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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th January 1867.

No. 559. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating, to the Sanitary Commissioner, report from the Officer Commanding Vellore, on the several points brought to notice by Mr. Ellis on the Military Cantonment of that station. } (Here enter 24th January 1867, No. 274.)

No. 560. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1867, No. 268.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 274.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

No. 40.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for the information of Government, the report from the Officer Commanding Vellore, on the several points brought to notice by the Sanitary Commissioner, as called for in paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 18th October 1866, No. 3637.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *3rd January* 1867.

(Signed) A. DRURY, Major,
Dy. Quarter Master General.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

From the Officer Commanding Vellore, 30th November 1866, No. 529 ; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Centre Division, Fort Saint George.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 2705, dated 3rd November 1866, enclosing for my information and report, the Report of the Honorable Mr. Ellis, C. B., Sanitary Commissioner, on the Military Cantonment of Vellore, I have the honor now to notice such of the paragraphs in the report as seem to me to call for remark, but as the Town's Improvement Act has now been applied to Vellore from the 1st instant,* and as the Municipal limits include the Military Cantonment, it appears almost unnecessary to enter into the report on the conservancy of Vellore at any length.

* *Vide Fort Saint George Gazette, 30th October 1866, page 660.*

2. *Water supply.*—Paragraph 7, page 6 of the report comes first under notice, at the time of the Honorable Mr. Ellis' visit, the tank† was empty as nearly so, and such labor as was obtainable was at once set to the deepening of the tank, and clearing away of the silt deposit. Heavy rain however soon set in and completely filled the tank, putting a total stop until next dry season to any further improvement in this direction. The silt traps noticed by the Honorable Mr. Ellis, C. B., is, as he remarks, not sufficient for the discharge of water into the tank. The rain-fall in Vellore is usually in sheets and seldom ever is there a continued, regular, quiet fall, the consequence is that the pit overflows and a great quantity of silt deposit is carried into the tank.

† *Sooreagoontah.*

At paragraph 8, page 8, the Honorable Mr. Ellis remarks that there is no system of made drains for carrying off the sewage except in the Cantonment bazar during the heavy sheets above alluded to, the drainage appears nearly sufficient to carry off the storm water, and as there is no sufficient fall nor is there any means of flushing drains to carry off sewage, it appears to me that more drains are but a receptacle for such sewage and no benefit, they moreover are but further opportunities for nuisance, at all events until such time as a complete system of conservancy will admit of thorough supervision.

Paragraph 9 of this report is simply a quotation from my own letter‡ on the state of the conservancy of the Cantonment to the Honorable Mr. Ellis, C. S., and its substance is embodied in letters as per margin,¶ from Major Smart, formerly Commanding here, and from myself on this subject.

‡*No.* 289, *dated 23rd July* 1866.

¶*No.* 561, *dated 11th November* 1864, *to the address of the Brigade Major, Centre Division, Fort Saint George.*
Division No. 950, 10th April 1866. Quarter Master General's letter No. 6188 of 23rd April 1866.

No. 114, *dated 17th March* 1866, *to the address of the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.*
Division No. 609 of 20th March 1866. Reply from Quarter Master General, No. 3466, 28th March 1866.

No. 137, *dated 4th April* 1866, *to the address of the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.*
Forwarded with Division No. 1235, 14th November 1864. Letter from Quarter Master General, No 10309, 29th November 1864.

Paragraph 10 of this report is nearly correct. However, besides the gang of Prisoners the Staff Officer has daily latterly cleaned this bazar from the proceeds of a private voluntary subscription.

Paragraph 12. The slaughter yard and public latrines have long been a crying nuisance, and have been repeatedly brought to notice in the letters above marginally quoted, both slaughter yard and latrines were however daily cleaned up to the 1st instant, out of this private fund.

Paragraph 13. The site pointed out by the Staff Officer for a slaughter yard is available and will doubtless be taken advantage of by the Municipal Commissioners.

Paragraph 15. Places are not wanting for public latrines, the Municipal Commissioners will find no difficulty in this.

Regimental Lines.

Drainage of Lines defective.

Paragraph 19. The side drains have been deepened since the date of the Sanitary Commissioner's report under notice, and are kept clear. Hitherto no means for removal of the sewage from the huts has been available. In future its removal will be the work of the establishment sanctioned in G. O. C. C., No. 104 of 1866. Native Army Conservancy.

