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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th January 1867.

No. 430. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Passing orders on papers relating to the subject of encamping grounds to be kept ready for Troops at halting places in the Godavery District. } (Here enter 14th January 1867, No. 147.)

No. 431. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 204.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 147.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 28th August 1865, $\frac{468}{8584}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for consideration and orders.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Head Quarters, Waltair, 19th August 1865, No. 224 ; to the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

To the Collector, Godavery District, Waltair, 20th February 1865.

Requests to be informed if land has been set apart at certain stages (on the Trunk road) as encamping ground for Troops.

Informs that on a recent march of a body of British Troops, the ground was in some instances in a very dirty state, in others much confined through cultivation having been allowed to encroach, and brings to notice that in a Sanitary point of view it is most desirable that some supervision be exercised to keep such places of encampment at all times in a fit and cleanly condition.

Observes that the Police Lines at Toonee occupy a portion of the space available for Troops.

In consequence of Reports from the Officer Commanding the B Battery Royal Artillery, when on the march from Waltair in January last, regarding the dirty state and insufficiency of space of some of the encamping grounds between this and Bezwarrah, the Collectors of the Districts were addressed on the subject ; I give in the margin the substance of the letter to Mr. Fraser, Collector of the Godavery District, to which an answer was not received until the middle of July, and then only after a reply had been twice called for, *viz.*, on the 13th of April and 4th ultimo.

2. Mr. Fraser's letter, a copy of which is subjoined, having confirmed the impression that the Police Lines at Toonee occupied a greater part of the Encamping ground, he was on the 17th of last month, requested to state the circumstances under which the ground set apart for Troops, was allowed to be so used ; this information has not yet been afforded, and as nearly five months had elapsed before any reply was given to Major General Armstrong's first letter,* I deem it necessary to bring to His Excellency's notice the great delay that has occurred in obtaining the information sought for, and the apparent want of attention on the part of the Collector of the Godavery District to letters addressed to him on this matter.

* *Under date 20th of February* 1865.

3. I may here observe that, at the end of last year, the Acting Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division had an opportunity of seeing some of the places of Encampment on the Trunk road, in the Godavery District, they were not then in a fit state, and had evidently been much neglected.

From the Collector, Godavery District, Coconada, 10th July 1865, No. 221 ; to the Officer Commanding Northern Division.

With reference to your letter of the 20th February last, No. 68, I have the honor to state as follows, on the state of the Encamping ground for Troops in this District.

1. Ellore, the allotted ground is in good order.
2. Bheemadoll, do. do.
3. Nullacherla, do. do.
4. Yernagudiem, no place set apart for the encampment of Troops.
5. Pangidi, the allotted ground is in good order.
6. Rajahmundry, a piece of ground has been allotted but it is overgrown with bushes, &c.
7. Rajahnagram,
8. Juggempata,
9. Dharmavaram,
10. Annavaram,

   } The allotted ground is in good order.

11. Toonee, greater part of Encamping ground has been occupied by the Police Lines, &c., a small piece of ground is left for the encampment of Troops.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

31*st August* 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Forwarding to the Board of Revenue, for inquiry and report, the letter from the Officer Commanding Northern Division, bringing to notice the great delay that has occurred in obtaining certain information from the Collector of Godavery District, on the state, &c., of the Encamping grounds for Troops in his District.

} Here enter 6th Sept. 1865, No. 2119.

ORDER, No. 3419, 13th September 1865.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Dept.)

(True Extract.)

[Signed] W. Marshall Major

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

Rgd. A. W. Cooke.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector Godavery District... ... Here enter 20th November 1866, No. 31.

From the Offg. Quarter Master General..... Here enter 11th December 1866 No. 1098/3597.

From the Collector of the Godavery District, Cocanada, 20th November 1866, No. 31; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Order of Government noted marginally, on the subject of encamping grounds to be kept ready for troops at all halting places, I have the honor to state that at present my Acting Head Assistant is engaged in selecting these grounds at each halting place in this District. He is doing so now under my orders, because, by a letter from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division, dated 24th September last, I was informed that two regiments, the 24th and 27th from Vizianagram and Cuddapah, would probably pass through this District in January, and I wished to have the grounds all ready.

