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Government of Madras.

Juridical DEPARTMENT.

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***Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd July 1867.***

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 19th June 1867, No. 2236.

Communicating letter from the Officer Commanding Mangalore, stating his reasons for objecting to the erection of a Police Magazine in the Mangalore Cantonment. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 19th June 1867, Nos. 481 & 483.)

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1047.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.
(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
*Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police, with two Enclosures.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Chief Secretary to Government..... Here enter 7th May 1867.
Memo. from the Quarter Master General..... „ 3rd June 1867, No. ⁴⁵⁰/₃₈₀₃.

From the Inspector General of Police, Madras, 26th April 1867, No. 700; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence, and trust that Government will over-rule Colonel Dobbie's objection.

2. I know the spot well, there can be no reasonable objection to the construction of a small magazine, and it must at once be obvious that all ammunition at a station should be so located that it is under Military observation, and can at once be taken under the protection of the Military in case of exigency.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range, Mangalore, 6th April 1867; to the Inspector General of M. Police, Madras.

1. I have the honor to forward a letter from the Officer Commanding Mangalore, in reply to one from me, asking if he had any objections to a small magazine for Police Reserve ammunition being erected on the parade ground near the present Military magazine.

2. Till the 14th Regiment came to Mangalore, the Superintendent had been permitted to lodge his ammunition in the Military magazine of the Native Regiment, but owing to want of space, this was put a stop to, and what ammunition there then was, had to be removed to Pootoor, in which magazine it soon became destroyed by white-ants and damp.

3. This was in April 1865—since which period the District Force has neither had blunt nor ball practice ammunition firing.

4. To obviate this hazardous state of things, I had intended to have entered in this year's budget, a sum sufficient to have enabled us to erect a small magazine for ourselves.

5. The only available or proper site would of course be in the vicinity of the magazines now existing in the station, but to this, as you will observe, Colonel Dobbie objects on "Military and other grounds."

6. It is scarcely my province to ask him for an explanation of his objections, but it seems to me this might be done through the Military Authorities, by whom they might possibly be overcome.

From the Officer Commanding Mangalore, 29th March 1867, No. 65; to the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range.

In reply to your letter No. 44, dated 27th March 1867, I have the honor to state that I object to a Police magazine being erected in any part of the Cantonment, for Military and other reasons.

Referred, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for His Excellency's remarks.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

7th May 1867.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Quarter Master General's Department.
10th May 1867.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 3rd June 1867, No. ⁴⁵⁰/₃₈₀₃; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded for submission to Government, in reply to the reference from the Inspector General of Police, received under the Military Secretary's docket, dated 10th May 1867.

2. The Commander-in-Chief considers that the Officer Commanding Mangalore has offered very reasonable grounds for objecting to the construction of the magazine, for the reserve ammunition of the Police, on the spot selected by the Deputy Inspector General,—and His Excellency would not recommend that Colonel Dobbie's objections should be over-ruled.

3. The correspondence under reply is herewith returned.

From the Officer Commanding, Mangalore, 25th May 1867, No. 109; to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

From Officer Commanding Mangalore, to Deputy Inspector General of Police, No. 65, dated 29th March 1867.

From Deputy Inspector General of Police, to Inspector General of Police, dated 6th April 1867.

From Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 700, dated 26th April 1867.

Order of Government, dated 10th May 1867.

I have the honor, with reference to your docket, to the address of the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division, No. 333, dated 13th May 1867, with enclosures as per margin, which are herewith returned, to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with his desire, my reasons for objecting to a Police Gun Powder Magazine being erected within the precincts of the Military Cantonment at Mangalore.

II. I forward enclosed the original letter from Captain Drever, Deputy Inspector General of Police, No. 44, dated 27th March 1867, requesting to be informed if I had any objection to the erection of a magazine, for Police Reserve ammunition on the parade ground near the Garrison Magazine, to save further reference, I thought it desirable to state at once that I objected to the proposed magazine being built in any part of the Cantonment "for Military and other reasons," which are the following.

III. The space in the Cantonment of Mangalore, as will be observed from a tracing of the map I enclosed, is very limited, and the spot proposed by Captain Drever is in the very heart of the Cantonment and surrounded by houses occupied by the Officers of the Garrison, and the public buildings, the barracks being only about 100 yards from the magazine in which is stored all the ammunition of the troops in garrison, as well as the reserve ammunition—an ill feeling was for some time past existed between the men of the 14th and the Police, in consequence of a man of the former having met with his death from a blow inflicted by one of the Police, during a festival, I therefore do not consider it politic, considering the isolated position of Mangalore for several months in the year, (during the monsoon) to place my own magazine in a position that might be injured or destroyed through malice, carelessness, or accident, by the destruction of one adjoining, in which case, besides the loss of my officers, I should be left without arms or ammunition. It is not needful in the least to erect the magazine within Military precincts, as there are several eligible sites for a Police Magazine elsewhere, having this advantage, that should an accident occur to one, the other magazine would escape, which would be impossible were it built on the site proposed by the Deputy Inspector General of Police. This ground is already too small for the purpose it is used for, i. e., the drill of the recruits. On the Garrison parade ground I have no room as it is barely sufficient for the manœuvring of the troops in garrison.

IV. It might be inferred from the 2nd paragraph of the Deputy Inspector General of Police's letter, that difficulties had been thrown in the way of stowing the Police ammunition in the magazine since the arrival of the 14th at Mangalore, this is a mistake. I am not aware and do not see how it was possible that the Police Reserve ammunition could have been kept in the magazine previous to the arrival of the 14th as the building was then only half the size it is now, and it is now only just sufficiently large to store the ammunition of the Native Regiment and Artillery in Garrison. On the arrival of the Superintendent of Police (Captain Jenkins) at this station, he requested me to allow a few barrels of cartridges which were kept in the Police Office to be stowed in the magazine, although pressed for room, I at once complied with his request, and from that time to this, he has kept a small supply there. I could not make room for the whole of his reserve ammunition, simply on account of their being no room. I have as far as has been in my power endeavored to carry out the instructions of His Excellency, conveyed in "extract from a letter from the Adjutant General to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 27th August 1866, No. 433."

ORDER, No. 2236, 19th June 1867.

Communicated to the Judicial Department, with the expression of the Governor in Council's concurrence in the view taken by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in paragraph 2 of the memorandum from the Quarter Master General, above recorded.

(True Extract.)

William Hamilton Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department, with two enclosures. *75 June 1867*
Quarter Master General.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

