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TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Marine DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 383
B.P. No. 383

Press.
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Dated 2nd November 1893

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2nd November 1893, No. 383, Marine.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., dated 28th April 1893, No. 2803, Military.

Order—dated 2nd November 1893, No. 383, Marine.

The application of the authorities of the Christian College at Madras is for the use, as a gymnasium and playground, of a piece of ground on the foreshore in the vicinity of the Lighthouse Battery, measuring 600 × 225 feet. As the land in question lies within the military zone round Fort St. George, the Military authorities were consulted on the subject, and from the letter from the Quartermaster-General embodied in the Proceedings recorded above, it appears that, as the purposes for which the land is required will not interfere with the objects which the zone was drawn to secure, there is no objection to its use being granted.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to grant to the Christian College authorities the temporary use of the ground in question on the following conditions:—

(1) That no pavilion or building of any kind be erected on it.

(2) That it be used only for the purposes for which it is granted, viz., as a gymnasium and playground, and that its use be restricted to persons connected with the Christian College.

(3) That no use be made of it during the time that gun practice is being carried on from the Lighthouse Battery.

(4) That it be enclosed with a fence or hedge at the expense of the College authorities.

(5) That a rental of Rs. (20) twenty *per annum* be paid for its use to the Collector of Madras.

(6) That it be vacated without claim for compensation on any account at *twelve hours'* notice.

3. The Government directs that, in future, applications for the use of land lying within the military zone round Fort St. George shall be dealt with in the Revenue Department, unless the site is on the foreshore, in which case the Marine Department should dispose of the matter. In either case, the application should be referred to the Military authorities before any orders are passed on it. These instructions do not apply to the Fort *glacis*, which is absolutely reserved for military purposes.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department. ✓
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Financial Department.
" Public Department.
" Collector of Madras.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Secretary to the Council, Madras Christian College.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1893} Madras.

MARINE.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 2nd November 1893, No. 383.

NOVEMBER.

Foreshore near the Lighthouse Battery.

Granting the authorities of the Christian College, Madras, on certain conditions, the temporary use of a piece of g[illegible] on the — for a gymnasium, and directing, [illegible] remarks, that, in future, applications for lan[illegible] in the military zone round Fort St. George [illegible] ith in the Revenue Department.

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REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

No

Madras, 16th March 1892

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 16 MAR 92 GOVERNMENT MADRAS

From

REV. CHARLES COOPER, M. A.,
Bursar, Madras Christian College.

To

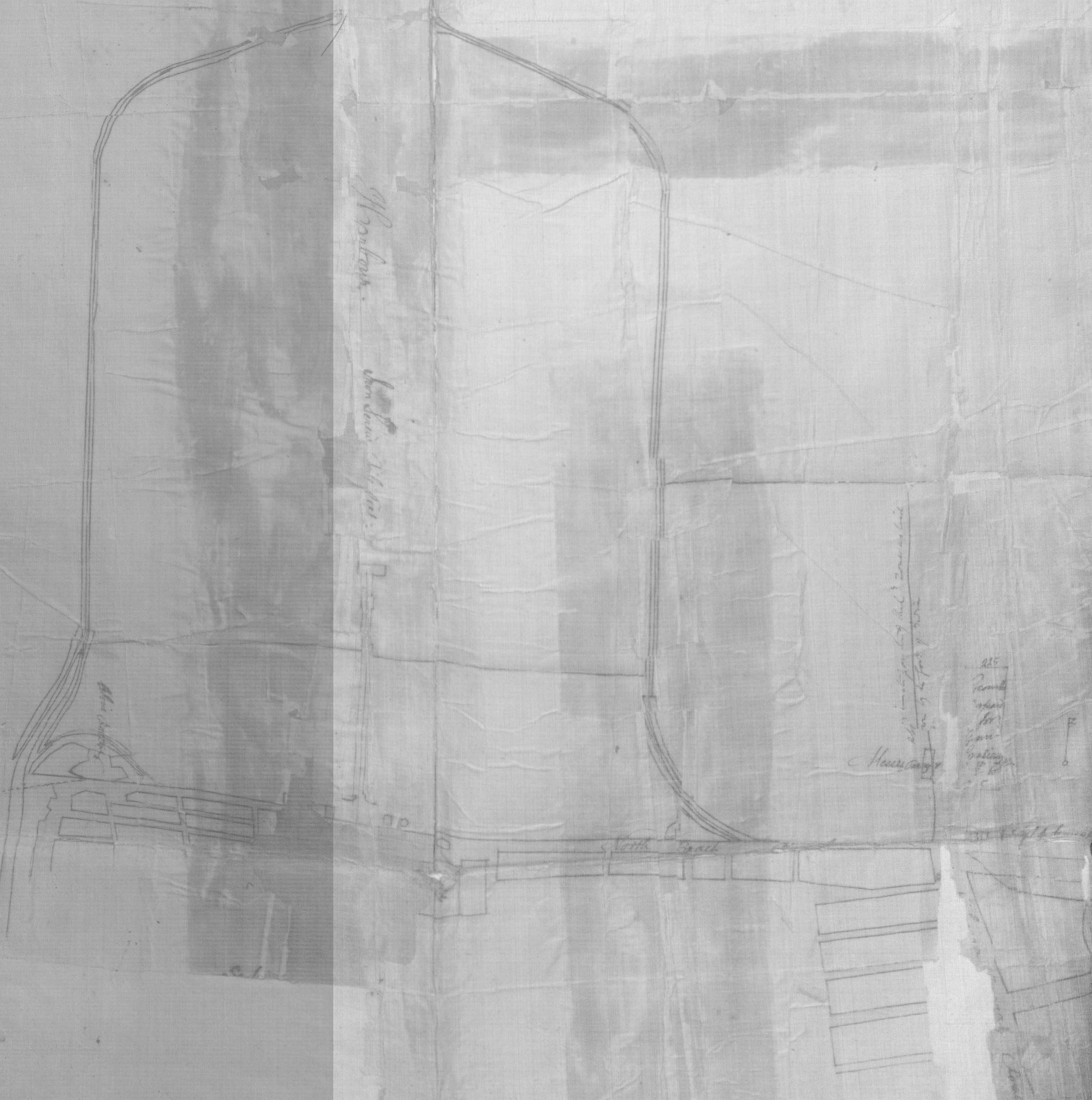
The Hon. Mr I. F. Price, C. S.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor, in accordance with instructions from the Senatus of the Madras Christian College, to apply for the grant of a new site for the College Gymnasium. The site which we at present occupy, on the Light-House Esplanade, is far too limited for our requirements; besides it is probable or even certain that we shall have to vacate it very soon. Under these circumstances it is necessary that we should obtain accommodation elsewhere, if the important branch of Physical training in our College is not to suffer.

