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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 31ST JULY 1891, No. 4235.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Defences—Coast.

Read the following paper:—

No. 193. From Brigadier-General HUGH P. PEARSON, C.B., Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 27th May 1891, No. E/13-C.

In accordance with the instructions contained in para. 2, Government of India, Military Department, No. 2045 M.W., dated 7th October 1889, embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 7564, of the 1st November 1889, I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, herewith, two copies of a revised scheme of defence for the port of Madras prepared by the General Officer Commanding with the assistance of Captain Bowyer, R.E., on the lines of that for Calcutta, and am directed to make the following observations thereon.

(a) The Port Officer should be authorised to charter such number of vessels as might be required and the armament together with all fittings required for placing the guns, &c., should be kept in the arsenal, Fort St. George.

(b) On the declaration of war, the General Officers Commanding Singapore and Ceylon should be instructed to make every endeavour to obtain information regarding the enemy, and wire the same direct to the General Officer Commanding Madras District. The General Officer Commanding Rangoon will be instructed to do so under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

Part IV., page 7.

(c) The iron tanks required for storing water for drinking and cooking purposes should be procured by degrees and kept in readiness.

Detailed Scheme No. 4, page 17.

(d) Submarine torpedoes to protect the mouth of the harbour and a search-light for each patrol vessel are now recommended and will have to be obtained and kept at Madras. Estimates will be called for if the recommendation is approved.

Detailed scheme No. 6, pages 19 and 20, paras. 6 and 8.

- (e) The proposal of the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, to store all instruments required in connection with the proposed telephone lines at Calcutta, is undesirable.

Page 22, para 6.

These instruments should be kept at Madras or at some inland station easily accessible, care being taken to prevent their deterioration.

2. I am to urge the necessity for early provision being made for the electric search-light on shore.

3. As it was not thought worth while to delay the papers for the purpose of obtaining Captain Bowyer's signature to that portion of the scheme for which he was responsible, Part IV., page 12 of it has been left unsigned.

4. I am also desired to report, for the information of Government, that the proposed rehearsal of the scheme of defence for Madras could not be carried out last year owing to the preparations connected therewith not having been completed before the annual grant sanctioned by Government for that purpose had lapsed.

So important, however, does the Commander-in-Chief consider that a complete and exhaustive rehearsal should be carried out this year, that if His Excellency's application (which is about to be forwarded) for a special extra allotment for this purpose cannot be granted, it will be proposed to devote about Rs. 10,000 out of the Rs. 15,000 granted this year for field manoeuvres to the carrying out of a rehearsal for the defence of Madras.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1891, No. 4235.

The several recommendations made by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in the foregoing letter in regard to the revised scheme for the defence of the port of Madras meet with the approval of Government.

2. The question of the provision of a shore search-light will be submitted for the orders of the Government of India with reference to the observations of the Defence Committee as communicated in para. 9 of their Secretary's letter, No. 311, dated 19th September 1889, embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 7564, dated 1st November 1889.

3. In Proceedings of Government, No. 128, dated 8th January 1891, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was informed, in the Quarter Master General's Department, that the Government of India did not consider it necessary to make any provision for coast defence rehearsals in the budget estimate for 1891-92. The communication referred to in para. 4 of the Adjutant-General's letter having been received from the Quarter Master General, the Government of India have been separately addressed in view to the utilization by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the sum of Rs. 10,000, out of the sum of Rs. 15,000 granted this year for camps of exercise, to the carrying out of a complete rehearsal of the defence of the port of Madras.

4. Copies of the revised scheme will be furnished confidentially to departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Military Departments in this Presidency with the remark that the Government desires the hearty cooperation of all concerned in carrying out the plan of defence.

5. It is hereby ordered that the scheme and all papers connected with it are to be treated as "strictly confidential" and that a register shall be kept of the number of copies received and issued so as to ensure that they cannot be reproduced without special permission.

6. This resolution and the Adjutant-General's letter together with its accompaniment will be forwarded for the consideration and orders of the Government of India.

No. 195. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 31st July 1891, No. 4236.

(True Extract.)

Alteney Herbert
Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General,
" Quarter Master General,
" Inspector-General of Ordnance,
" Commissary-General,
" Superintendent, Army Clothing,
" Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras,
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
" Chief Engineer, Military Works, Madras Command,
" Superintendent, Government Telegraphs,
" Controller of Military Accounts,
" Judicial Department,
" Marine "
" Public "
" Revenue "
" Public Works Department,
" Public Works Department, Railway Branch,

with copies of the scheme.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

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To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 31st.

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Three copies of scheme

G.O., 31st July 1891, No. 4235.

JULY.
Nos. 193-195.

Defences-Coast.

Forwarding to Government of India, with re-
marks, copies of revised scheme of defence of the
Port of Madras.

Order. 7.20.8.91. No. 1656
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Commissioner of Police Madras
in continuation of G.O. No. 84
7.22.7. January 1889

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G.O. 21/8

Mr
The return of the copies noted
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G.O. and the copy of the scheme
enclosed in it. As there will also
be a copy of each in Public & a
copy of each in Marine this will
amply suffice, it is submitted
for record purposes

CS

R 20/8

Most humbly Sheweth

that in acknowledging the
of the order of Government dated 4th July 1891
Petitioner most respectfully begs to say
that he was timing in strong hope
gracious Government in kind consider
the fresh and important circumstances
to notice will be pleased to form a
opinion of petitioner, but owing to
time upon the great report of the
Police, as has already explained,
more justly. - Secretion, worked in
in this case and as
in collusion with - should
with the object of confirming

Military G.O. 4235 of 31. July 1891

Coast Defences.

Received from the Judicial Department—

Four (4) spare copies of G.O. 4235 Military
dated 31. July 1891.

Three (3) copies of the "scheme" referred to in
the above order.

Asplow Cooke

Chief Assistant

Military Department

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21 August 1891 }

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13/9/92