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No. 62. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1867, No. 7,011.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkasi, 27th September 1867, No. 518:—

1. As directed in the Board's Circular, No. 82-4,001, dated 14th July 1865, I have the honor to report on the condition of the halting places for troops in this district along the line of road from Madura to Travancore.

2. Virdupati, a post town and Sub-Magistrate's station, twenty-nine miles from Madura, and sixty-six from Palamcottah, is the frontier town of this district; it contains numerous bazaars, but provisions are dear, and water, straw, and fuel very scarce. A large square tank has recently been dug in the centre of the town, but water has not yet been brought to it. The best halting place is a Tamarind tope near the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry about one mile north of the bungalow; a whole Regiment might camp here. Regimental followers might halt on an open space near the Roman Catholic Church; not far from the public bungalow there is a small river south of the bungalow and open ground south of the river, where troops might halt in cool weather. Soil black cotton, sub-soil limestone, water bad, shade scarce.

3. Vachakarapati, nine miles south of Virdupati, and half way to Satur; there is good water at a choultry a quarter mile east of the present road, and a disused avenue affords abundance of shade close by; soil back cotton; sub-soil limestone; but the old avenue was formerly gravelled, and the surface is hard and smooth. Supplies are hardly procurable here, and should be carried on from Virdupati or Satur.

4. Satur, eight miles south of Vachakarapati, is a Tahsildar's station and post town; has a good public bungalow; there are also several choultries; provisions are readily procurable, but dear, prices are high all along this road; there is always water in the river, but it is not very good, being much impregnated with lime and soda. Small detachments can camp on hard ground near a square tank adjoining the Perumal Pagoda, but a full Regiment must camp on the south side of the river, where there is a tope and open ground; the soil is black cotton, sub-soil limestone; shade scanty; there is a well of good water in the Cutcherry compound.

5. Covilpati, a post town thirteen miles south of Satur, a healthy spot, with a dry gravelly soil; provisions are easily procurable; there is a good bungalow here and a large choultry; and several Regiments might camp on the open ground close by; shade is however scarce; there are good wells in the choultry and in the bungalow compound, and a square tank supplied by a spring close by.

6. Edaseval, eight miles further south, has camping ground near the choultry. Soil black cotton, shade scanty, water indifferent; the choultry lies half a mile west of the road and is about to be repaired; the wells will then be cleaned out and improved; shade and water between this and Virdupati will shortly be more abundant, as large wells are being sunk at short distances, and trees are being planted around them.

7. Kytar, ten miles south of Edaseval, a Sub-Magistrate's station and post town, has good camping ground near a choultry; soil gravelly, water good; shade scarce; there is a bungalow here which has been recently thoroughly repaired; there are also two choultries; provisions are easily procurable.

8. Shadi Khan's Choultry, locally known as Pandarcolam Choultry, twelve miles south of Kytar; is some distance from a village, and supplies are not procurable, must be carried on from Kytar or Palamcottah; soil gravelly; abundant shade in the avenue, and plenty of good water in a square tank recently cleaned out and deepened; there is also a good well in the choultry. The best camping ground is on the open ground half a mile north of the choultry.

9. Palamcottah, eight miles south of Shadi Khan's Choultry; dry gravelly soil, abundance of good water, and space enough to camp an Army; shade scarce; supplies of every kind procurable, and cheaper here than elsewhere on the road; if marching northwards straw should be laid in here to last to the frontier of the district, and it would be well to lay in a small stock of provisions and fuel to fall back on in case of need.

10. Ponnagudi, six miles south of Palamcottah, has a tope near the Madam and several wells of good water; supplies are scarce, and should be brought on from Palamcottah or Nanguneri; the soil is mostly red sand.

11. Nanguneri, twelve miles south of Ponnagudi, is a Tahsildar's station and post town; the soil is dry and gravelly, and there is abundance of good water; supplies are easily procurable; the camping gound is near the bungalow, but there is very little shade.

12. Valliyur, eight miles south of Nanguneri, a large native town where supplies are easily procurable; the camping ground is by the side of the Perumal Pagoda; soil red sand; water is abundant; shade indifferent.

13. Panagudi, six miles south of Valliyur; there is a good tope near the bungalow and open ground close by; the water is good, and the soil mostly red loam; provisions are easily procured here.

14. These camping grounds will all be carefully preserved in the Settlement, and steps will be taken to level and improve them where needed.

15. A map of each village containing camping ground can be furnished to the Quarter Master General, when the survey of the district is complete.

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

2. The Board would suggest that Colonel Priestley be requested to furnish the maps, referred to in paragraph 15 of the Collector's letter, as each place comes under the operation of the Survey Department.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1867, No. 2,601.

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.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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