From information received, I am led to think that the ground formed in recent years by the extension of the beach, from the new harbour Southward, is the best quarter in which to look for what we want. It appears to me that a site such as we require might be found on the above-mentioned ground, nearly opposite the College & not far east of the terminus of the Beach Branch of the South Indian Railway.

I shall be glad to hear from you, or from any one deputed by you, whether, & on what conditions



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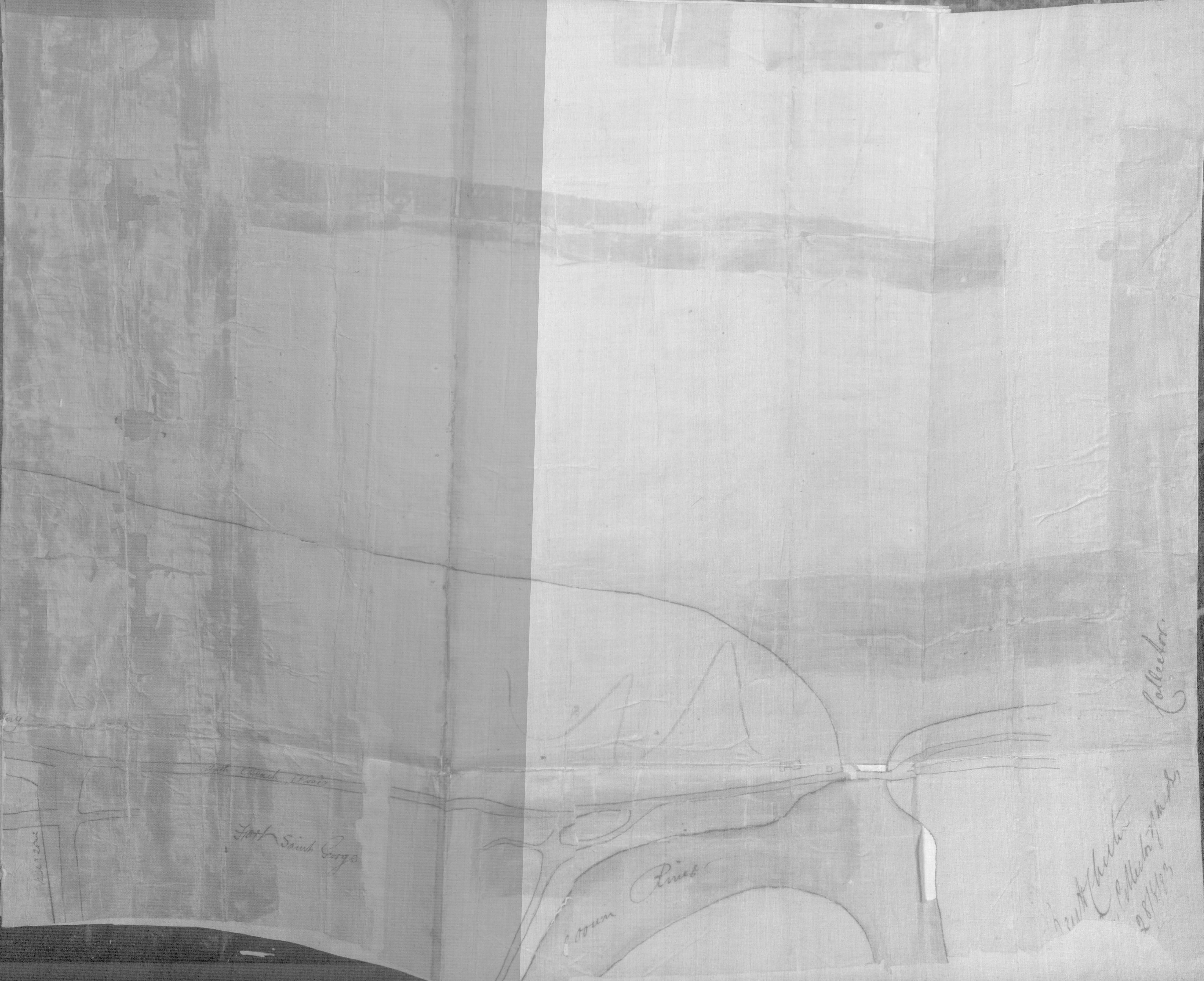
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Collector
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Government will concede the required site; also what steps must be taken by us to avail ourselves of such concession.

I have the honor to request that this communication be dealt with at as early a date as may be convenient.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
C. Cooper

[illegible] DIVISION
[illegible]
EXECUTIVE [illegible]

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Educl. Dept.

