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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum-formation of a Museum in the Fort St. George-Proposal dropped-
papers-Recorded.

Back Papers.

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Further Papers.

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Chief Secy

L.P.A.

No. M.19/20

H.Q. Madras Guards (I),
Fort St. George,
MADRAS, 1 May 1946.



To:

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- The Chief Secretary to Government,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
MADRAS.
1. The lower room on the right of the entrance of the Officers' Mess in Fort St. George is being arranged as a historical museum. The room is being arranged as a historical museum. The room is being arranged as a historical museum.
2. The Government Museum, Madras, has a number of duplicate old weapons or other military ordnance which are not needed there. The Superintendent is agreeable to their being transferred to the Fort Museum, if you give permission.
3. May permission please be given for the articles in the attached list to be taken by The Madras Guards, A.F.I. on loan from the Government Museum, for the Fort Museum.
4. Early steps will be taken to formulate rules for the Museum for your approval.
5. The newly opened office of the Government of India Dept. of Archaeology in this Fort will co-operate in planning a permanent supervision of the Fort Museum. In the meantime, it will be controlled by the Officer Commanding The Madras Guards, A.F.I.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For Seal

COLONEL,
Comdg., The Madras Guards, A.F.I.

Copy to:

1. The Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras.
2. Dept. of Archaeology, Fort St. George, Madras.

8 MAY 1946

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I have discussed the matter with the S.G.I. and the Dy. Secy. of Archaeology, at the time of my visit to the Museum. This is an excellent idea and will serve the double purpose of providing more room in the Museum, by getting rid of duplicates and unwanted articles, and also of having a more appropriate house in Fort St. George. The S.G.I. can be asked to see the reference in the S.P.N. (u.o.)

12 JUN 1946

Government Museum,
Madras, 31st May 1946.

Ref. U.O. Note No. 2409, 02 Edn., dated 6-5-46
overleaf.

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There is no objection to the duplicates of arms and other military ordnance being given on loan for the proposed Fort Museum. A detailed descriptive list of the duplicates, etc. available is being prepared and will be submitted to Government, if Government approve of the proposed loan.

The rooms in which the Fort Museum is proposed to be housed are in need of slight structural alterations and repairs and the lighting will have to be improved.

We shall be glad to help the authorities of the Fort in the labelling and display of the loaned exhibits.

Superintendent.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Deptt U.O.

1417	Spears with cross bar 220 cm.	...	2.
1515	Spears w/o cross bar - 214 cm.	...	2.
1519	Spears w/o cross bars long-) 295 cm	...	2
1555	Halberds 196 cm	...	2
1565	Spear heads 59 cm	...	2
1589	Spikes - 195 cm	...	2
1620	Breast plates 45 cm	...	2
1623	Back plates 45 cm	...	2
1627	Helmets median crest Spanish) 22 x 19.5	...	2
1631	Helmets (bowl shaped) Diam:) 31.5 33.5	...	2
1641	Padlocks of Fort St. George-) Keys 3.2 to 34.5 -17 cm & 15)	...	4
1650	Petard.	...	1
1659	Spear 187 cm	...	1
1684	Arrows - 93 to 105 cm	...	6
1708	Battle axes - 83 cm.	...	2
1727	Chinese helmet.	...	1
1730	Chinese helmet.	...	1
1735	A gunpowder flask	...	1.
1737	A hand gun - 105.5 cm .	...	1.
1763	A blunderbuss - 96 cm.	...	1.
1787	A heavy gun - 153 cm.	...	1.
1799	A fusil constructed by Joyer 118 cm.	...	1.
1802	Pistol convertible into carbine) 78.5 cm.	...	1.
1804	A musketoon - 80 cm.	...	2.
1822	Grape shot - 56 pile.	...	1.
1824	Grape shot - 31 pile.	...	1.
1826	Grape shot - 24 pile.	...	1.
1829	Grape shot - 33 pile.	...	1.
1832	Grape shot - 23 pile.	...	1.
1834	Cannon ball - 44	...	1.
1838	Cannon ball - 30	...	1.
1842	A lead ball - 24	...	1.
1848	Stone shot - 26	...	1.
1853	Stone shot - 16	...	1.
1855	Stone Cannon ball - 59	...	1.
1856	Stone Cannon ball - 63	...	1.
1862	Stone shot - 11975	...	1.
1864	Chain shot - 81/5	...	1.
1866	Chain shot - 79/22.5.	...	1.
1868	Chain shot - 183/14.5	...	1.
1879	Cannon ball shaped like a cylinder) rounded ends - 24.	...	1.
1885	Model water cart	...	1.
1886	Model of a mortar on carriage) (no duplicate).	...	1.
1887	Model gun carriage	...	1.

