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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th January 1878, No. 24 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 44. From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 24th December 1877, No. 494.

In reply to your memorandum No. 4,304, dated the 5th instant, with four accompaniments herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that, as far as I understand the matter, the Rifle Range proposed does not appear to be precisely that entered as a ball practice ground in the Cantonment plan. Owing to the greater distance to which soldiers' arms now-a-days are made to fire it was necessary to obtain a longer range; hence the Committee appointed selected a piece of ground a portion of which was outside cantonments limits. It is for this portion outside of the cantonment limits that compensation is claimed.

2. I beg to add that I have had nothing whatever to do with the compensation portion of this matter, nor have I been asked to attend to it. This was referred by the Commandant direct to the Commissioner and to the Revenue Survey authorities.

3. I can obtain no information on this point in my records. Neither my Head Accountant nor the Coonoor Ghaut Overseer can throw any light on the matter. The latter states he came to Wellington in 1858.

4. I will, if you wish, refer the matter to the Collector of Coimbatore and to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris; but I anticipate my so doing will only result in fruitless delay.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1878, No. 24 W.

The estimate of Rupees 2,210 for constructing a Rifle Range at Wellington is sanctioned, and the necessary funds are appropriated from the Reserve at the disposal of Government under Military. The work should be completed before the end of the official year.

2. This sanction has been registered as Imperial No. 94 B of 1877-78.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with Estimate.
" Military Department.

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

* N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the Proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a Gen. Board

assembled at Wellington

on the 24th of March 1877

by order of Adj. Col. J. S. S. Ref. Comm.

for the purpose of determining upon a site for a rifle range for the use of the troops at Wellington.

PRESIDENT.

Edw. Meyer Shandy
Capt. Cholmondeley 216th Regt.

MEMBERS.

Capt. Murrant R. L.
Word 44th Regt.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, proceeded to examine the ground, and finding it necessary that it should be measured; adjourn until this is done under the superintendence of the Executive Engineer.
The Board having reassembled pursuant to order Local Map Shandy 2/11/77 Regt. having relieved Capt. Cholmondeley reported the

Went to report on the site located
a sketch of which together with
the report of the Executive Engineer
is attached.

There are no villages in the immediate
vicinity of the Range
but a public "right of way"
runs through the ground.
(See En Engineer's Report) which
however is very little used.

The exact area to be purchased
and the value of it, is annexed.

The direction of the Range is
20° West of North. and the distance
from Kanchi is 1 mile and a
half.

The Range is an upland one
and will require a considerable
amount of leveling.

The site suggested by Major
Lawrence as a Q. for the battery
was found impracticable owing
to the broken nature of the
ground.

An eye sketch giving a general
idea of the ground is also at-
tached.

Signed at Wellington this
15th day of June 1877 -

W. J. Mauley ³ Capt. R.
Lt. Col.
2/16 Regt.

President

Members -

General ³ Capt. R.

M. D. D. Capt. R.
44th Regt.

District Engineer's Office,
Ottumunda,
25 April 1877.

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From

The District Engineer
Neilyburn.

To

The Commandant
Wellington.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward an estimate
(distinguishing labor and materials) for constructing a
Rifle Range at Wellington on the site selected by the
Committee appointed the other day for that purpose.

2. The site for the Range is the same as was
used some ten years ago. The Range will serve for practice up
to 1000 yards. It is free from houses and public roads for
a distance of 100 yards on either side of the line of fire,
with the exception of a small track but which will have
to be purchased. A public right of way runs through
a portion of the grounds but it will be easy at the time of
firing to prevent the few natives who usually traverse it from
thus passing. Beyond the Butts there is a high and abrupt hill
which will prevent the bullets from going very far.
The direction of the Range is 20° West of North, and its
distance from the Barracks is $1 \frac{1}{4}$ miles or as nearly as
possible $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles. The Range is on a slope which with
firing platforms can be made not to exceed 15° . A scarp
on the mountain side will be provided behind the targets

according to para 214 of the Indian. Appendix to the British Museum regulations, as also 2 Blands Martin Boats on the top of the scarp, which will be only 10 feet high it is proposed to raise a step both also 10 feet high, great additional excavation. The cost of target platforms, staves for denoting the firing points, and firing platforms are also included in the Estimate.

