Educational (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No.s 193- 194

Dated 1- 4- 97.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Govt of India to reconsider its order declining to grant a plot of land ([illegible]) on the Esplanade, near Patchaiyappa's College, Madras, for a Students' hostel proposed to be constructed by Raja Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.

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CURRENT No. 112 Memo.

From

The Educational Department.

Order No. 492. Mis.

No. 95.

Retransferred to the Educational Department with the remark that as the site in question forms part of Military land and is not, therefore, under the control of the Revenue Department, the application to the Government of India should be made in the Department of the Secretariat concerned.

Lionel Davidson
28-1-97

Under ~~[illegible]~~ Secy to Government.

Fort St. George
27th January 1897.

Dated 15th January 1897.
Received 16th ,, ,,
Registered 16th ,, ,,
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Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Requesting the Revenue Department to address the Govt. of India applying for certain land for the site of a students' Hostel.

Recd. 29/1/97.
Regd. Enclos — 6 and 3 Reve. G.Os.

To the Educational Deptt.

with encls.

A.J.
28.1.97

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Current No 931

Office of the Madras Students' Hostel Committee.
100, Mount Road. 28th July. 1896.

UNDER SECRETARY
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From
The Joint Honorary Secretaries
Madras Students' Hostel Committee.

To
The Hon'ble The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
Ootacamund

G.O. R 436 Ed
21-7-96

Sir
With reference to G.O No 137, Educational, of the 9th March 1896, and paragraph 6 of G.O No 975, Judicial, of 6th June 1896, we are directed to express the regret of the Committee that the Municipal Commissioners of Madras should have declined to Grant for Rajah Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar's hostel the site in the People's Park specified in our letter dated 8th October 1896.

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No site, either in the People's Park or anywhere in the city, being available, the Committee, on mature consideration, is compelled to ask that Government will be pleased to obtain from the Government

=ment of India a reconsideration of their refusal to grant the site originally proposed on the Clear zone round ~~the~~ Fort St. George.

We have the honor &c.,
Sir
Your most obedient, Servants
J. H. Stone
M. Viraraghavachari
Honorary Secretaries

Educational Dept

Edl. 436 : 21-7-96 Rout
" 137 : 9-3-96 Mis (also)

Current No. 931

From
The Secy.;
Madras Students'
Hostel Committee

No. —

Dated 28/7
Recd 3/8
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~~EC 823/96~~

Edl. 1320
4-7-96

Encl. No. 1

R 436/96

Subject

Praying that this Govt may obtain from the Govt of India a reconsideration of their refusal to grant a site for Rajah Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudalliar's Hostel on the clear zone round Fort St. George

Refce. No. 1968
d/ 30-9-96.

The Committee's statement that no site is available anywhere in the City of Madras apparently refers to sites on Govt. land. The Committee is requested to report whether any suitable site is available on private land in the City, & if so the approximate cost of acquiring it.

Wt 17.9.96 18/9

To the Sec. M.S.H. Commee. (a.o.)

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Edu.l DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 931.

Site for Ramasami Hostel. –
(for orders)

(delayed, as references were in circ.)

H.M. ~~Lowe~~ & Hon Mr. Bliss

FOR ORDERS.

~~Let the order be to this effect~~

Perhaps the Committee's assurance that no site is available anywhere in the City will satisfy H.E.

J.G.
12/9/96

12/9/96

I am satisfied that no suitable site can be obtained on Crown land. But, I suppose a suitable site could be bought. If I am right in this supposition, the cost of such a site should be stated.

A.G.H.
16.9.96

The Committee shd be asked whether a suitable site could be bought & if so what it wd cost.

J.G.
23/9/96

25/9/96

done 30/9/96

Issue the refce on the back of the current

Wt 17.9.96

With reference to H.E. the Governor's note, flagged A, in G.O. 975. Ed. 6-6-96

Wt 11.9.96 11/9/96

Resubmitted for perusal of H.E. the Governor's note supra, dated 16.9.96. A draft reference to the Committee is put up on the back of the current for approval

Wt 17.9.96. 18/9/96

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

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To
C.N. 712

Enclosures.

Office of the Madras Students' Hostel
Committee, 100, Mount Road.
7th November 1896.

From

M. Viraraghavachariyar B.A.
Joint Honorary Secretary
Madras Students' Hostel Committee

To.

