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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1867.

No. 369. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating to Commander-in-Chief Sanitary Commissioner's remarks upon the sites selected as cholera encamping grounds for certain Military stations, and requesting His Excellency's attention to the suggestion regarding distances from public roads of the several proposed encamping grounds. } (Here enter 18th February 1867, No. 594.)

No. 370. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1867, No. 469.

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. 594.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, 18th January 1867, No. 401 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit to Government the following remarks, upon the sites which have been selected as cholera encamping grounds for the Military stations as per margin, in the Madras Presidency. Plans of these proposed sites were forwarded to me on the dates marginally noted, by the Quarter Master General, in accordance with Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 2606, dated 13th July 1865.

(a) *Berhampore.*
(b) *Samulcottah.*
(c) *Vellore.* *Raepore.*
(a) *Vizagapatam.* *Vizianagrum.*

(a) *Plan received on 20th June, and the necessary information on the 17th December* 1866.
(b) *Plan received 11th July, and the necessary information on the 17th December* 1866.
(c) *17th December* 1866.

2. With reference to the camping ground proposed for Berhampore, the Officer Commanding writes so strongly as to its eligibility that it may, I consider, be sanctioned, although in one respect it is objectionable, namely, in consequence of its being bounded, on the Eastern side by a bandy road connecting two villages. It would be desirable that arrangements should be made for the closing of this road when the camp is occupied by troops labouring under epidemic disease. If this can be done, I think that Colonel Sturrock's suggestion that wells should be sunk in the vicinity of the camp should be acted upon. I think, however, that not less than two wells would suffice for the Native Infantry Regiment.

3. *Samulcottah.*—The camping ground chosen for this station is liable to the same objection.

A main high road runs close beside the proposed site of the camp. This defect may be remedied by fixing the actual site at a greater distance from the highway.

4. *Vellore.*—The site chosen for this place is of ample area, and I have by personal inspection satisfied myself that the ground has been judiciously selected, but I would direct attention to the necessity of closing the bandy track now running through it, should the ground be occupied by troops labouring under epidemic disease, and of compelling the carts to go by a circuitous route, so that they should not travel closer than within half a mile of the encampment, which they should pass leaving it to leeward.

5. *Raepoor.*—The space assigned seems insufficient and should be extended. For ordinary encampments, for Native Infantry Regiments marching, no less than 600 yards square should be allotted. But this space should be considerably extended for a cholera camp, where separation of the hospital and the wide disposal of the tents are indispensable to the fulfilment of the objects contemplated by the encampment.

6. *Vizagapatam.*—The site selected is not approved as it is only 120 yards distant from a public road. From an inspection of the plan, however, it appears probable that some other ground further removed could be made available.

7. *Vizianagrum.*—The situation chosen in this plan is decidedly objectionable, as it is only 160 yards from a public road; besides which the report on this ground states that this road runs to Bimlipatam, itself a town of some importance, and that the camping ground lies between two villages which are not distant more than 600

yards. The water supply also is rather distant and is probably resorted to by the inhabitants of either of these villages. This would defeat one of the objects of a cholera camp which is to prevent intercommunication between troops affected by epidemic disease and the general population: the ground is also insufficient in area.

8. It will be seen from the objections made, that the actual distances from public roads of the several proposed encamping grounds, do not seem to have received sufficient attention, and on this point I think it well to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that it would be desirable that the General Orders laying down the rules regarding encamping grounds, should specify that a distance not less than half a mile should be interposed between cholera camps and public roads or populous villages.

ORDER, No. 594, 18th February 1867.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department) and attention requested to the suggestion contained in paragraph 8, which should, however, only be considered absolute as to distance when a site can be procured in such a position in all other respects suitable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General,.....
" Controller of Military Accounts, ...
" Revenue Department, ... } for information.
" Principal Inspector General Medical Department,

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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