From

Rev. C. Cooper, M.A.

Bursar, Madras Xtian Coll.

16 }
16 } March 1892

Applies for the grant of a new
t for the college Gymnasium.

Referred to the Marine Dept. for favor of remarks.

(By order)

A. Atterwerth.

Dy 24/3/92 No 560

Referred through the Revenue Department to the Collector of Madras for report.

Chief Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
25 MAR 92
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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MADRAS DIVISION
ACCOMPANIMENT
TO
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S
No
MILITARY WORKS

No 534. 5/

Madras
Deputy Collector's Office
29th April 189

From
H. Chester Esqre.
Dy Collector of
Madras

To
W. Austin Esqre.
Collector of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to your Endorsement Ref: No: 347/G.813 dated 7th instant on Government Endorsement No 803 R. Revenue Department dated 1st idem on petition from the Rev. C. Cooper of Madras Christian College, dated 16th March last.

2. Accompanied by the Rev: C. Cooper, Bursar of the Christian College, and the Rev: Mr Russell Superintendent of Gymnastics, I inspected the site required by the Christian College for a Gymnasium and lawn tennis ground.

3. The Extent required is 600 x 225 feet equal to 2 cawnies, 8 grounds and 600 sq. ft.

4. The accompanying plan shows the position of

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of the site with reference to the Light-House Battery. If the land is granted for the purpose stated, there ought, in my opinion to be a stipulation that the Gymnasium should not be used whenever there is gun practice at the Light House Battery. As such practice takes place only occasionally during the year, there would be no hardship in closing the Gymnasium on these few occasions

5. At present the Christian College has a very much smaller piece of land on the Esplanade and for this it pays Rs 4-1 a month to the Municipality. I propose that the College be required to pay not less than Rs 100 a year for the use of the ground on the foreshore. The land should also be enclosed either by an aloe hedge or by fencing and it should be vacated on one month's notice being given.

6. Mr. Cooper told me he wished to put up a small building in connection with the Gymnasium. I think permission may be given on the understanding that no compensation can be claimed if at any time Government requires the land and gives the College notice to quit.

7. The land being part of the foreshore has no survey number—

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) B. H. Cheuly
Dy Collector

(True Copy)

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...D'S GEN. REG. No 1296 of 92
REVENUE

Submitted to Government Rev: Department through the Commissioner of Land Revenue in reply to Government Endorsement No: 803 R dated 1st April 1892. herewith returned with Enclosures.

2. The Collector concurs in the several suggestions made in the foregoing letter.

Madras Collector's Office }
3rd May 1892 } (Sd) [illegible]
Collector

MADRAS DIVISION
[illegible]
MILITARY

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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ABSTRACT.

Current Number 2864

Endorsement. No 803 R.

Endt. of the
~~From~~ Educational Deptt.

COLLECTORS OFFICE
5 APR 92

Referred to the Collector of Madras for report through the Board of Revenue.

[illegible]
Ag. Asstt. Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George
1 April 1892.

Dated 24th March /92

Received 25th "

Enclosures

No. 560

To
The Collector of Madras

SUBJECT.

Referring through the Revenue Department to the Collector of Madras for report application from Revd. C. Cooper, Madras Christian College applying for the grant of a new site for the College Gymnasium.

P. J. O.

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No X Madras, X 189 .

From

REV. CHARLES COOPER, M. A.,
Bursar, Madras Christian College.

To

The Hon'ble Mr J. F. Price, C. S.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to my communication to you, No 278 / 16-3-92, in which I applied for a site for a gymnasium.

2. The Deputy Collector to whom my application was referred for report, & in consultation with whom I was able to fix on the locality that seemed most suitable for our purpose, informs me that he still awaits the final order of Government on the above-mentioned application. I have the honor, therefore to request that such order may be issued at as early a date as may be convenient; & to express the hope that it may be favourable.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servant
C. Cooper
Bursar

CURRENT No. [illegible]
1892

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No 1174 of 4/7/92
2/9/92 [illegible] 70

From

The Bursar,

Madras Christian College.

To

No.

~~Dated~~ undated

Received 15 Oct/92
Regd 18

Subject.

Calling attention to his
Commn. re site for a Gymnasium.

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2/11/92

CURRENT No. 701
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 4th June 1892.

No. 3397, Mis. ~~Routine.~~

The Hon. Mr. A. W. Bliss.

READ Endorsement of the Collector of Madras dated 3rd May 1892 No 1002.

Resolution:-

Submitted to Government with reference to its Endorsement No 803 R dated 1st April 1892.

2. The Board support the Deputy Collector's proposals concurred in by the Collector.

(True Extract)

Registrar
for Secretary

To

The Secy to Govt. &c.
with Collr's letter & Enclos: in orig.
Copy to Collr of Madras.

CURRENT NO. 701

~~Revenue~~ Educational Dept. 1892

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Current. [illegible]

To

The Secretary to Govt.

Recd. in Edn. - 23/6/92

Enclos: 4

Recd 14 June Encl 3.

Proceedings, dated 4th June 1892,

No. 3397 Mis. ~~Ruling~~

Subject.

14 JUN 92

Sendg. to Govt. with Bd's support proposals regard-ing the Gymnasium Ground required for the Madras Christian College

With an endorsement

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G.O. 1 Nov 92 No. 803 R.

C.S. 10th December 1892 No. 1966

337, 701, 805 & 1090.

Transferred in original to the Revenue Dept. with advertence to the member's remarks; the land was placed in charge of the Collector of Madras in G.O. d/ 28 Oct. 90, No. 856, Rev.

(by order)
A. Butterworth
Ag. Under Secy.