B. H. Chester Esquire M.A.
Deputy Collector, Madras.

Sir,

On behalf of the Committee of the Madras Students' Hostels I have the honor to request you to be good enough to furnish the Committee with a return showing the approximate marketable value of the site together with the structures on it situated within the boundaries noted in the Schedule given below. I beg to state that the information is required for the purpose of sending a reply to Government office memorandum No 1968, Educational, received by the Committee.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Sd) M. Viraraghavachari
Joint Honorary Secy.

Schedule

The site - with the structures on it - bounded on the north by the Appia Mudali street, on the East by Mint street, on the South by Magastha lane and the vacant piece of ground belonging to Govt. and on the west by Adam's Park.

(Sd) M. Viraraghavacha
Jt Ho Secy.

(True Copy)

No. 1298/D of 1896.

Madras
Deputy Collector's office.
7th November 1896.

From B. H. Chester Esquire,
Deputy Collector
of Madras.

To.
The Joint Honorary Secretary
Madras Students' Hostel Committee
100, Mount Road, Madras.

Sir. In reply to letter of this date, I have the honor to state that it is not usual for me to value lands for private individuals.

2. You say the information is required to reply to a reference from Government. Doubtless, the Government wants to have your own estimate of the value

3. When the Government makes a formal reference to the Revenue Department a valuation will be sent direct to Government.

4. I regret I do not see my way to giving you the information you need.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) B. H. Chester
Dy Collector.

(True Copy.)

J. H. Stone

M. Viraraghachari

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 4
To Current No.

Office of the Madras Students'
Hostel Committee.
13th November 1896.

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CURRENT No. 1339

From.

The Honorary Secretaries
Madras Students' Hostel Committee.

To.

The Hon'ble. The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Office Memorandum No. 1968 dated 30th September 1896, Educational, we have the honour, by direction of the Committee, to inform you that in our letter of 28th July 1896, we referred only to public sites as the Committee was under the impression that the purchase of a site had not presented itself to Government as a possibility.

Under this impression, we refrained from suggesting Adam's Park as a possible site, because it had been acquired by Government for a specific purpose comparatively recently although in itself it would from almost every point of view be a good site.

Should Government be prepared to spend money on a site we would suggest that the land measuring about 160 feet south to north and 330 feet west to east, and bounded on the ~~west~~ by Adam's Park, on the north by Appia Mudali Street, on the east by the Mint Street and lying behind the strip of unoccupied ground opposite the General Hospital, previously proposed as a hostel site by G.O. dated 29th August 1895. No. 721. educational, might be acquired. The site so formed, though not free from objection would, we think, answer the purpose reasonably well, though by no means so well as Adam's Park and far less so than the original Esplanade site or any site in the People's Park.

We requested the Deputy Collector of Madras to give us some idea of the probable cost of acquiring this land, but he has declined to afford us any assistance in the matter (vide copies of Correspondence enclosed) and failing him, we are at a loss how to arrive at an estimate of cost which would be of any value.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

your most obedient Servants.

J H Stone

M. Viraraghavachari

Honorary Secretaries

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos 931 & 1339 of 96

1 H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
2 THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
1 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Site for Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliar's hostel.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see Reference on Cuo. 931. In it the Madras Students' Hostel Committee was requested to report whether a suitable site could be purchased for Rajah Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliar's hostel. In Cuo 1339, the Committee suggests the land measuring 160 by 330 ft which lies to the north of the strip of unoccupied ground opposite the General Hospital & between Adam's Park and Mint street. The cost of acquiring the site is not reported.

The plot of unoccupied ground opposite the General Hospital was suggested as a possible site for the hostel in G.O. no. 721 Ed. d 29th Aug. 1895, but the Committee condemned it

After

The Committee were asked to report if any suitable site is available on private land & if so at what cost — approximately. They have fixed on a site in Black Town & though they think it is a suitable one, I don't think so. The objection quoted in the Note is sound. There would be many parts of Black [illegible] more suitable but the cost of any such site wd. be prohibitive. I understand the Committee to mean that no less costly site is available. They do not give us any idea of the cost of the site they have chosen & the building upon it, but considering the price we always have to pay for land in that portion of Black Town & the price we actually did pay for the site of Adam's Park, I am sure it will be very great

After stating that the site was not large enough, the Committee wrote that "the existence of a densely populated "Corner of Black Town in rear of the "proposed site would be enough to condemn "it. No one, who sees this quarter can, "we think, doubt that it would be "higly undesirable on both moral "and sanitary grounds to build "quarters for young men close along-"side it!"

