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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1879, No. 1316.

Transport—Land.

Read the following papers :—

No. 222. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 5th June* 1878, *No.* 267-3828.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, in continuation of this Office No. 172, dated 20th May 1878, with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that passage by sea and canal may be granted to the recruiting party therein alluded to, and that the sanction may be considered applicable to all future similar cases of movements of recruiting parties and recruits to and from stations in the Northern District.

From Captain D. J. S. McLEOD, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George; dated Bangalore, 31st May 1878, No. 1123.

The Officer Commanding (Queen's Own) Sappers and Miners having applied for passage by sea from Madras to Masulipatam for a recruiting party of the corps, I have the honor to request I may be informed whether the passages can be provided. The regulations provide, so far as I can ascertain, merely for rail passage of recruiting parties, but perhaps sea passage to Northern Ports may be allowed, as those ports are not at all accessible by rail.

The Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners has at the same time asked for passage of party by canal boat from Masulipatam to Bezwada and thence to Dowlaishvaram, but it is presumed that this cannot be arranged by this department, even if it is permissible under regulation.

No. 223. *With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, 15th July* 1878, *B.*

No. 224. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 7th August* 1878, *No.* 729-5911.

With reference to letter from the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mysore Division, forwarded to you with this Office endorsement, dated 5th June 1878, No. and subject as per margin, I have the honor, by order, to state that 50 recruits are required for the (Queen's Own) Sappers and Miners, and the Commandant is anxious to despatch a recruiting party to the Kistna and Godavery Districts as early as possible.

No. 267.

Forwarded, with His Excellency's recommendation that passage by sea and canal may be authorized for a recruiting party of Sappers and Miners proceeding to Bezwada and Dowlaishvaram.

2. I am directed, therefore, to request the orders of Government on the application for sea and canal passages for the recruiting parties to the Northern District, and for them and the recruits on return.

D.

Forwarded, with reference to this Office Report B, of 15th July 1878.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th August 1878.

(Signed) J. W. RIDEOUT, Colonel,
Offg. Controller of Military Accounts.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. 225. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General; dated Ootacamund, 23rd August 1878, No. 4351.*

With reference to the letter from the Quartermaster-General as per margin, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to enquire whether the facilities now afforded by canal will not meet the requirements of the case.

No. 729-5911, dated 7th August 1878.

No. 226. *From Brigadier-General R. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 21st August 1878, No. 899.*

With reference to your memorandum, No. 4351, dated 23rd instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that the facilities now afforded by the Buckingham Canal for the movement of troops between Madras and the Northern District are as yet unknown to this department.

2. Information on the subject will be called for, as well as to the relative cost of that mode of travelling as compared with the sea route.

3. But, as it will take some time before this information is collected, and there are recruiting parties which Commanding Officers are desirous of despatching as soon as possible to the Northern District, I am directed to request that, pending the receipt of the information, the sea route may be sanctioned.

No. 227. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Revenue Department; dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1878, No. 4270.*

The Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to inquire what are the present rates and time for passage by canal and by ordinary passage boat from Madras to Masulipatam.

No. 228. *Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dat. 12nd Sept. 1878.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1878, Miscellaneous No. 8967:—

Read endorsement from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 20th August 1878, referring to the Board, for report, memorandum from Government, Military Department, enquiring what are present rates and time for passage by canal and by ordinary passage boat from Madras to Masulipatam.

The Board have no information on the subject in their office as regards that portion of the canal between Madras and the Kistna, and believe that through communication has not yet been established,—the tidal lock at the lower end of the Commamur Canal not having been constructed. The Collector of Madras will be requested to ascertain if possible, and report what the fare is by ordinary passenger boat and the time required for the journey to the limits of the Kistna District.

2. As regards the Kistna Canal, the maximum rate of fare is fixed by the Rules at 1½ pies per mile (including one head cooly load of baggage) for the general cabin, and 3 pies per mile for the fore and aft cabins. They understand that the journey from Chinna Ganjam to Bezwada occupied about 1½ days and thence to Masulipatam about one day.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 229. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General; dated Ootacamund, 2nd September 1878, No. 4534.*

With reference to letter from the Quartermaster-General, No. 899, dated 24th August 1878, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to observe that information as to rates of boat-hire, &c., by canal from Madras to Kistna, should be ascertained by enquiry among Nellore boatmen at the Basin.

2. Information on the following points should also be furnished:—

What is the course usually taken by recruiting parties when they reach Coconada or Masulipatam?

How long do they remain in the towns, and how far inland do they march?

What is the relative cost of marching, or of steaming, and of passage by canal, which can now be used (by changing boats) all the way?

No. 230. *Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 13th Sept. 1878.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1878, Miscellaneous No. 9258:—

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 3rd September 1878, No. 271.

With reference to para. 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 8967, dated 29th August 1878, I have the honor to report that I learn from the Superintendent of Tolls, Cochrane Canal, that a budgerow-boat can be hired from Madras to Vettapaliem in the Bapatla Taluq of the Kistna District, up to which there is free communication by canal, for 60 or 65 rupees per trip, and a top boat for 25 or 30 rupees per trip.

2. Vettapaliem is stated to be about 240 miles from Madras. With a favorable wind, passenger boats can sail at the rate of four miles an hour. If the wind be otherwise, recourse must be had to pointing with poles, at the rate of 1½ or 2 miles per hour.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1878, Miscellaneous No. 8767.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Military Department, in continuation of endorsement from this department, dated 2nd September 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 231. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 19th February 1879, No. 1498.*

With reference to your memorandum, No. 4534, dated 2nd September 1878, I have the honor, by order, to report as follows:—

2. The course usually taken by recruiting parties when they reach Cocanada or Masulipatam, is to disperse inland over the district for considerable distances, sometimes up to 100 miles, in order to secure recruits. It is reported that Police recruiting takes so many young men in the vicinity of the towns, that the Military parties have to visit distant villages to secure recruits.

3. The time the men of the recruiting parties remain in one town or village depends upon their success, and the number of recruits they require. One or two weeks in each locality, and one or two months altogether, may be taken as an average. As before stated, they sometimes move as far as 100 miles from their starting point.

4. The relative cost of marching, of steaming and of passage by canal depends, as regards marching, whether or not a party is large enough to be furnished with a tent or tents. In this case the relative cost of movement and time occupied between Madras and Coconada may be estimated as follows:—

Between Madras and Cocanada.	Cost per Head.	Time occupied.
By marching	5 rupees	... 1½ months.
By canal	1½ „	... ¼ „
By sea	10 „	... 2 days.

5. The canal route is, on the whole, the best for recruiting parties.

No. 232. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1879, No. 1316.

The canal route for recruiting parties proceeding to the Northern Districts being shown to be the most economical and convenient, His Grace the Governor in Council directs that it be adopted in future, as far as may be practicable.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Quartermaster-General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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