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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 64. Endorsement of the Military Department, dated 2nd March 1874.

From A. C. LAWFORD, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Canara, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Mangalore, 11th December 1873, No. 104.

In continuation of my letter, No. 97, of 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the work of the rifle range has been stopped at the request of the Officer Commanding, Mangalore, who states that the Brigadier General thinks it very desirable ~~that~~ no expenditure should be incurred on the works until it is known that Government approves of the site now proposed.

FORWARDED to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.

REFERRED for further information to the Military Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
6th February 1874. *Secretary to Government., P.W.D.*

REFERRED to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
9th February 1874. *Secretary to Government, Mily. D.*

From Colonel H. O'CONNELL, Officiating Quarter Master General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th February 1874, No. 1,578.

In reply to your reference of the 9th instant (herewith returned), I have the honour, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to report for the information of Government as follows.

2. On the 23rd September 1873, the Brigadier General Commanding Malabar and Canara forwarded plans and estimates for a new rifle range at Mangalore.

3. These documents were referred to the Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry, who recommended certain alterations, and were subsequently* returned to General Cooke in view to the alterations being effected.

*On the 10th November 1873.

4. With the exception of two plans, which were sent by Banghy, they were lost in transmission.

5. A month later, when the Commander-in-Chief visited Cannanore, General Cooke, who had just returned from Mangalore, suggested a change in the site of the proposed rifle range at that station from inland to the beach.

6. His Excellency approved the change, and the preparation of fresh plans and estimates commenced.

7. The Officer Commanding, however, now reports that the change of site cannot be effected, as Mr. Thomas, the Collector of the District, upon a reconsideration of the subject is of opinion that rifle practice on the beach would be attended with danger to the lives of the fishing community.

8. Colonel Molony has, therefore, been requested to revert to the original site, and to prepare fresh estimates for the cost of the range in lieu of those lost in transmission.

9. These will be submitted to Government on receipt.

10. I annex the copy of Colonel Molony's last letter upon the subject under reference.

From Colonel C. P. MOLONY, Commanding Malabar and Canara, to H. O'CONNELL, Quarter Master General, Fort St. George, dated Cannanore, 21st February 1874, No. 55.

In returning the document which accompanied your memorandum, No. 1,043, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that an unavoidable delay has taken place in submitting the plans and estimates for the Mangalore Rifle Range, in consequence of Mr. Thomas, the Collector of South Canara, having raised some objections to the proposed site, as he is of opinion that the utilization of the sand slip between the town of Mangalore and the sea for the purpose would be attended with considerable risk of danger to the fishing population.

2. On the 8th November 1873, previous to taking any steps in ordering the preparation of the plans, Brigadier General Cooke requested the Officer Commanding, Mangalore, to call upon Mr. Thomas to state if he had any objections to the range being laid down on the spot in question, the reply was that, provided due care was paid to the safety of the men plying on the estuary, the Collector had no objections to urge to the sand slip being so utilized; but that he was unwilling to surrender the ground permanently, as it might hereafter be of importance in connection with harbour improvements.

3. Owing to the proposed position of the butts being upwards of 1,500 yards from the mouth of the harbour, no danger was apprehended, and the submission of the plans was accordingly called for; but, as Mr. Thomas in a subsequent communication was of opinion that danger would be incurred not only in that direction but at the side of the sand slip where kareening of boats took place, I pointed out the large extent of clear ground which existed in rear of the butts and that the boats were kareened well out of the line of fire.

4. Mr. Thomas, however, still apprehends that the site is unsuitable for the purpose, and recommends reverting to the original plan of constructing a range at Oorwa. I have therefore for the present stayed further action in the matter pending receipt of a reply from the Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry to whom the case has been referred for opinion.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, and the referred letter returned.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1874, No. 1,171.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 2.

It is observed that a plan and estimate of Rupees 2,700 were sanctioned in G. O., No. 3,873, of 29th November 1871, (Military Department) for the rifle range at Mangalore, and funds allotted in Public Works Order, No. 235, dated 24th January 1872, and that after a sum of

Rupees 1,621 had been laid out the progress of the work was stopped and a new site selected without reference to Government. This proceeding must be regarded

*Vide G. O., No. 1,553 of 7th June 1865. as quite irregular, and is contrary to
" " 1,906 of 17th " 1868. standing orders, reference to which is
Communicating order in Military Department, No. 2,214, of 8th June 1868. given in the margin.* His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be re-*

quested in the Military Department to call the attention of Officers Commanding Stations, Brigades, and Divisions to those orders with a view to strict conformity with them in future.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the rifle range at Mangalore be proceeded with on the site originally contemplated.

3. It was the duty of the District Engineer, in accordance with paragraphs 75 and 76 of Chapter V. of the Public Works Code, to inform the Brigadier General Commanding that he was not at liberty to prepare entirely new and detailed plans and estimates for a rifle range on the new site without previous approval of the Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Canara.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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District Engineer's Office
South Canara

N^o 104.

Mangalore 11 December 1873

From

A. C. Crawford Esqre
Off^r District Engineer.
S. Canara.

To

Colonel E. A. Ford R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings
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May 1874. Exp.

McGuffey
 18590.

The subject: Organic
 Development of the
 Nervous System in the
 Vertebrate Series.
 By J. H. McDougall.
 1874. 12mo. 1/2.

For information

copy of a letter from
 the State Surgeon of
 South Carolina reporting
 that the work of the
 State Board has been
 completed. The Board
 has been organized
 in 1874. 12mo. 1/2.

Referred for further
 information to the
 Department.

Amos A. A. G. E.
 Secy. of State
 6 February 1874.

Referred to the
 Committee on the
 subject of the
 State Board of
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March 1874.

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From the Quarter M^{rs} Genl.

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for it but to act as
suggested by the Middle
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unconvenience caused
by this change of plan
is partly anticipated
in the Draft - My suggestion
for Change of title ~~is~~
I was not aware that any
other had been considered
or that originally selected

The present state
of proceedings with re-
ference to a new Rifle
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 To The Public Works Department,
 with diary No. 590, of 1874.
 No 674
 R. C. 25 March 1874
 G. C. 19 March 1874
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 G. C. 12 March 1874

Funds were allotted in
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To D. C. South Canara ✓
" Controller ✓
" Military Dept ✓
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(Rev. J. L. Smith (S.D.)
 N.E. The Governor
 21-3-74

Re. A. 1.

Defs to Adj 8th Apr/74 2.19-4.70
 P.c. 25. March/74 2.3.4.
 P.c. 22-5-74 2.25-3.74
 P.c. 19. March 1974 2.22
 See 12 March 1974 2.19

From the Asst Engineer.
Civil & Mch Building (Here enter No 1685 of 18. Dec 1873)

From the Dr Master Genl (Here enter No 1578 of 27. Feb 1874)
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.



To

The Dist. Engr.
South Canara.

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O., 4th May 1874, No. 1171

Nos. 64-65.

Rifle Range at
Mangalore South
Canara District

Passing orders
~~relating~~ relating to the
construction of this
wall —