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1889	State gun of Haider Ali and Tippu Sultan model.	1.
1890	Wall pieces shaped like mortar - 13 cm.	2.
1907	A gun - 146	1.
1912	Mortar - 35	1.
1914	A musketoon from Burma - 53.5	1.
1919	Cannon from Burma - 257.5	1.
1922	Cannon from Burma - 231	1.
1924	Trophy Dutch Cannon - 98.5	1.
1926	Trophy Dutch East India Co. Cannon 126.	1.
1933	Cannon from Tippu Sultan - 75.	1.
1938	Trophy Cannon from Trich. - 210.	1.
1942	Manila cannon - 188	1.
1944	Danish Cannon - 300	1.
1955	Cannon	1.
1968	A shield	1.
1993	Sword	1.
1995	Sword	1.
1996	Sword	1.
2006	Sword	1.
2011	Sword	1.
2014	Sword	1.
2043	Sword	1.
2086	Swords	2.
2193	Daggers	2.
2230	Spearhead	1.
2267	Spearhead	1.
2269	Spear end	1.
2292	Battle axe	1.
2300	Battle axe	1.
2307	Battle axe	1.
2309	Battle axe	1.
2314	Battle axe	1.
2326	Battle axe	1.
2341	Weapon (spear)	1.
2353	Bow of steel	1.
2356	Arrow	1.
2113	Dagger	1.
2377	Dagger	1.
2387	Mace	1.
2403	Elephant goad	1.

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Rough estimate for the formation of the Fort Museum
of Arms and Weapons.

1. Pay and Dearness Allowance of the watchman
@ Rs 15/- p.m from 1st July 1946.
8 x 31 - Rs 248.
2. Pay and Dearness Allowance of one guide
@ Rs 40/- from 1-7-46.
85+18 8 x 58 - Rs (464.)
3. Lump sum provision for mounting cannon
(11 Nos.) with suitable carriages and
for an artistic display of the following
arms and ammunitions.--

Spears.	- 20 Nos.	
Halberds	- 4 "	
Helmets.	- 6 "	
Petard	- 1 "	
Arrows	- 10 "	
Battle Axes	- 10 "	
Powder flasks	- 2 "	
Blunderbusses,		
musketoons and guns	- 8 "	- Rs 488
Grape shots and		
cannon balls.	- 20 "	
Trophies	- 3 "	
Shields	- 6 "	
Swords and daggers.	- 15 "	
Spearheads.	- 3 "	
Bow, mace and elephant		
goad	- 6 "	

Total. Rs 1,200.
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D. N. Ramachandra
Superintendent, (6.6.46)
Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Fort St. George.

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C. no. 24092/46. From H. Q. Madras
Guards Fort St. George. NO M 19/20

of 1-5-46

From the Supt. Archaeological Survey
of India, S. C. no.
40/1409 of 15-6-46.

Memo No. 24092/46 dated 6-7-46
Arms and weapons Museum
in Fort St. George.

The attention of the Supt.,
Arch. Survey of India, Southern circle,
is invited to the estimate of cost
for the formation of the Arms
and Weapons Museum sent with
his letter cited above. The pay
proposed for the 'Guide' to be
employed in the Museum is Rs 40.
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Guard may be fixed at Rs 35. plus usual dearness allowance. The watchman will presumably be paid from contingencies. In that case, his pay should be fixed with reference to market rates, so that pay and dearness allowance do not together exceed market rates.

It has also been suggested that either the Madras Guards or the Arch. Dept. should bear the expenditure on the maintenance of the proposed museum or at least share it with the Govt. The Supt. Arch. Survey of India is requested to offer his remarks on the above suggestions in consultation with the Commanding Officer, Madras Guards.

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to
The Supt.,
Arch. Survey of I.
Southern Circle,
" Commanding Officer
H. Q. Madras Guards
Fort. St. George.

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No. 40/1808
19 AUG 1946
Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Fort St. George, Madras 9.
Dated 16th August 1946.
17th
To The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,
Sub:-- Arms and weapons Museum in Fort St. George.
Ref:-- Your Memorandum No. 24092-C2/46-4 dated 6-8-46.

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I have been at some pains to contact, as desired, the Officer Commanding, Madras Guards, to offer you our consolidated remarks regarding the question of the formation and maintenance of the Fort Museum. In view of the impending disbandment of the Madras Guards, Major Rahm, the Officer Commanding, Madras Guards, is arranging an engagement with Brigadier Mackay, the Officer Commanding, Headquarters Madras Sub Area, for a settlement of not only the question of the Fort Museum, but also the problem of protection of places of historical interest in the Fort under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act. In view of the preoccupations on the military side, Major Rahm has not yet arranged the engagement with the Headquarters, Madras Sub Area. I shall be in a

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position to communicate to you our remarks in due course after I have met Brigadier Mackay.