6 Dec 92

10 Dec

Endorsement No. 102

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10 DEC 92

Transferred to the Educational Department.

C. Clifton
Secretary to Govt.

22nd June 1892

KD 21/6 The land is apparently within the zone but not in the present gymnasium. C. 30/4

The Military Dept. should be asked whether there is any objection to the proposed use of the land. I don't see what Educat. Dept. has to do with it. I think it was ruled that the future of the [illegible] was to be in the charge of the Collector.

HM

For orders

There seems no objection to the proposal provided the conditions specified by the Deputy Colr. are fulfilled. The order should apparently issue in the Rev. Dept. 30 Nov.

25 June.

Under orders of C.S. this paper was detained in order to get a copy of a plan showing the Military Zone of Fort St. George from the Military Dept. This has only recently been received. From the map it appears that the land in question lies within the Military Zone. therefore the question of granting it should be considered in the Military Dept.

19 Nov.

29 Nov

(1892)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. 1-6-92 No 803
20-10-90 — 836

ABSTRACT.

Current Number 10556.

Endt. of the ~~From~~

Educational Department

Dated 10 Dec.

Received 10 "

Enclosures 3

No. 1966.

SUBJECT.

Transferring in original certain papers, with advertence to the Hon'ble Member's remarks regarding the gymnasium ground required for the Madras Christian College.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 90.

Endt. 102 d. 22-6-92

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The plan submitted with B.P. 24 June 92 No 3397 does not indicate clearly the site applied for by the Madras Christian College for a gymnasium. The Board of Revenue is requested to submit at a very early date a survey plan drawn to scale showing accurately the position of the ground required for the proposed gymnasium and that of the Battery & Beach road adjoining.

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29 May 1893

To
The Commrs of Land Revenue
with plan to be returned
30/5/93

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O.M. to Board calling for a survey plan showing accurately the position of the site applied for by the Madras X^n. College for a gymnasium

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The old correspondence is printed in (G.O. 7. 28 April 1803 Military Dep^t.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos 10556 of 1892 & 3335 of 1893.

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

In March 1892 The Rev. Charles Cooper of the Madras Christian College ~~has~~ applied for certain land on the foreshore near the Light House battery for the erection of a gymnasium (vide his letter of 16 March 1892 stitched with C. No 10556). In his letter of 29th April 1892 No 534 (stitched with the same current) the Dy Collector of Madras proposes that the following conditions should be insisted on if the land is granted:—

(i) ~~that the~~ gymnasium be not used when there is gun practice at the Light House battery;

(ii) ~~that~~ a rent of not less than Rs a year be paid for the use of the land

(iii) ~~that~~ the land be enclosed by a hedge or fencing

(iv) ~~that~~ the land be vacated on one month's notice being given

(V) that no compensation be claimed for any building that may be erected thereon, if at any time Govt. requires the land.

The Collector & the Board of Revenue supports the Dy. Collector's proposal.

The Military Depart which has been consulted (vide Office note No 304 of 15 December 1892) intimates that there is no objection on Military grounds for the use of the site as Gymnasium – para 2 of C. No 3335 of 1893.

The site on the Monument Esplanade which is referred to in the first para of the mily. G.O. formed the subject of another application from the Rev. Mr Cooper. The site being within the zone, has been granted by the mily. Depr

The plan sent up does not indicate the site of the proposed Gymnasium very clearly but apparently it is on the foreshore on the North East of the Light house battery. The tract of accretion is reserved by G.O. 2 d. 28 Oct/90. Temporary occupation of a small

[illegible] 12-5-93

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FOR ORDERS.

× This site was applied for originally for a Gymnasium & lawn tennis ground. See para 2 of the Chaplain's letter. Subsequently a site on the Monument Esplanade was applied for & has been granted for a cricket & football ground. Area 240×225 [illegible] that the site on the foreshore seems unnecessarily large. We cannot be too careful [illegible] 14/5 then ~~[illegible]~~ giving sanction for the temporary use of any portion of the accretion & I prefer the grant with such conditions as will enable us to resume possession without demur & without payment of compensation.

It is evident that the Xtian College ~~[illegible]~~ people want this large strip of ground 600' × 225' both × for a gymnasium & a ~~foot~~ play ground – vide Mr Cooper's letter of 16th March/92 in which he

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Dy. Collr contemplates giving up this Esplanade gymnasium ground. We must first of all have a correct survey plan of the ground. – The plan sent up is incorrect & unintelligible. – What are the buildings marked as belonging to Parry & Co. to the east of the beach Road? Probably these are really the Post Office Stables. Let a survey plan be made at once showing accurately the position of the ground required & that of the Battery & the Beach road adjoining. Then the ~~[illegible]~~ temporary use of the land may be granted, subject to an annual rental of 100 Rs, & on the conditions (1) that no building be built on it within the limits of the Mil.y zone

(2) that if any building be built on it outside that zone ~~it is to be of a temporary character and to~~ it is to be vacated along with the whole of the land & given up to Govt. on one month's notice being given, without any claim to compensation.

(3) that retransfer of possession is to be effected without the previous sanction of Govt.

Under Sec. 60 of the Cantonment Act if we allow any buildings of a permanent character to be built on the land we can't resume the XX

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portion might be allowed but it is not understood why so large an area as 2 Cawnies of ground of 600 sft. is required for a gymnasium. The conditions proposed seem suitable.

[illegible] 15 May.

xx licence. – This must be guarded agst. very carefully. [illegible]
16/5/93

I think that the use of the land ~~may~~ on the foreshore may be allowed on the conditions stated by ~~the Deputy Collector~~ my hon colleague except that I don't think anything more than a nominal rent need be asked for, if any rent at all. The plan furnished will I think do well enough.