These objections apply equaly well to the site suggested at present. The Committee thinks that, though not free from objection, the site would answer the purpose reasonably well. If the Govt approves the site, the Bd of Rev. may be asked to report the cost of acquiring it:

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Enclosure No. 5
To Current No. [illegible]

It is hardly worth while to ask the Bd of Rev for an estimate. If we do, we should ask for a general report as to what a site of the requisite extent and cost in any part of Black Town within a radius of say half a mile of Pachiappa's. Unless the G of I. will let us have the site on the Esplanade I am afraid the project will be given up.

JG

21/12/96

I should reject this site & try again with the G. of I. for the Esplanade site

6/1/97

Very well. Let a renewed application be made to the Govt. of India. I should like to see the draft.

A.S.H.

9.1.97

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Transferred to the Rev. Dept. thro' which dept. application to the Govt. of India shd. apparently go.

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

Memorandum. No. 95

READ the following paps.

From the Joint Honorary Secretaries, Madras Students' Hostel Committee, Madras, dated 28th July and 15th November 1896.

Transferred to the Revenue Department thro' which department application to the Government of India should apparently go.

Fort St. George.
15th January 1897.

Secretary to Government.

the Revenue Department.

was not
the Committee wrote

the Bd of Rev for an estimate.
If we do, we should ask for a

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G.O., 2nd February 1895, No. 65.

FEBRUARY.

Land comprised within the Military zone.

Stating that the orders of the Government of India will be requested as to the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over — around Fort St. George.

2nd February 1895, No. 65, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 383, Marine.

Abstract.—Granting the authorities of the Christian College, Madras, on certain conditions, the temporary use of a piece of ground on the foreshore near the Light-house Battery for a gymnasium, and directing, with remarks, that in future applications for land within the Military zone round Fort St. George be dealt with in the Revenue Department.

Read—G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 384, Marine.

Abstract.—Cancelling G.O., dated 11th July 1893, No. 238; stating, with remarks, that there is no objection to the suggestion of the Director-General of Military Works that while the land between the Fort and the sea is definitely declared to be Military land, it should remain in charge of the Civil authorities under certain arrangements, and accepting the definition given of "Military land."

Read—the following letter from Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd February 1894, No. 180-M.:—

The Commander-in-Chief having had under consideration the question of the boundaries of, and control over, the land in the vicinity of Fort St. George, which has, up to a recent date, been under the control of the Military Department, His Excellency desires me to submit the following remarks for such action as Government may deem necessary.

2. During the years 1891 and 1892 correspondence * took place between the Madras Government and the Government of India, in connection with certain building operations contemplated on the esplanade near Fort St. George, upon land which had been, from time immemorial, under the Military Department.

3. From this correspondence it will be seen that the Defence Committee, looking upon the preservation of clear esplanades as a matter of the greatest importance, recommended that such a zone as was considered desirable by the Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army should be defined, acquired if necessary, and strictly preserved.

4. As a result of this correspondence, the Government of India decided that the zone to be so preserved should be that defined in its letter No. 1751 M.W. of 20th June 1892, which is shown in red ink on the plan forwarded with Madras Government No. 1820 of 16th March 1892 (copies of which were ordered to be lithographed and distributed); and here it may be remarked that in this plan the zone embraces a much larger area than the glacis of the Fort.

5. In 1893, further correspondence † took place which does not, however, materially affect the particular point under consideration, although it may be noted that the decision of the Government of India (see preceding paragraph) as to the zone was said to be final.

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* Recorded in Proceedings of Madras Government No. 5204 of 22nd August 1892.

† Military Department No. 7521 of 5th November 1893.
Marine Department No. 3840 of 2nd November 1893.

6. In a Government Order * of the same date, however (Marine Department No. 383), Government directed that applications for the use of land lying within the Military zone round Fort St. George should be dealt with in the Revenue Department, unless the site was on the foreshore, in which case the Marine Department was to dispose of the matter. In either case the application was to be referred to the Military authorities before any orders were passed. These instructions were not to apply to the glacis of the Fort which was to be absolutely reserved for Military purposes.

7. It is to be noted that a distinction was here drawn, for the first time, between the land ordered by the Government of India to be preserved as a zone and the Fort glacis. It seems a matter for regret that this correspondence was not referred for the remarks of the Military authorities before the order was issued.

