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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th October 1867.*

No. 278. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1867, No. 6,409.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th August 1867, No. 239.—

1. I have the honor, with reference to Mr. Cockerell's Official Memorandum of the 8th ultimo, No. 726, requesting a reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 14th July 1865, No. 82, (Board No. 4,001.) in which a report is called for on the inspection of halting places along the most frequented lines of march for Troops in the district, as directed in paragraph 10 of the Government Order, dated 22nd June 1865, No. 1,403, to state that, since the completion of the South-West and North-West Lines of Railway, the great trunk roads leading to Bangalore and Cuddapah have almost ceased to be Military routes. Small treasure escorts occasionally march by these roads, and preparation is made at the several halting places named in the route received from the Quarter Master General's Department.

2. When the 2nd Cavalry was en route to Arcot in the earlier part of the year, it was first arranged that the Regiment should march direct from Cuddapah by No. 11 Trunk Road. But on my representing that there was cholera along the line of march, that programme was abandoned, and the Regiment found its way through the district, partly by the North-West Railway, and partly by the old Road No. 13, which runs alongside of it up to Tirtani, whence there is a direct approach to Arcot *via* Sholinghur.

3. I know all the halting places along these several lines. At all of them, until within fifteen to twenty miles of the mountain ranges which forms the frontier between this district and Cuddapah, good water and encamping ground may be found. These roads are, however, traversed at certain seasons of the year by such enormous crowds of pilgrims on their way to Tirpathi and Kalahasti, that they are rarely quite free from cholera; and although railway travelling and better roads have greatly diminished the frequency and extent of these visitations, still there are occasional outbreaks of the epidemic, which no precautions or vigilance on the part of the local authorities could possibly avert.

4. Circumstanced as this district now is, the question discussed in the paper to which I am now replying seems scarcely to concern it.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 22nd June 1865, No. 1,403.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1867, No. 2,413.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.