HLS
16 May.

I think the buildings marked as belonging to Parry & Co. are petroleum sheds and × have been allowed on somewhat similar conditions.

MS

× There is no information in this or the Public Dept on this point.

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I don't press the point about the rent. If no rent is paid there will be less hardship in evicting if the land is wanted by Govt. – but we must have a proper plan of the ground drawn to scale. The Survey Office will do it in a day.

[illegible]
21/5/93

C. No 10556 of 1892 & 3335 of 1893

Re: the land applied for by the Rev. Charles Cooper of the Madras Christian College, for a Gymnasium

The Hon'ble Mr Garstin
The Hon'ble Mr H. E. Stokes

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 5152 of 1893

From Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Dated 7th July 1893 No 3995 ~~189~~.

FOR ORDERS.

What was ordered to be submitted was a survey plan. What has been sent is a rough sketch not drawn to the scale marked on it. This shows that the piece of land asked for is right in front of the Light House Battery & would interfere with the firing of the guns. I refer to [illegible] the site under the [illegible] conditions. Call again for a survey plan of the site drawn by the Survey Office & certified as correct by some competent survey officer.

J. A.

30/7/93

The Milit. Dept. have stated that there is no objection to the use of the land as a gymnasium, by reason of its proximity to the light house battery, and one of the conditions is that it shall not be used when gun practice is going on. I don't see any use in delaying further by calling for a fresh plan. I would sanction the proposal. instead of by us. The dimensions wanted are stated.

Wes

31 July

When a survey plan drawn accurately to scale of the site required is called for by Govt. it sh. be submitted. [illegible]

In the paper read above, the Board of Revenue submits the survey plan called for in G.O. of 24 May 1893 No 90 with reference to the Hon'ble Mr. Garstin's remarks in connexion with the application of the Madras Christian College for a site on the foreshore for the erection of a gymnasium.

2. The sites ~~adjoining~~ adjoining the Light House battery on which Messrs Parry & Co have erected Petroleum sheds were leased to them by Govt. on the recommendation of the Collector of Madras. The terms of the lease are ~~that~~ the sites should be vacated on one month's notice and a monthly rent of Rs 6 per ground should be paid. Vide Gos. of 13 September '87 No 41 & 31 May '89 No 229 (Marine).

3. The extent of land applied for by the Madras Xn College is 2 Cawnis 8 grounds & 600 sq ft & the rent calculated at the rate levied from Messrs Parry & Co will amount to Rs 337½ per mensem. The rent proposed

by the Dy Collector of Madras is about Rs100 a year but the Hon'ble Members have agreed that only a nominal rent should be charged.

Orders are requested as to whether the site applied for is to be granted & whether any rent is to be charged

27 July

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did not ask for a sketch of Fort St George & the Cooum – but the survey plan be submitted – as advised after [illegible] the Survey Office. [illegible] the sketch now sent up is identically the same as that sent up before. I would pass orders on the matter [illegible] the survey plan be sent up. It need not include a larger area than from the Light House Battery to the corner of Parry & Co's offices & down to the sea [illegible] between those points

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Seen. The plan I think is sufficient. It is I think traced from the printed map of Madras.

5 Aug.

Considering the inordinate delay wh. has taken place, I think orders shd now go out. The plan is a tracing of the survey map – drawn to scale – & attested by the Collector – Dy Collector & Revenue Inspector, & I fail to see how another plan wd convey any further information than the one put up. I agree with my hon. colleagues' proposals – but in the event of any extraordinary occurrence, the site might be required by the military at very short notice, I would therefore put in the agreement – 12 hours instead of one month's notice – to prevent any possibility of the question of compensation for disturbance [illegible]

C. No. 5152 of 1893

FOR ORDERS.

Survey plan of the land asked for by the Madras Xn College for a gym

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

(Land Revenue),

Dated 7 July 1893.

No. 3995 Mis. ~~Routine~~

READ Official Memorandum from the Government Rev: Department, dated 29 May 1893, No: 90. And the following Reference thereon dated 2d June 1893.

"The Collector is requested to submit the survey plan called for by Government at a very early date."

Read also the following letter from J. Sturrock Esqr. Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, dated 3d July 1893 Refce No 2346/[illegible].

I have the honor to submit the plan called for in Board's Reference on Government Register No. 1169 of the 2nd Instant.

Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to its official memo. dated 29 May 1893 No. 90

(True copies and Extract)

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt. R. D.

with Plan

Revenue 1893. Dept.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Current Number 5152

To

The Secretary to Govt.

R. D.

Recd 11 July. Enl.

Proceedings, dated 7 – 7 – 1893,

No. 3995 Mis.

Subject.

Submg: to Government the plan of the land asked for by the Reverend C. Cooper of the Christian College for the proposed Gymnasium.

Rcd (with papers) 12/7/93

O/C 90 d/ 29-5-93 & C.No. 10556/92

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Sen. Secy
25/8/93 –

I think W.S. [illegible] this draft along with Marine C. No. 675 –

There is at the moment a discussion between the Mil & the Marine Depts as to what shall be the northern boundary of the Mil: Zone around Fort St. George. The Govt. of India have already decided ~~that~~ the boundary shall run due east from the boundary stone ~~at the corner~~ of the Pay Office & such a line [illegible] apparently north of the site on which [illegible] have been permitted to erect pavilions [illegible] & also north of the site (this draft G.O.) to be given to the Madras Xtian College. [illegible] I think [illegible] There is now in circ: a letter from the Port Commr – Chief (C. No. 675 in the Marine Depts) in which Mil. objects to moving back the northern boundary of the Mil: Zone from the line due east of Pay & A's Office to the edge of the Light House Battery, as proposed by this Govt. in Marine G.O. of 11/7/93 No. 2351. [illegible] objection [illegible] to the terms of the present draft G.O. since the site asked for by the Xtian College lies entirely within the Mil: Zone as [illegible] by the Govt of

Read C. No. 10556 of 1892 & 3333 of 93

O.M. d/ 29 May 1893 No. 90 &

C. No. 5152 of 1893.

G.O.