Dr. Ramaswami
Superintendent 16-8-46
7/8-46

Copy to Major Rahm, Officer Commanding
Madras Guards, A.F.(I), in continuation of my
letter No. 40/1761 dated 6-8-46, with the re-
quest that the interview with Brigadier Mackay
may please be arranged early, and that he may
also be present to join in the discussion to
fix up matters.

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From the Supdt., Archaeological Survey
of India, Southern circle, No. 40/1808,
d., 17-8-46.

Arms & Weapons Museum
in Fort St. George.

Memo. No. 24092-5 C₂ Edn., 2, 8-10-46.

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'A' on 7.14 d. 7.

To
The Supdt.,
Archaeological Survey of
India,
Southern circle, Fort St. George,
Madras.

The attention of the
Supdt., Archaeological Survey of
India, Southern circle, is invited
to his letter read above and
he is requested to say when the
further communication mentioned
therein may be expected.

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Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle, Madras 9.
Dated 9th November 1946.

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Dear Mr. Visvanathan,

Please refer to your Department Memorandum No.

24092-5 C2-Education dated 8-10-46, which had escaped my notice. Brigadier R.J. Mackay, Officer Commanding, Headquarters, Madras Sub Area, is opposed to the idea of the formation of the Fort Museum, as there is no space for a museum now owing to the Manchester Regiment having moved into all available space in the Fort.

The protection of the places of historical interest in the Fort, a schedule of which was forwarded by Col. D.M. Reid to his higher military authorities, is, I must admit, progressing though at a snail's pace. Brig. Mackay wrote to me some time ago that he had referred the matter to Headquarters, Madras Area, for onward transmission to the General Headquarters, Delhi. I have since reminded him for the result. I have also requested the Director General of Archaeology in India to contact the Quarter Master General, General Headquarters, Delhi, and expedite matters.

It will thus be seen that while Brig. Mackay has no objection for the proposed protection of the

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scheduled places of historical interest in the Fort, he has definitely shelved the Fort museum project. Col. Reid, who is now at Norfolk and whom I addressed on the subject, has sent me his reply which, being very interesting, I am enclosing a copy of, for your perusal.

I should very much welcome your further advice in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

T.N. Ramachandran
Superintendent.

P.S. Visvanathan, Esq., ICS.,
Deputy Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Copy of letter from Col. D.M. Reid, O.B.E., Green Gates, Holt, Norfolk, dated 20th October 1946, to T.N. Ramachandran, Esq., M.A., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Fort St. George, Madras.

I am so sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of August 31st. I have been very busy indeed but that is never an excuse. The real reason is that I could not make up my mind what to do best for pressing on the proposal for a Fort Museum. I realise that with accommodation so difficult the military authorities would object to giving up the Officers' Mess Building. It might be better to wait until accommodation at St. Thomas Mount cleared a bit. I feel sure that permanent occupation of The Fort will not continue for ever. The Mount is a much better place. Maybe next year, or the year after, the Fort will be clear and the proposal for a Museum in the Officers' Mess building will come off. I don't expect the enthusiasm to come from the Regular army, or indeed from Europeans at all. I hope it may come from Indian gentlemen, which of course now includes Anglo-Indians and Europeans domiciled in India, - a very happy thought.

I am quite willing to write letters to people if it will do good, but I am inclined to think it might be better to wait and watch the situation, always keeping the object clearly in mind - to start the Museum directly it becomes possible.

Please let me have the latest news and your views. Please remember that the Army do NOT generally know what is going to happen. Politicians have a better idea. Therefore I would prefer to write to Mr. Prakasam, Prime Minister, if you agree, or to any other minister.

I expect you heard about the speech that I made at Blackpool, at the Conservative Party Conference. Though I got little open support in England, I had a lot of sympathy, and people thought deeply. I am deeply gratified at the attitude of the Press in India, both European and Indian. I had a cable of congratulation from the Editor of the Statesman, and such a nice expression of approval from Mr. Hayles, Editor of The Mail.

I hope the scheduling of buildings in the Fort has gone all right.

With best wishes,

/ True copy /

T.N. Ramachandran
Superintendent.

