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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 3rd July 1860.

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, dated 26th June 1860, No. 2,337.

Communicating, with a view to the necessary references being made on the subject, a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, requesting sanction to certain arrangements in order to afford the Officer Commanding the European Regiment in Fort St. George, means of instructing his men in Rifle Practice.

(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 26th June 1860, Nos. 146 and 147.)

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1860, No. 828.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police and to the Government Solicitor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 18th June 1860, *No.* 210; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to request the sanction of Government to the following proposed arrangements, in order to afford the Officer Commanding the European Regiment in Fort Saint George, permanent and suitable means of instructing his men in Rifle Practice.

2. Landon's Gardens, the property of Government, can contain two Companies. But there is not sufficient accommodation for Officers. These will have to be provided in a house immediately in rear, at a cost of 120 Rupees a month, and capable of containing five Officers.

3. The ground to be used for the Practice is within a very short distance of the house in a westerly direction. The extent required is 1600 yards by 400. It has been surveyed by this Office and found eligible. It is covered with brush-wood, and is but little cultivated. I have for some time been in communication with the Collector in regard to the land, and His Excellency has arrived at the conclusion, that it will be best to take it under the Act.

4. His Excellency does not propose to send the families with the men, who would be relieved at short intervals.

5. The Garrison Engineer estimates the cost of this arrangement as follows:—

Clearing the Ground	Rupees	50
Repairs to Cook-rooms	„	100
Magazine	„	200
Three Butts	„	700
Privies	„	50
Total Rupees		1,100.

Add to this the monthly rent of 120, which rate is fixed by the Proprietor, on the understanding that his house will be rented permanently by Government as long as the Soldiers are kept at Landon's Gardens.

6. It is necessary that two Companies be sent out at one time, otherwise the instruction of the entire Regiment could not be effected without great delay; and it is important that there should be no delay that can be avoided, at least so far as regards Her Majesty's 43rd.

7. His Excellency has considered the eligibility of Pulicarny, Poonamallee, Palaveram and Arcot, but none of these places afford the same convenience of proximity to Head Quarters.—At none of these places but Pulicarny and Palaveram, are there Butts. The house at the former place is rated at 500 Rupees a month, and the Quarters at Palaveram only hold one Company. Poonamallee has no ground nearer than three miles, and has no accommodation, unless the families of Her Majesty's 44th are sent to Palaveram, which could not be done for less than 1,500 Rupees. Financially therefore, as well as conveniently Landon's Gardens is the best place.

8. I enquired of the Barrack Master whether the cost of the occupation of the hired house, would not entirely or nearly be met by the saving in Officers house rent allowance, but he replies as follows.

"At the present moment four Ensigns attached to Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment are "residing outside the Fortress who do not forfeit house rent, and several of the Officers of the "Regiment are doubled up."

"The rent of extra Quarters will necessarily therefore be attended with expense as the "amount then recovered from the four Ensigns will not be equivalent to that of the five Officers "of the Companies proceeding to Landon's Gardens."

9. Regarding the condition on which the Officers house can be hired by Government, I am directed to say, that there is no doubt that terms can be agreed upon, with the proprietor, which will suit Government and him. The proximity of the house is of the utmost advantage, and should certainly be made use of.

10. It will be necessary, that every Regiment that occupies the Fort should have access to the Practice Ground, and therefore, the arrangements now proposed, if sanctioned, have every prospect of being permanent, should Landon's Gardens be not made use of for other purposes.

ORDER, No. 2337, *26th June* 1860.

Before passing orders on the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council wishes to be informed whether it has been ascertained that no objections will be offered to the proposed arrangement by the Police, or Supreme Court, within the limits of whose jurisdiction, the Rifle Practice is proposed to be carried on, the Quarter Master General's letter will accordingly be communicated to the Judicial Department, with a view to the necessary references being made on the subject.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Judicial Department. *With 3 spare Copies*

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Copy with Min. to the necessary References being made on the subject as desired from the Quarter Master General Dpt. Acct. 7 Regt. Brig Landon Gdns. to be used as Practice Ground for the Rifle Corps to attend. Police Court for the purpose. Regt. Brig. Landon Gdns. meant Spring Brig. Exhibition Rifle Practice.

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With an Order

Nº 828 – 3d July 1860 –

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The Com. of Police with the Govt. Solicitor.