The temporary use of the land on the foreshore near the Light House battery measuring 2 cawnies 8 grounds & 606 sq ft applied for by the Madras Christian College for a gymnasium is sanctioned subject to the following conditions:—

(1) that the land shall be enclosed by some hedge or fencing;

(2) that the gymnasium shall not be used when there is gun practice at the Light House battery;

(3) that an annual rent of Rs 100 shall be paid to Govt. for the use of the land;

(4) that no building shall be erected on the land within the limits of the Military Zone;

(5) ~~that~~ any building constructed on the land outside ~~that~~ the zone shall be of a temporary character & be vacated ~~along~~ together with the whole of the land and given up to Govt. on twelve hours' notice and without claim to any compensation;

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(b) ~~that~~ no ~~the~~ transfer of possession of the land to others shall ~~not~~ be effected without the previous sanction of Govt.

[illegible]
21 Aug

To The Commrs. of Land Revenue
with the enclosures returned.
" Rev. Charles Cooper, M.A. Bursar,
Madras Xn. College
" Military Deptt.

Note.

Conditions (4), (5), & (6) are those prescribed by the Honble Mr Garstin C.S.I in his note d. 16 May 1893, with the condn. as to twelve hours notice added in accordance with His Excellency the Govr's direction. The other conditions were proposed by the Dy. Colr. of Madras in his letter d. 29 Ap. 92. & approved by H.M.S.

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18.8.93

Send in [illegible] of the College
[illegible] it [illegible]
to the Mil. Dept. for its [illegible]
some time to move the site [illegible] north of
the zone boundary where it runs a[illegible]
to sea from Parry & Co's Office.
The Mil. survey plan showing the
Zone boundary line does not show the
present position of the foreshore [illegible]
accurately –
DHG
25/8/93

It certainly looks as if the Zone round Fort St George as delimited by the Govt. of India took off opposite Messrs. Parry's – at its extreme northern limit; and runs due far east from there to the seaward. We cannot therefore however much we may desire it, shift this northern boundary further south – so as to take off [illegible] to the north of the light house battery. ~~[illegible]~~

~~although the foreshore [illegible]~~

I wrote what I have erased under the impression that the grant for the cricket ground on the Esplanade to the Christian College went out in the Revenue Dept. but as I find it went out in the Mil. I agree with the Hon. Mr Garstin that the grant for this bit of the foreshore which is undoubtedly within the Zone should issue in the same Dept. (but see [illegible]) It ought not to take long. I do not know of there is any room to put the gymnasium where the Hon. Mr Garstin suggests viz: north of the Parry boundary. I believe not, and I see no reason why it shd. not be located as proposed.

There is one point in connection with this zone which I should like to have information about:

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The Govt. of India have laid down clearly the extent of land, which is to be considered as the Zone round Fort St. George on which no buildings are to be erected in future without the sanction of the Govt. of India. Does this land thereby become the property of the Military Dept.? Is it necessary that every grant of land for different purposes within this zone should be issued in the Mil. Dept.? This seems to have been done in the case I have mentioned – viz: the grant of land for a cricket ground on the Esplanade, and I have therefore assumed that the same course should be adopted as regards the Gymnasium on the foreshore. But it appears to me that this course will give rise to the idea that all land in the Zone belongs to the Mil. Dept. which I cannot think is right. There seems to be likely to be some difficulty as to obtaining rent if this course is to be adopted – as if the order goes out in the Mil. Dept. and certain rent is specified in the order, the Mil. Dept. will consider itself entitled to this rent, and the real owners may thereby be defrauded. It does not matter so much in the present case, as we have agreed to put on merely a nominal rent – but be this large or small, I should like to know if this can be set out in the Mil. G.O. This course would also give the Mil. Dept. the power of determining the lengths of lease etc, and in other ways give them rights over the land wh. I believe rest in others. This I think is important, and requires to be cleared up before any G.O. goes out. According to Genl. East's letter, he puts in a claim to the actual ownership of the land in the foreshore, but wishes to transfer to others all the troubles which attach to ownership, such as conservancy etc. My idea is that the G.O. should issue in the Revenue Dept. but it might at the same time state that the Mil. authorities raised no objection

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30 Aug

I agree with the hon. Mr. Garstin that the wording of G.O. is objectionable W

C No. 10556 of 1892 & 3535 & 5152 of 93

Re the grant of certain land on the foreshore near the Light House battery applied for by the Madras Xn. College for a Gymnasium.

(Foreshore)

The ~~Honble~~ Mr Garstin C.S.I.

Transferred from Ret. Box No. 9 to Revenue box No. 39 & sent to H.S. the Govt.
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Attention is invited to the "Esplanade File" of printed papers put up.

G.O. d/8.12.60, No. 1768

In 1860 the Public Deptt Sanctioned the construction of a Bandstand on the Monument Esplanade, and in 1862 in the Same deptt the Governor in Council granted permission to part of the Esplanade being used as a playground by the boys of Pachaiyappah's School but prohibited any buildings being erected on it.

G.O. d/27.6.62, No. 764.