Conservancy.

Paragraph 20, page 9 of the Honorable Mr. Ellis' report in alluding to the bad state of the conservancy of the lines of the 6th Regiment Native Infantry remarks, "but from the quantity of litter lying about at the time of my visit it was evident that the work of clearing the lines is badly done." This is hardly fair upon the 6th Regiment Native Infantry, as the Honorable Mr. Ellis, C. S., visited the lines at, or before, 6 A. M., and he consequently could not expect to find that the sweepers had completed their work or removed the collection of rubbish of the past day and night.

Two letters, Nos. 108 *and* 118 *from the Commandant 6th Native Infantry, to the Deputy Asst. Quarter Master General C. D., asking for instructions about tolies in October and November* 1866.

As soon as a reply to the letters in the margin is received, the conservancy of the Regimental Lines will be carried out by the establishment sanctioned in G. O. C. C., No. 104 of 1866.

Latrines.

Paragraph 21. Two public latrines, each ninety yards in rear (west) of either wing should be built. These should be of brick in chunam for three feet from the ground, as with every precaution the ground there is liable to be overflowed, I believe there are standard plan and dimensions for this.

The sepoys have a garden but do not work in it.

Paragraph 22. The ground in question is in the Tausse braie of the Fort, a good situation but farther off from their lines than the men care to go.

Quarter Guard and Prison Room defective.

Paragraph 23. Not only these, but the whole of the place of arms is defective. The building is wanting in area, height and ventilation and light, and its roof is too old to be efficiently repaired.

A latrine required for guard room should be placed on the edge of the drill ground, 120 yards north of the guard room.

The regimental hospital latrine built in a style unsuited to the habits of natives.

Paragraph 25. It merely requires the removal of the present internal fittings to be well adapted for native use. It is roomy and well ventilated.

The conservancy arrangements of the hospital are defective.

Para. 31. When the establishment sanctioned in G. O. C. C., No. 104 of 1866, is formed, a sweeper and cart will be sent daily to remove the sweepings there.

The Officers' quarters should be provided with native latrines for servants.

Paragraph 85. In the case of those with very small compounds, the latrine should be outside and at a little distance. These latrines will be of little use, unless the Police force are instructed to prevent servants from committing nuisances in the places where they are used to do so.

Garrison Hospital.

Inspection report of Garrison Hospital by Dy. Inspr. Genl., Centre Division, 8th March 1866.
Letter from Qr. Mr. Genl., No. 3407, *28th March* 1866.
Endorsement to Qr. Mr. Genl.; from Centre Division, No. 1019, *17th April* 1866.
Endorsement from Qr. Mr. Genl., No. $\frac{87}{4336}$. *24th April* 1866.
The present Garrison Hospital is far beyond the wants of the station.

Page 12. Paragraph 36. This building has long been condemned, and is totally unsuited to the use it is at present applied.

Paragraph 45. The present garrison school is certainly much better suited for a hospital, and there is room sufficient elsewhere in the Fort, which, at a small outlay, could be made available for a school-room.

3. I have now, I think, remarked upon each paragraph of this report which requires the notice called for in your letter. The Town's improvement Act will be a great benefit to Vellore, as the conservancy of the cantonment is decidedly unsatisfactory, and the sum allotted for the purpose totally inadequate.

4. The Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th October 1866, No. 3637, received with your letter under acknowledgment, are retained by me, the same being required by the Medical Officer in charge of Garrison details at this station, and will be re-transmitted to you as early as practicable.

No. 3326.

Forwarded to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Cotacamund, with reference to his letter, No. $\frac{843}{3696}$ of 31st October 1866.

Hd. Qrs., Centre Division, Madras, *5th December* 1866.

(Signed) J. R. SMYTH, Major General, *Commanding Centre Division.*

Order, No. 274, 24th January 1867.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Adjutant General.
" Revenue Department. With 20 spare Copies.
" Principal Inspector General Medical Department, for information.

Extd. J. E. Cashart.

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Letter

Commenting to the Sanitary Commissioner, report from the officer Commanding Vallejo, on the several points brought to notice by Dr. Ellis on the Sanitary Condition of that station.

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