No. 4167 of 10th November 1865.

2. From paragraph 2 of the Government Order marginally referred to above, it seems to me that the grounds must always be available for troops, and to this end can never be cultivated. The minimum space required too is laid down as 800 yards square, or a trifle over 132 acres at each station. I beg to remark that hitherto in this District an area of sixteen to seventeen acres has been found sufficient.

3. Mr. Wigram has just shown me sketches of the ground selected by him at Rajahmundry and Rajanagram as samples, and I beg to point out to Government that the cost of acquiring and keeping in order these and similar grounds will be perhaps more than they are prepared to expect. That at Rajahmundry is all Government waste land in the vicinity of the Central Jail, and can be cleared of jungle by the Prisoners there. There need be, therefore, no outlay on this score; but there being no certain supply of water there, one or two wells must be sunk at heavy cost. The cost of the well in the Central Jail will give an idea of what this item of outlay will be. At Rajanagram, which may be taken as a good sample of the other halting places in the District so far as cost goes, about 70 acres of Zirayti dry lands now in cultivation must be occupied, for which, of course, the holders must be compensated as in the case of land taken for other Government purposes; and this will come to at an average about 2,500 Rupees at each station, besides the present charge for putting and the annual charge for keeping in order, and that of sinking wells at several if not all of the stations.

4. I beg to know whether Government are prepared to sanction this outlay, because in this case I can at once proceed to appropriate and put in order the several camping grounds. There will be ten for this District along the High Northern Trunk road.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

29th November 1866.

Referred for the observations of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department.)

1st December 1866.

From the Officiating Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 11th December 1866, No. $\frac{1030}{1037}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In returning the referred letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, dated 20th November 1866, No. 31, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit to Government, that His Excellency is still of opinion that it is very desirable that at each halting place, camping ground should be reserved for troops, and kept in a thorough state of cleanliness for occupation: and that the expense attending this, though it may in some places involve a rather large outlay, must necessarily be incurred by Government.

2. His Excellency directs me to add that he thinks it will be sufficient if the reserved area is fixed at a minimum of 600 yards square, instead of 800, as specified in letter from this Department, recorded in the Order of Government, dated 19th December 1865, No. 4668.

ORDER, No. 147, 14th January 1867.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Governor in Council observes that the only halting* places in the Godavery District, at which appropriate ground does not appear to have been already allotted, for the encampment of troops, are Yernagudiem, Rajamundry and Toonee. At the places named in the margin, the former Collector of the Godavery District states that the allotted grounds are in good order, and as their sufficiency has not been hitherto questioned, it appears to His Lordship in Council unnecessary to make further provision at present, unless additional waste lands in contiguity to the existing halting places are available for extending their space, without material expense to Government.

* *Vide letter from Collector, 10th July 1865, No. 221, recorded in Proceedings of Government, 13th September 1865, No. 3419.*

Ellore.	*Rajahmagram.*
Nullacherla.	*Juggempeta.*
Pangidi.	*Dharmasaram.*
Bheemadil.	*Anaveram.*

3. Adverting to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Mr. Fraser's letter above recorded, the Governor in Council observes that ground for encampment should, if possible, be selected in the vicinity of water, and not at such distances from it as to involve a heavy expenditure for sinking wells, &c., which is not contemplated by Government; neither need it be selected only in localities obtainable by payment of a high rate of compensation. Any suitable Government lands, not under cultivation, may be appropriated for the purpose, the villagers being required to keep it in a state of cleanliness in consideration of a right of commonage over it.

4. It is observed that when unavoidable circumstances necessitate the encampment of troops upon land under cultivation, the adjustment of claims for remuneration for injury to crops or other charges arising out of such encampment, is already provided for under regulation.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with copy of Proceedings of Government, No. 3419 of 1865. *& 10 spare Copies of Order.*
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General,... ...
" Controller of Military Accounts,
" Public Works Department,... ... } for information.
" Sanitary Commissioner,... ...

Asd. J. R. Cashart.

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Passing orders on papers relating to the subsidy of one camp kit to be kept ready for troops at bathing places in the Godalming District.—

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W. H. Cole

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