8. Further correspondence ensued, and in paragraph 2 of its order (Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 7767 of 24th November last), Government remarked that the zone round the Fort was merely fixed to define the limits within which no buildings are to be erected, and that the question of curtailing the limits of the Military land *under Military control* had not been taken up; yet by the previous action (noted in paragraph 6 *supra*) the control of such land had been, by a Government Order, taken from the Military Department.

9. This action seems to the Commander-in-Chief to require reconsideration and possibly reference † to the Government of India as, if the land in question is Military land, and it appears to be so (see paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 8), the control thereof should apparently remain with the Military Department, and the present arrangement (see paragraph 6 above) is not unlikely to lead to inconvenience, especially in view of the coming change in the relations of the Madras Army to the Government of Fort St. George.

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* Military Department No. 7520 of 15th November 1893.

† *Vide* Proceedings of Madras Government (Military Department), No. 1482 of 2nd March 1893.

No. 936.

No. 383, dated 2nd November 1893.
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Transferred to the Marine Department with reference to the orders in that department noted in the margin.

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Br.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
13th February 1894.
To the Marine Department.

ORDER—dated 2nd February 1895, No. 65, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

In accordance with the suggestion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the orders of the Government of India will be requested as to the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over land comprised within the Military zone.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
Copy to the Marine Department.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

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Letter, dated 2nd February 1895,
No 6.

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SOLICITING the orders of the Government of India regarding the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over land in the vicinity of Fort St. George.

2ND FEBRUARY 1895, No. 66, REVENUE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

THE HON'BLE MR. E. GIBSON, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT,

Dated Fort St. George, 2nd February 1895.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to solicit the orders of the Government of India regarding the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over land in the vicinity of Fort St. George.

Miscellaneous.

Military Department Proceedings, dated 22nd August 1892, No. 5204.
Marine Department Proceedings, dated 2nd November 1893, Nos. 383 and 384.

2. In its letter to the address of the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, dated 20th June 1892, No. 1751 M.W., the Government of India sanctioned the constitution of a Military zone round Fort St. George, as defined in the map forming an enclosure to this letter. It is understood from this definition that lands outside the Military zone, on which no buildings were formerly allowed to be erected without the sanction of the Military authorities, have been now released from such control, and accordingly this Government has in a recent instance permitted the erection of a Civil building on land formerly controlled by the Military Department, but not included in the Military zone as last defined.

G.O., dated 1st May 1893, No. 352, Revenue.

3. As regards the area within the zone, but without the Fort and *glacis*, His Excellency the Governor in Council directed in G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 383 (Marine Department), that applications for the use of this land should be dealt with in the Revenue Department, unless the site applied for was on the foreshore in which case the Marine Department should dispose of the matter; and that in either case all applications should, before orders were passed on them, be referrred to the Military authorities for remarks.

4. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, however, as will be seen from the Quartermaster-General's letter, dated 3rd February 1894, No. 180 M., questions the validity of the above Government Order, except as regards the foreshore,* and considers that the land in question being Military land, the control thereof should remain with the Military Department. The expression "Military land," in the sense in which it is here employed, has not been accurately defined, but it appears to mean land in respect of which the Military Department claims the following rights:—

(1) The right to grant or refuse permission for the occupation of all such lands, and to dispose of all applications for such occupation, whether for building or for other purposes.

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* Quartermaster-General's letter, dated 5th August 1893, No. 1485 M.W., printed in G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 384, Marine.

(2) The right to use such lands for Military purposes whether for buildings or for any other purpose without reference to any other department of Government.

