

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 11TH AUGUST 1892, No. 4986.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Defences—Coast.

Read the following paper:—

No. 127. *From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 27th June 1892, No. 1265-M.W.*

Defences—Coast.

With reference to Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2927, of 5th May 1892, I am desired to forward, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, and, with reference thereto, to solicit that, under the orders of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

instructions may be issued to all those, excepting the Government of India, to whom copies of the schemes of defence of Rangoon and Madras, respectively, have been supplied in view to the destruction of the same, a certificate, that the copies in his or its possession have been *burnt* in the presence of an officer, being furnished by each officer or department of Government, and I am to suggest that these certificates be submitted collectively for the information of the Secretary, Defence Committee, Simla.

2. Copies of the above schemes in the possession of this office and those that have been communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General will be similarly destroyed, one copy only of each of the latest schemes of Madras and Rangoon being retained by me, in accordance with clause (v.) of the rules circulated with Military Department No. 6431 of 14th November 1891.

From Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir J. C. DORMER, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1892, No. 977-M.W.

In continuation of my letter, No. 801-M.W., of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose, for your information, copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, from which you will perceive that numerous copies of the schemes of defence for the ports of Rangoon and Madras have been communicated by the Government of Madras to departments, the Chief Commissioner in Burma, and to the Government of India.

Letter No. E. 45 C. of 30th November 1891 from Adjutant-General, Madras, to Secretary to Government, Military Department.
Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2927, of 5th May 1892.

2. From your letter, No. 1448/R.E., of 30th December 1891, it is apparently the intention that all these copies, with the exception of those referred to in clauses (iii.) and (v.) of the rules for the custody and distribution of such documents, should be transmitted to the office of the Defence Committee, where they will be safeguarded in future, and the Madras Government will be requested to issue instructions accordingly to all those to whom copies of the schemes were furnished. As, however, it is manifest that the Defence Committee cannot possibly require all those copies of the schemes for any other purpose than that of ensuring their safe custody, I have the honour to inquire whether, in view to guard against the possibility of any of the copies

being lost in transit, it would not be preferable to issue instructions in view to the destruction of all such copies, each officer to whom copies may have been communicated certifying that this has been done.

Inquiries are being made by the General Officers Commanding Burma and Madras Districts regarding the distribution and disposal of manuscript and printed copies of the schemes which have been in their possession, and, on receipt of replies from those officers, a further communication on the subject will be made to you.

From Major-General W. GALBRAITH, Adjutant-General in India, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army; dated Simla, 1st June 1892, No. 863/R.E.

I have the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief in India, to acquaint you that the intention of the Government of India is correctly interpreted in para. 2 of your Excellency's letter, No. 977 M.W., dated 16th May 1892.

2. It was specially provided (rule vii.) that, on the issue of reprints, the previous copies should be transmitted to the Secretary, Defence Committee, for disposal under the orders of His Excellency the President in order to obviate any possibility of their being thrown into waste paper baskets and ultimately sold into improper hands, and the rule should be followed in reference to future issues of reprints.

3. But as regards the disposal of the accumulated copies tabulated in the accompaniment to your Excellency's letter under reply, I am to say that Lord Roberts concurs in the suggestion that, to guard against any risk of loss in transit by post, instructions should be given for their destruction locally, each officer certifying that the copies in his possession have been *burnt* in the presence of an officer.

4. This procedure is not necessary, however, in the case of copies in possession of the Government of India, as they can be obtained by this department direct.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1892, No. 4986.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to departments concerned in view to the instructions therein contained being attended to.

2. It is requested that the certificate referred to may be furnished with the least possible delay for transmission to the Secretary, Defence Committee, Simla.

(True Extract.)

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. *W.D. 2. S.C.*
- " Marine Department.
- " Public Department.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Public Works Department.
- " Public Works Department, Railway Branch.
- " Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
- " Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

CURRENT No. 3506

Jud. (1892) Department

Gobt. of {1892} Madras.
MILITARY.

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

Reference

Cotacamund
26th August 1892

The Commissioner of Police
is requested to furnish, as early
as possible, the necessary certificate
in regard to the copies of the
Scheme in his possession

(By Order)

W. B. B. B.
Ag Under Secretary

To The Commissioner of Police.

W. B. B. B.
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CONFIDENTIAL. No 291.

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

Dated August, 11th.

Issued

Recd. 19. August

Encl.

Two Spare Copies.
(Encl. 2)

G.O., 11th August 1892, No. 4986.

