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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 5th November 1859, No. 3921.

Communicating a letter from the Government of India, relative to the ground required for practice ranges and for erecting Butts in all stations in which regiments armed with Enfield Rifle are quartered. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 1st to 10th November 1859, Nos. 134-135.)

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 2640.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Mily. Dept., Fort William, 5th October 1859, No. 175; to the Secretary to Government, Mily. Dept., Fort Saint George.

Letter from Officiating Adjutant General of the Army. No. 1185, dated 29th August 1859. I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council, transcripts of the documents noted in the margin, relative to the ground required for practice ranges and for erecting Butts in all stations in which

„ from do. No. 1255, dated 9th September 1859.

„ to do. No. 174 of this date.

Regiments armed with the Enfield Rifle are quartered.

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Simla, 29th August 1859, No. 1185; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

With reference to General Orders by the Commander-in-Chief, of 11th June last, republishing and making applicable to this country, Horse Guards' Circular Memorandum No. 132, of the 12th October last, directing that all work on the formation of practice ranges, &c., such as the throwing up of Butts for the targets to rest against, and levelling irregularities in the ground should be executed by the fatigue labor of the Troops, whenever the nature of the soil is such that it can be turned and moved with the ordinary intrenching tools furnished by the Engineer Department, I am directed to observe for the information of the Governor General in Council, that Lord Clyde upon re-consideration of the matter, has arrived at the conclusion, that though the construction of the Butts themselves and maintaining of them and the ground in their vicinity in good order should be effected by the labor of the Troops armed with the Enfield Rifle, still in this country the ground on which the Butts are to be erected and practice ranges made, should in the first instance, be levelled and prepared by the Engineer Department.

2. I am therefore to request you will solicit His Excellency in Council to grant on the above conditions, a general authority for levelling and preparing by the Engineer Department, of ground required for practice ranges, or the erection of Butts in all stations in which Regiments armed with the Enfield Rifle are quartered.

3. In conclusion, I am to add that the publication of the Horse Guards' Circular above alluded to, and the General Order regarding it, without previous reference to Government was directed in consequence of its having been observed in the General Orders of His Honor the Governor of Madras, dated 12th April last, page 333, that His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council had sanctioned the arrangements prescribed by the said Circular being made applicable to all Troops in India.

From the Officer Commanding Cawnpore Division, 24th August 1859; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters Simla.

I have the honor to report, that the most eligible site for an Enfield Rifle practice range near this station is situated about three miles from the Barracks occupied by the British Regiment quartered here.

I consider it most desirable that the range should be at once constructed on the plan laid down in the Regulations for conducting the Musketry instruction of the Army, dated Horse Guards 1st February 1859, so that no time may be lost in commencing the practice as soon as the weather will admit, and yet on the other hand, I fear that the employment of fatigue parties* for this work at this unhealthy season of the year, and at such a distance from their Barracks might be attended with serious results.

Under these circumstances I beg that you will be good enough to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief, my request that I be permitted to order the ruotion of the Butts, range &c. &c. in the first instance by the Executive Engineer Department; by this arrangement we shall be enabled to commence the practice on or soon after the 1st October, and the Butts and range can, after the first construction be kept in repair by fatigue parties.

No. 1235.

With reference to this Office letter No. 1185 of 29th ultimo, forwarded to the Secretary to Government of India Military Department for the sanction of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

By order of the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HEAD QUARTERS SIMLA,
9th September 1859.

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Major,

Officiating Adj. Genl. of the Army.

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 5th October 1859, No. 174; to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

With reference to your letter and docket as per margin, I am desired to acquaint you, that His Excellency the Governor General in Council sanctions the measures proposed by the Right Hon'ble the Commander-in-Chief, viz., that the Public Works Department should, in the first instance, level and prepare the ground required for practice ranges, or erect Butts in all stations in which Regiments armed with the Enfield Rifle are quartered; the maintenance of the Butts and of the ground in good order being afterwards effected by the labor of the Troops.

ORDER, No. 3921, 5th November 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, Department Public Works, and other Departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

M. M. H. H.
Acting Depy. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Department Public Works. *With response given*
- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Davis.

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