5. It appeared to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the definition of Military land, given by the Director-General of Military Works in his letter to the Government of India, dated 20th May 1893, No. 939-C, viz., "land which should not be built on or used for any purpose without the assent of the Military authorities," was an equally comprehensive and more authoritative definition, and accordingly this definition was noted and accepted in G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 384 (Marine Department). It follows from this definition (1) that the Military land at present is neither more nor less than the land circumscribed by the existing Military zone, (2) that all such land is at the absolute disposal of the Military authorities for the exercise and encampment of troops and all similar purposes. The Revenue Department being, however, the general custodian of all Government lands not in the exclusive possession of any other department, appears to be that which, in communication with the Military authorities, should be in charge of the above land, but as it were, in trust for military uses; and the function assigned to the Revenue Department, in G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 383 (Marine), is therefore, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, technically correct. At the same time the distinction is not of practical importance, so long as both the Military and Revenue Departments are branches of the same administration. If, therefore, the existing Army organization were to continue, there would be no objection to all matters relating to Military land being dealt with, as indeed they generally have been in the past, in the Military Department. But in view of the impending change in the Indian Army system it seems to His Excellency the Governor in Council imperative that the function of the Revenue Department in relation to the lands in question should be strictly maintained. Nor is it possible that this Government should abandon all control over the open spaces within the Military zone, such as the esplanades and the island which, apart from their strategic value, have a sanitary importance as being the lungs of Black Town and Triplicane, the two most crowded parts of Madras. Unless such control is retained, His Excellency the Governor in Council apprehends that there will be nothing to prevent the Military authorities of the future from ousting the public from these open spaces or even perhaps from covering them with barracks and other military buildings. I am to request, therefore, that the ruling contained in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 2nd November 1893, No. 383 (Marine), may be confirmed, as also the definition of "Military land" cited in G.O. of the same date, No. 384.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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Govt. of {1895} Madras.

REVENUE.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 650, 25th September 1895.

SEPTEMBER.

Land.

Letter from the Government of India regarding the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over — in the vicinity of Fort St. George, communicated to the Marine Department, with remark.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department (Defences—Inland), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 2nd August 1895, No. 1972-M.W.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 66,* dated 2nd February 1895, to the address of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department, on the subject of the control to be exercised by the Revenue and Military Departments over land in the vicinity of Fort St. George.

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2. It is stated that as the Government of India defined in Military Department letter No. 1751-M.W., dated 20th June 1892, a clear zone of land to be maintained round Fort St. George, lands outside the zone are understood to have been freed from the control formerly exercised over them by the Military authorities, and that the Government of Madras are therefore at liberty to sanction the erection of any buildings outside the zone, although they may be in the vicinity of the Fort.

3. It is further stated that in their G.O., No. 383, dated 2nd November 1893 (Marine Department), the Government of Madras have directed that all applications for the use of land lying within the zone referred to above, but without the Fort and Glacis, should be dealt with in the Revenue Department, unless the site applied for was on the foreshore in which case the Marine Department should dispose of the matter; and that in either case all applications should, before orders are passed on them, be referred to the Military authorities for remarks.

The validity of this order having been questioned by His Excellency the late Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, who was of the opinion that the land in question being military land, the control thereof should remain with the Military Department, it is explained that it is understood that the military land round Fort St. George is neither more nor less than the land circumscribed by the existing military zone, and that such land is at the absolute disposal of the Military authorities for only such purposes as the exercise and encampment of troops, while the Revenue Department, which is the general custodian of all lands not in the exclusive possession of any other department, should, in communication with the Military authorities, be in charge of the land, but as it were in trust for military purposes. The function assigned to the Revenue Department in respect to the land in question is accordingly held to be technically correct, and the strict maintenance of this function is represented to be necessary owing to the change in the organisation of the Indian Army and also in order that the Government of Madras may not abandon all control over the open space within the zone.

It is therefore requested that the instructions issued in G.O., No. 383, dated 2nd November 1893, may be confirmed, as also the definition of the term "Military lands" as understood by the Government of Madras.

4. In reply, I am to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that in defining a clear zone to be maintained round Fort St. George, it was the intention of the Government of India that the boundary line so laid down should merely mark the limit within which no buildings should be built, except such as may

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* Plan showing the zone of land round Fort St. George returned herewith.

be intimately connected with the defences of the Fort and town and absolutely necessary for the protection of the same; but it was not intended or implied that the lands outside the zone and in the occupation of the Military Department should be removed from the control of the Military authorities, nor that buildings should be erected on military lands outside the zone without the previous concurrence of the Government of India in the Military Department being obtained, as required by Government of India Resolution No. 557-M.W., dated 20th February 1894.

5. As regards the function assigned to the Revenue Department in G.O., No. 383, dated 2nd November 1893, in respect to land within the zone, but without the Fort and Glacis, I am to state that it appears to the Government of India to be immaterial in what department the Government of Madras may decide to deal with questions affecting lands in the occupation of the Military Department or otherwise held for military purposes, provided that, in accordance with the ruling in Military Department Resolution No. 2407-M.W., dated 22nd August 1892, the previous sanction of the Government of India in the Military department is always obtained to the occupation or use of the land by other departments of the State or by any corporate bodies or by private persons, and that proposals involving the erection of buildings are invariably dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in Military Department Resolution No. 557-M.W., dated 20th February 1894.