Para 2 of G.O. D/16.7.63 No. 2309

In 1863 a G.O. was issued by the Mily Deptt transferring "the entire charge and Conservancy of the Esplanade and the glacis" to the Municipal Comm "reserving only the right of H.E. the C.in C to employ them as encamping ground, or for other military purposes whenever actually needed". Para 3 of this order Shows that the receipts for Cattle grazing on these parts had been credited to the Civil Deptt.

G.O. D/24-12-63 No. 4117

Para 2 of G.O. D/3.2.64 No. 382 Mily

In the following Decr the Mily Deptt directed the Munl Commrs to take Steps for enclosing the Town Esplanades and Fort glacis, and the money required was provided in the Public Works Budget. In the following February the Commrs were authorised to take charge of the Esplanades & glacis.

G.O. D/30-8-67 No. 2644 P.W.D

In 1867 the P.W. Deptt requested the Collector of Madras to take measures for removing certain "Sheds on the Esplanade of Fort St George" "the occupants of which pay rent to the Civil authorities."

G.O. D/15.10.69 No. 1423.

In 1869 the Public Deptt asked the Commander-in-Chief's opinion whether there was any objection from a military point of view to the opera
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te on the Monument Esplan for a new General Market. The reply was that the Esplanade was very necessary for Camps for troops and the Commander-in-Chief therefore strongly objected to the proposed grant.

G.O. d/3.11.69
No. 3830 Mily

During the next year, however, the Public Depth granted a site for the purpose - with the C in C's approval - "on the Esplanade known as Pachaiyappah's."

G.O. d/27.1.70
No. 111

In 1876 the Financial Depth instructed the Presdt. Munl Commn. to cancel certain grazing leases as the Lighthouse Esplanade would probably be required in connection with the harbour works.

G.O. 8.5.76
No. 820.

Eventually in 1883, it was decided - in the Financial Depth - that:-

G.O. d/19.12.82
No. 1787
G.O. d/17.3.83
No. 619.

1. The Island and the glacis Shd be under the Control of the Mily authorities.

2. The roads & avenues on the Island Shd be maintained by the Municipality.

3. The Lighthouse - Monument and North Western Esplanades should be under the control of the Municipality, provided that:-

(a) The Mily authorities should have control over the ground so far that it should be available for parades, encampments of troops &c as required

(b) No structure of any description should be erected thereon, no alterations to existing structures made without the Sanction of Mily authority.

(c) The ground should be in no way used or altered without the Sanction of Mily authority.

It is believed that the above arrangements exist to this day. It follows

vide. G.O. 10.11.85.
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In regard to the Mily Zone round the Fort attention is in vited to G.O. d/ 22.8.92, No. 5204 Mil in G.O. 25.8.92, No. 592 Public. It appears from the correspondence therein recorded that the Militar Zone drawn round the Fort enclos the ground which from a Mily point of view it is desirable "to k free from obstructions" and on which "no building of any descript should in future be permitted to b erected". In his letter No. 106 M.W. dated 19th Jany 1892 the Q.M.G. Sa that certain portions of the Gen Hospital are on "Military land This term is defined by the Dr Genl of Mil Works in para 5 of his letter in G.O d/11.7.93, No. 238 Mar. as "land whic must not be built on or used for any purpose without the assent of the local Military authorities and the Govt of India".

It is understood ~~in the Public Depth~~ that the Mily Zone is ~~nearly~~ merel the boundary within which no buildings should be erected or land used for a specific purp without the concurrence of the Mily authorities; and, in this view it is Submd that the Sanction accorded in P.G. No. 2803 d/28.4 should not have issued in

Mily Deptt.

A reference to the map on which the Military Zone is marked shows that the Northern & Southern extremities of the Zone cross the beach road. The accretion of Sand caused by the Southern arm of the harbour is not shown in the map as being within the Mily Zone. This accretion has always been specially reserved by the Civil deptt. When the Mily Deptt asked that this might also be declared to be "Military land" the Civil deptt considered it necessary to retain a portion as land under its complete control in case it might be required for docks, and accordingly fixed a boundary running immediately north of the Lighthouse Battery.

This "~~boundary~~" is quite separate from the Military "Zone" fixed by the Govt of India and it is submitted that it would have been better not to have used the latter word in G.O. dd 11.7.93, No. 238. There has been no attempt to alter the zone fixed by India. What the Mily authorities ask is that the zone may be continued to the water's edge.

In regard to G.O. dd 11.7.93, No. 238 it is submitted that the draft was marked for "H.M." with the intention that it should be circulated to the Hon'ble Mr. Garstin in accordance with rule. It is regretted that the Hon'ble Member's name was not inserted for the guidance of the Circulation Clerk.

The Hon'ble Member's instruction that all G.Os in the Marine Deptt should be submitted for his perusal before issue is being acted on.

J.D.B.
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In G.O. 25.8.92, No. 592 Pub.

I don't agree here. The accretion, as it formed, became part & parcel of the land within the Mil^y Zone, within its northern & southern limits - & could not be built on or used without the consent of the Mil^y authorities.

This is wrong. The Civil Dept was [illegible] encroaching on part of the land [illegible] in the Mil^y Zone as fixed by the Gov^t of India.

I do not think so.

A line from the corner of Parry & Co's office due East down to high water mark (subject to the rights of the Harbour Trust B^d [illegible] of the Port to a strip along the water's edge) forms the northern limit of the Mil^y Zone, no matter how far the sea may recede owing to the accretion of sand.

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The note put up by the Mil^y Department makes it clear that as regards the foreshore in question, their authority is merely limited to withholding or granting sanction to the erection of any buildings thereon or to any alteration in its use, and that the Govt. is now in a position to pass an order - in the Marine Department, granting the use of the land to the Christian College on the terms agreed upon for a gymnasium. The Military authorities have no objection - and we should I think ask only 20 rupees a year. The order should make it clear that the land is the property of Govt. and the Mil^y authorities have given their consent, being satisfied that the purposes for wh. the land is granted do not interfere with the objects which the zone has been drawn to secure.

