must eventually fall at the disposal of Government, and may then be made available for a Native Regiment.

12. The ground to the north-east of the Cantonment pointed out in paragraph 5 of Memorandum No. 3126, from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is not to be recommended on account of the difficulty that is experienced there in procuring good water. Besides, the barracks on that flank are reserved for the detachments of British Regiments which, during six months of the year, proceed to Pallavaram for Musketry practice, and it would be hardly desirable to place the lines of a Native Corps so near them.

13. Fifty years having elapsed since the inundation of 1827, the Committee find some difficulty in obtaining accurate data on which to base their report. They are told that the cause of the flood of 1827 was the bursting of the bund of the Chembrabaukum tank, which was subsequently repaired, and has held firmly ever since. An Overseer lives on the bund with an establishment available for any emergency. There have been risings in the Adyar periodically, but Pallavaram has never been inundated. The Deputy Collector has no record of any disaster of the kind, and it appears quite beyond doubt that the line of buildings, hospitals, &c., to the north of the Veteran Lines (formerly intended for four Native Infantry Corps) is perfectly safe from inundation at the present time. The Committee have therefore no hesitation in fixing the site already described for the lines of a second Native Infantry Corps.

Adjournment.—No plan having been attached to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1270, of the 11th May 1878, the Committee are unable to determine exactly the position of the ground selected as a site eligible for Military lines beyond the limits of the Pallavaram Cantonment by the Deputy Collector of Chingleput. They therefore adjourn, to enable the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, to apply for the same.

PALLAVARAM, 15th August 1878.

Re-assembly.—The plan having been received from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, on the 10th August 1878, the Committee re-assemble this day, pursuant to adjournment, and proceed to inspect the ground indicated in Proceedings of Revenue Board, No. 1270, of the 11th May 1878, as shown in the plan above mentioned.

2. This they find to be a fine open piece of land situated about a mile and-a-half from the Pallavaram Cantonment and Railway station, and easily reached by the new famine relief-work branch road to Tirooneermalai. It is a continuation, as it were, of the plateau already secured by Government as a cholera camp site, which lies adjacent to the high road to Chingleput, and at a higher elevation (as roughly shown on the plan) the tendency of the ground being to fall gradually from the Chingleput road towards the Mangali tank.

3. The Committee are of opinion that the site would be decidedly an eligible one, either for a large encampment of troops, or for the lines of a regiment. The country is open and clear all round; the soil seems gravelly and naturally well drained; and there ought to be no difficulty with regard to the supply of water.

4. It would have been better, probably, if the Cantonment of Pallavaram had been placed here originally, than upon the spot it now occupies.

5. In consideration, however, of the existing circumstances, they are unable to recognise the necessity for locating a regiment at this distance from the Railway station, Cantonment, and bazaar of Pallavaram.

6. They have already shown that it would be a matter of comparatively little difficulty and expense not only to hut in comfort the regiment now distributed in and about the bazaar and remaining lines of that station, but also a second corps, if necessary.

7. They are of opinion that the bazaar is ample for two battalions; that quarters for officers would be more speedily provided at Pallavaram than in the vicinity of the site suggested by the Deputy Collector of Chingleput; and further, that neither on sanitary, nor any other grounds, has cause been shown to warrant their advocating a measure which would entail so heavy an expenditure on the Government as the purchase of fresh ground, and the erection of the buildings necessary for a Regiment of Native Infantry, so far beyond the limits of Pallavaram Cantonment.

Opinion of Surgeon-Major H. T. Shaw, I.M.D., Medical Officer in attendance.

I do not see any objections, upon sanitary grounds, to the site recommended by the Committee.
(Signed) H. T. SHAW,
Surgeon-Major.