G.O. 1482
2-3-95

6. I am to add that in view of the above remarks the Government of India do not consider it necessary to enter into a general definition of the expression "Military lands."

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Endorsement.

Copy forwarded for information to the Revenue and Agricultural Department with reference to that Department's endorsement No. 1491–90, dated 24th May 1895; the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras; the Director-General of Military Works.

(Signed) E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 650, Revenue, dated 25th September 1895.

Land Revenue No. 33.

Communicated to the Marine Department.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that when considering any proposals for the permanent occupation of any part of the military lands outside the Fort and Glacis, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces will be prepared to refer such proposals for the opinion of this Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.
" H. E. the Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.
Copy to the Public Department.
" " Public Works Department.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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Land for the site of a Students Hostel.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Current No. 112 of 1897, dated 29th Jany from the Rev. Dept.
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His Excellency the Govr.

H.M. (approval)

(This Irepet today has been considerably delayed since return from Rev. Dept. owing to the inability of the office to find out the proper mode of correspondence. Certain orders of 1894 Milty Dept. no 557 d 20/2/94 which related to the period before the abolition of the Madras Army were believed still to operate.

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The following letter will be ~~[illegible]~~ addressed to the ~~Govt. of I. Military~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Govt. of India ~~Dept., thro' the Dy. A. G. Madras~~ ~~Command~~. (from orders)

S. R. (8/3)

No. 194 [illegible] 1/4/97

~~Letter~~ to Secy. to Govt. of India ~~[illegible]~~ Mil. Dept.

The ~~Secretary to the G. of I.~~ ~~Deputy Adjt. General~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Military Dept.~~

Sir,

I am directed to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~address~~ address you on ~~[illegible]~~ ~~you again on~~ the subject of the grant of a site on the esplanade, Madras, for the erection of a students' hostel.

~~[illegible]~~

A X G.O. 13 Augt 1894 no 5018 Mil. Dept
B 4 Oct 94 no 6154 " "
From the Lt. Gen. Comdg. no 1779 M. Defences Inland d 28 June 95
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(vide G.O. 13 Augt 94)

2 In Col. McLeod's letter no 5018 Military, d 13th August 1894 the Govt. of India ~~[illegible]~~ was informed ~~Stated~~ that Rája Sir Savalai Rámaswámi Mudaliar had ex-

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pressed his willingness to construct at his own expense at a cost of Rs 50,000 a hostel for Students attending the Colleges in Black Town, provided a free site near Pachaiyappa's College was given for the purpose; & their ~~and~~ sanction ~~of the Govt~~ of I. was ~~asked~~ solicited for the grant of a plot of military land situated to the ~~N. W.~~ northwest of Fort St George and south of the China bazar road and between the Ordnance lines and the Police station.

~~In Lt Austin's letter no. 2772 M.W. d 20th Sept. 94 this Govt was requested to submit the proposal in accordance with the procedure laid down in Military Dept. Res no. 557 M.W. d 20th Feb. 1894; the application was accordingly resubmitted in the prescribed manner and~~ It will appear however from ~~in~~ Capt Mullaly's letter no 1398 M.W. d 4th June 1895 addressed to the Secy to the Def. Comll, a copy of which was communicated to this Govt, that the Govt of I. ~~declined~~ was unable to sanction the grant of the proposed site.

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Since then several attempts have been made to secure a site

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for the hostel but ~~in vain~~ without success & H.E. the Govr has satisfied himself that no suitable site either on Govt or on municipal land is available; and the cost of acquiring one in Black Town under the Land Acquisition Act is entirely prohibitive.

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In these circumstances I am desired to request that ~~H.E.~~ the Govr Genl will be ~~pleased to reconsider~~ pleased to reconsider his previous decision and ~~sanctioning~~ agree to sanction the grant of the proposed site. Should the site be not granted a most generous offer ~~[illegible]~~ for providing a much required hostel for students ~~will~~ may have to be given up.

the case again before the Govt of India in view of the re-consideration of H.E. the Govr in C. of Ge.

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To the Secy to the Govt of India
Military Dept

Despd 7/4/97

Note.

The application is to be sent to the Quarter Master General in India, who will submit it to the Govt of I., either direct or thro' the Defence Committee. The former application was submitted thro' the Defence Committee.

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