28 Sep

The orders of Govt make it quite clear ~~that~~ while all the land within the Mil^y Zone is the property of the State, [illegible] of Mil^y policy [illegible] it is important that none of it should be occupied or built on, or used except with the previous consent of the Mil^y authorities. The Govt of India have defined the Mil^y Zone & fixed its northern limit as a line running from about [illegible] west of the corner of Parry & Co's office, due east down to high water mark. This being recognized & the Mil^y authorities having agreed that they have no objection to the playground being [illegible] to the Xtian College I think we may issue the following order:

G.O.

The site applied for by the Madras Xtian College on the foreshore is within the limits of the Mil^y Zone - the northern boundary of which is a line running due east to high water mark from a stone at the corner of [illegible] Parry & Co's office - & as the Mil^y authorities have agreed to the temporary occupation of the site [illegible] ground & [illegible] on the [illegible] the Gymnasium [illegible]

A note from the Military Dept. in which these papers were detained is put up. I do not see that it proves the rights of the Military dept. to any of the land within the Zone. The Fort and Glacis are by a notification of Govt. excluded from the operation of the Madras Municipal Act, and it may I think be conceded that the areas contained within them are absolutely the property of the Military Dept. which can within these limits do whatsoever they please without reference to the Civil authorities. But as regards the remaining area within the "Zone" the Military authorities have I submit only a power of veto as regards its use; and though they can prevent its being built upon or used for any purpose it appears to me that they could not utilize any portion of it for purposes of their own, say building a barrack, without the consent of the Civil authorities to their occupying the ground. The *raison d'être* of the "Zone" and the ground for giving the Military authorities the power of veto which they possess is clear. It is merely to have around the fort such space as in the opinion of military experts will allow of free fire from the fort and protect it from attack as far as possible. Improvements in gunnery and small arms might render it necessary to extend the Zone-area so as to take in the compound of Govt. House. But this fact would surely not give the military authorities the ~~right~~ power of exercising rights of ownership over this piece of land and doing what they pleased with it.

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not to be used other than for purposes
at the Light house Battery by temporary
[illegible] is granted, subject to
the following conditions;
(here enter conditions 1 to 5 [illegible] in
the Draft G.O. of 21st Augt. [illegible]
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This is to be borne in mind that [illegible] the Mil. Dept. of the Govt. is abolished all matters connected with this zone will become the subject of correspondence with H.E. the C in C in India

The phrase "belongs to the Mil. Dept." is ambiguous, whether the Mil. Dept. of the Govt. or the whole body of Mil. authorities is meant. The land of course belongs to the Govt. of State and all that the military authorities claim or can be allowed is a veto on its use in any way prejudicial to military purposes. They have no claim to revenue derived from admissible or permitted use of it.

8 Oct

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Note regarding the
land round Fort St George

H.E. the Governor
Hon. Mr Garstin CSI
Hon. Sir H.E. Stokes

To The Secry to Govt Mily
Dept for favor of [illegible] or such
remarks as he may
desire to make.

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Has read

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Marine Dept
No 21 18

Read again:-
G.O. dd 28.4.93, No 2803 Mily

Order. 2 Nov 93 No 383

/. The application of the Authorities of the Christian College at Madras is for the use as a gymnasium and playground of a piece of ground on the foreshore in the vicinity of the Light house Battery measuring 600 x 225 feet. As the land in question lies within the military zone round Fort St. George the Military authorities were consulted on the subject, and from the letter from the Quarter Master General embodied in the Proceedings recorded above it appears that, as the purposes for which the land is required ~~do~~ may not interfere with the objects which the zone was drawn to secure, there is no objection to it

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to use being granted.

2. H.E. the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to grant to the Christian College authorities the temporary use of the ground in question on the following conditions:-

(1) That no pavilion or building of any kind be erected on it.

(2) That it be used only for the purposes for which it is granted, viz:- as a gymnasium and play ground, & that its use be restricted to persons connected with the Christian College.

(3). That no use be made of it during the time the gun practice is being carried on from the Light house Battery.

(4). That it be enclosed with a fence or hedge at the expense of the College authorities.

(5) That a rental of Rs. (20) twenty per annum be paid for its use to

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the Collector of Madras.

(6). That it be vacated without claim for compensation on any account at twelve hours' notice.

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3. The Govt. directs that, in future, applications for the use of land lying within the military zone round Fort St George shall be dealt with in the Revenue Dept, unless the site is on the foreshore in which case the Marine Dept should dispose of the matter. In either case, the application should be referred to the Military authorities before any orders are passed on it. These instructions do not apply to the Fort glacis which is absolutely reserved for military purposes.

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" & Secry to the Council Madras Christian Coll 5

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Note

[illegible] Military Dept. has [illegible] to the draft down to para 2 only. [illegible] exception to para 3 and has [illegible] with regard [illegible]

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submitted herewith.

The reason why the Fort Glacis was referred to in para 3 is that it and the Fort are alone excepted from Munl limits. The draft does not seem to interfere in any way with the use for Military purposes of that Island or Esplanade. I send the Hon Mr W. E. Stokes note of the 8th inst to convey that the Military authorities have only the right of veto on the erection of buildings within the Zone (excepting the Fort & Glacis?) & have no power of control over it, that vesting in Govt alone

ance for any purpose

JD
25/10/93

I don't understand Genl Hoskin's objection. The definition of the rights of the Military Dept. in the zone is accepted in the linked draft order, and I don't see what more they want. I pass the draft in full.

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