Burnt C.S.

13/9/92

AUGUST.
Nos. 127-128.

Defences—Coast.

Rangoon and Madras.—Letter from the Quarter
Master General containing instructions relative to
the destruction of copies of the schemes of defence
of—, communicated, with remarks, to depart-
ments concerned.

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Jud. Dept.
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CURRENT No. 3647

Confidential

Office of the Commissioner of Police
Madras 29th August 1892

From Colonel A. N. H. Cox
Commissioner of Police
Madras

To The Chief Secretary Government
Cotacamund

Sir,
I have the honour to return P.O. dated 11th
August 1892 No 4986 Military Dept. and forward
the certificate called for.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours most obedient servant
W. B. B. B.
Commissioner of Police

Five spare copies of Mty. So. $\frac{43}{8.1.89}$.

One of these was sent to Commr. of Police

with L.O. $\frac{84}{21.1.89}$ and the remaining

four are in the original of the latter L.O.

These will be burnt.

The copy of the scheme in So. $\frac{1658}{20.8.91}$

This will be burnt.

Four spare copies of So. $\frac{6809}{1.12.91}$ Mty.

in the original of L.O. $\frac{2558}{18.12.91}$ Tst. These

will be burnt.

Two spare copies of L.O. $\frac{4986}{11.8.92}$ Mty.

(in this current). These will be burnt.

All papers will be burnt in the
presence of the Chief Secretary before he
signs the form of the certificate

Cl.
8/9

All the above burnt in
the Chief Secretary's presence

Ch. Schmidt

13/9/91.

NOT RETURNED
UNLESS
REPLY.

CURRENT NO. 3647

Confidential

Judicial (1892) Department

Dotacarrund
31st August 1892

From

Col. H. M. Cox
Commissionary of Police
Madras

To

Re Chief Secretary, Government
Dotacarrund

CONFIDENTIAL NO. 306

Dated 29th August 1892

(By Order)

W. Brodie
Asst. Under Secretary

Enclosure - 1

One s.c. No. 3506
— returned

Return J.O. dated 11th August 1892
No 4986 Military Dept. and forward
the Certificate called for.

Certificate

Certified that all copies of
the scheme of defence in the possession
of the Judicial Department have
been this day burnt in my
presence.

W. B.
8.9.92
Note Judicial Dept has to account
for 11 copies of Mily. G.O. of 20.7.88 No 4939
and enclosure (scheme). Of these one s.c. of
G.O. & scheme was sent to Commr. of Police with
G.O. 84 & one of each to P. D. with G.O. 15 Mar.
22.1.89 There remain 9 copies of Mily G.O. 4939 and
original of G.O. 1573 - The 9 copies of the
scheme will be burnt & 8 copies of the
original of the latter also being preserved.

BACK PAPER, No. 214 Confid. OF 1892

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
1892, No.

FURTHER PAPER, No. OF 1892

ENCLOSURES.

Spare copies.

Struck
Issued

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER, &c., OF GOVERNMENT - A.

PAPERS KEPT OUT OF FILE FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL
(not paged).

NUMBER OF COPIES
REQUIRED. { Order complete.
Letter only.
Order complete with Letter.

N.B. -
A = Print in full.
B = Not to be printed.
P = Print abstract only.
Q = Print heading only.
R = Print, but not for monthly volume.

Total ..
In Stock ..

The Commissioner of Police
is requested to furnish a
similar certificate in regard
to the papers received with
G.O. dated 22nd January
1889 No. 84, and 18th December
1891 No. 2558 Judicial

To,
The Commissioner of Police
CURRENT NO. 3784
Re Certificate called for is
attached
W. B. C. P.
Commr. of Police
6/9/92

Enclosure One and
C. No. 3506 & 3647 returned
C. S.
this
Read. C. No. 3506. = Q
— " 3647 & 3784 = P.

Order. 7/13.9.92. No. 1716
The copies in the possession
of the Judicial Department will
be destroyed and the Military
Dept. furnished with the required
certificate. 8.9.92

Confidential No. 140
1892.

<i>Judicial</i> DEPARTMENT.	
G.O., DATED	<i>13. 9. 92</i>
No.	<i>1716</i>
Series.	<i>His</i>

Confidential.

First copy sent to Press.

Returned for signature. *10. 9. 92*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Coast Defences. Furnishing
the Military Department
with the certificate required
in regard to destruction of
copies of the Scheme of
defence of Madras.*