(Signed)	D. GRANT, Colonel, 39th Regiment, Native Infantry, Commanding Pallavaram,	} President.
(")	A. K. HERBERT, Major, Dy. Asst. Quartermaster-General, Centre District,	
(")	D. FALVEY, Conductor, Executive Officer, Mount Range,	} Members.
(Signed)	W. A. RIACH, Colonel, Commanding Centre District.	

No. 188. Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General; dated Ootacamund, 2nd October 1878, No. 5203.

With reference to letter from the Quartermaster-General, No. 992, dated 4th September 1878, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to request that Government may be furnished with particulars as to the water-supply of the site chosen for new Native Infantry Lines at Pallavaram, and as to whether the ground is the property of Government.

2. It is observed that lines for a second regiment seem to be proposed in reference to the heavy charge for rent now paid by the men of the 39th Native Infantry for their huts at Pallavaram, and with advertence to the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 750,* dated 10th August 1878, information is requested whether this payment is made to Government or to private owners. If the latter, it raises doubt as to the new site being Government property.

* Vide letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Native Infantry, No. 118, dated 27th July 1878, paragraph 4.
(Requested to be returned.)

No. 189. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 18th October 1878, No. 1425.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 5203, dated 2nd instant, I have the honor, by order, to forward letter, No. 381, dated 12th instant, from the Commandant, Pallavaram, giving the information called for.

2. The water-supply on the site selected for lines for Native Infantry at Pallavaram is reported to be good and the ground the property of Government.

3. The high rent paid by men of the 39th Regiment, Native Infantry, for huts is not for those that are the property of Government, 138 in number, but for

houses rented in the bazaar. The few houses in the dépôt lines, the property of Government, are not nearly sufficient for the wants of the regiment.

4. The enclosure of your Memorandum is herewith returned.

From Colonel D. GRANT, Commandant, Pallavaram, to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, Fort St. George; dated Pallavaram, 12th October 1878, No. 381.

With reference to No. 5203, Government of Madras, Military Department, dated 2nd October 1878, received with correspondence from Quartermaster-General (all herewith returned), I have the honor to report that the water-supply of the site chosen for Native Infantry Lines at Pallavaram is good, and can easily be improved by sinking, if necessary, more wells, of which at present there are about twenty in the neighbourhood, three of which have water all the year round.

2. The ground is the property of Government.
3. The rent for the 138 huts lent to the 39th Regiment is paid to the Officer Commanding Native Infantry Dépôt, and is expended by him in repairing the said huts, the property of Government.
4. The remainder of the regiment rent houses scattered about in the bazaar and pay rent to the owners residing in the Pallavaram bazaar who raise the rents more or less every six months on the detachment at the Mount returning to regimental head-quarters.

No. 3948.

Forwarded, with reference to his letter, No. 1292-7174, of the 3rd instant, the enclosures of which are herewith returned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th October 1878.

(Signed) T. RAIKES, Major-General,
Commanding, Centre District.

To the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1878, No. 6646.

On the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and for the reasons set forth in the foregoing correspondence, His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to abandon the scheme for constructing lines for a Native Infantry Regiment on the Poodoopett plain at Madras, and concurs with His Excellency in the expediency of locating at Pallavaram the regiment occupying the Vepery lines.

2. The site chosen by the Committee at the latter station is approved.
3. The Acting Commander of the Forces is requested to call for and submit an estimate for the construction of lines for one regiment in the manner proposed in paragraph 6 of the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 992, above recorded; also separate estimates for the construction of drainage by the Public Works Department and for the purchase of huts which it may be necessary to clear away.
4. The lines should be so planned as to leave the proposed site for a second regiment available for future utilization.
5. The question of re-selling at least a portion of the land acquired by Government at Poodoopett will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Robertson Lieut.-Colonel;

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General, with three enclosures.

- " Controller of Military Accounts.
- " Public Works Department.
- " Revenue Department, with one enclosure. *and 5 of 1000*
- " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, } for information.
- " Sanitary Commissioner,

Exd. T. O'Connor and F. R. Bantleman.

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To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.
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