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Apr 1946

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ff 1-5 of CNo 24072 - From the Officer Commanding, The Madras Guards, A.F.I., letter
No. M 19/2 and 1.5.46
ff 2 of From the Sd. M. No. 823-1/46 A.R. 2.3.5.46
ff 7-9 of " 31977 - From the Sd. M. Archaeological Survey of India, No. 46/1409d 15.4.46
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Museum - Formation of a Museum in the Fort St. George
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~~2. The proposal for the protection of places of historical interest in the Fort is a separate matter and will be dealt with separately on receipt of proposal.~~

To
The Officer Commanding
The Madras Guards
A.F.I. Fort St. George
The Sd. M.
The Sd. M. Archaeological
Survey of India. SC.

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Government of Madras
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No.2406 Education dated 16-12-1946.

ABSTRACT.

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Museum-Formation of a Museum in the Fort St. George-Proposal dropped-Papers-Recorded.
Read:-
Madras Guards, A.F.I. Letter No. 12

From the Officer Commanding, The Madras Guards, A.F.I. Letter No. M.19/20 dated 1-5-1946.
From the Superintendent Government Museum, No.83-1/46-AR dated 31-5-1946.
From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, No.40/1409 dated 15-6-1946, No.40/14803 dated 17-8-1946 and Ms.No.2319 dated 9-11-1946.

ORDER:

RECORDED.
(By order of His Excellency the Governor)
P.S. Viswanatha Ayyar,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To
The Officer, Commanding, The Madras Guards A.F.I. Fort St. George.
The Superintendent Government Museum.
The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India,
True copy/Forwarded/By order.

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SUPERINTENDENT.

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From the HQ, Madras Guards, No.M.19/20, dated 1-5-46.

From the Suptd., Archaeological survey of India, S.Circle, No.40/1409, dated 15-6-46.

Arms and Weapons museum in Fort St. George. - Organisation

Please see the letter from the HQ., Madras Guards, at pages 1-5 c.f.; the remarks of the S.G.M., at page 2 c.f. and the D.O. from the Suptd. Arch.Survey of India at pp. 7-9 c.f. The S.G.M. states that there is no objection to the duplicates of arms and other military ordnance in the Madras Museum being given on loan to the proposed Museum in the Fort, and that he will send a detailed list of the duplicates etc. if Govt. approve the proposed loan. The Suptd. Arch. Survey, S.Circle says that his dept. will co-operate in supervising the Fort Museum. He has submitted a rough estimate ^{of cost} on the formation of the museum. The expre. amounts to Rs.1,200/-; it is proposed to employ one guide on Rs.40/- plus D.A. and one watchman on Rs.15/- plus D.A. The Suptd.'s idea apparently is that this Government should meet the cost of the new museum. The estimate of cost seems reasonable and may be accepted in this dept. ~~the proposals for the formation of the Museum may be approved.~~ Public (Military) And Fin. may see for remarks.

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Pub(military)/Finance.
Public(Military) Dept

This Dept. may agree with the above proposals and the file may be passed on to Finance.



M 20/6/46
A.C.S. Key
21/6/46

Pub(Military)
No 1688/46 - 13481343



The proposals to transfer the duplicate arms and other military ordnance from the Fort Museum to the Fort St George and to establish a Museum of arms etc. there. The ~~cost~~ of the Museum is proposed to be borne by the Government.

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[Served as Memo B 24092-52 ednd. 8.10.46]

216. 69861 - From the Supdt, Archaeological Survey of India, letter No. 178

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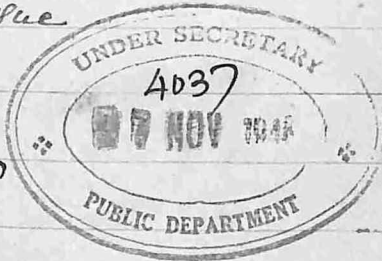
The formation of the Fort Museum is now dropped by the Mainly Authorities. The paper may therefore be recorded.

2. The protection of the places of historical interest in the Fort, which is reported to be progress of a small space, is a different matter and may be dealt with separately on receipt of ^{further} communication.

3. A draft order is submitted. May issue after perusal by Pub (Mil) and Fin.

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D.S. 25.11.46



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Pub (Mil)

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Public (Military) dept. Finance

This dept's previous notes are on p. 1 ante. Pages 17-19 C.F. and the drafts below may be perused and the file passed on to Finance.

E. & P. H. W. O. No.
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26-11-46.

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Pub (Mil)
No. 4037/46-1



(Previous note of Finance on pp. 1-2 above)

The note of E. & P. H. above and

the draft order may be perused and the case returned to E. & P. H.

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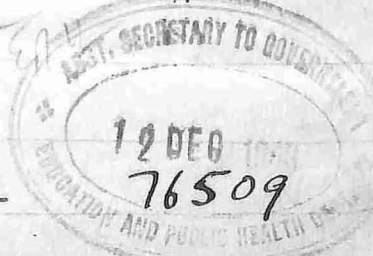
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