2. The Revenue Survey Department has been instructed, I believe, to supply the requisite Survey plans

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

J. A. Mordaunt Esq.,
District Engineer

Memorandum

With reference to G.O. in the Military Dept. No. 6522 dated the 26th Novr 1897 with extract Proc. of a Committee in herewith forwarded to the District Engineer, Steilgherrie, the Chief Engineer on comparing the survey submitted with the Plan of the Cantonment of Wellington observes that the Rifle Range proposed is precisely that entered as "Ball practice Ground" in the Cantonment Plan. It is therefore not understood what compensation can be claimed for the ground all of which except a couple of acres or so close to the commencement of the Range where the road crosses the stream is waste land for which it is believed compensation was granted and paid years and years ago. As certainly the ball practice

practice ground or Rifle Range
was in use since 1848 when the
8th Regiment was first stationed
at ^{Hillington} followed by the "Fife" Rifles and
10th Regiment.

2. The matter is one which the
District Engineer should have very
closely inquired into, possibly
some documentary evidence may
be obtainable on the subject either
from the office of the Collector
of Land Revenue or the Commissioner
of Stirlingshire. His Head Accountant
and the Comptroller General
should be able to throw some
light on the subject, regarding
which early report is requested.
The accompanying papers 4 in num-
ber being returned.

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Dec 1877

W. M. M. Colonel
District Engineer Stirling

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The District Engineer Stirling

District Engineer's Office
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The District Engineer
Stirling

The Dy Chief Engineer,
P. M. D.,
Madras.

Sir

In reply to your communication
dated 1301 dated the 5th Inst
with accompanying letter with re-
turns I have the honor to in-
form you that as far as I un-
derstand the matter the Rifle
Range proposed does not appear
to be precisely that intended as
a Ball Practice ground in the
Contaminant Plan. Owing to the
greater distance to which soldiers
are now & days are made to fire

it was necessary to obtain a larger
range: hence the Committee appointed
a select committee of ground ex-
position of which was outside Com-
-mand limits. It is for this
position outside of the Command
limits that compensation is claimed.

2. I beg to add that I have
had nothing whatever to do with
the compensation portion of this
matter now than I have asked to
attend to it. This was referred by
the Commandant direct to the
Commissioner and to the Bureau
(Army). Authority.

3. I can obtain no information
on this point in my records.
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now the General Board Committee.
can throw any light on the matter.
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-out the 135's.

4. I will if you wish refer the
matter to the Collector of Cincinnati
and to the Commissioner of the
but I anticipate my doing will
only result in fruitless delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

John A. Tabor, B. C.

Michael Engineer

Roads and Buildings

Madras

His Maj. Engineer

Madras

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His Maj. Chief Eng.
P. W. D.
Madras

to 1914

Dated 24th December 1877

to the Engineer-in-Chief

Rifle Range at Wellington

- Submits his report on the

with reference to his

Memorandum No.

4301, of the 5th Dec 77

1. Amount put up for
2. Rs. 822 of 1878
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

26th November 1877, No. 6522.

Barracks and Buildings—Ranges.

Read the following paper:—

No. 433. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 17th November 1877, No. 7685.

The Commander-in-Chief having approved the detailed estimate marginally noted, I am directed by His Excellency to submit them for the consideration and orders of Government.

Enclosure A.
Estimate for Rupees 2,210 for constructing a Rifle Range at Wellington, Nilgiris—and the following documents:—
Plan.
Letter, No. 100, dated 25th April 1877, from the District Engineer.

Proceedings of Board for selection of site.

A grant for compensation for ground for the range will also be required. Government has been addressed on the subject in the office letter, No. 7684, of this day's date. Probable cost for compensation, 568 acres at Rupees 50 per acre = Rupees 2,840.

2. If approved by Government, it is requested that the papers may be forwarded to the Department Public Works for disposal.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1877, No. 6522.
Approved generally, and transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and final disposal.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with four enclosures, and in duplicate.
Quartermaster-General.

Edw. A. Hall.

No 4304 D 5 Dec/77

P.O.D.

Memorandum.

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The matter is one which the District Engineer should have very closely inquired into, & possibly some documentary evidence may be obtainable on the subject either in the office of the Collector of Coimbatore or the Commissioner of the Nilgheries. The Head Accountant and the Comptroller & Overseer should be able to throw some light on the subject regarding which a report is requested; the accompanying papers 4 in number being returned.

Sd/W. Farewell Colonel
by Chief Engineer B.E.D.

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No. 24 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 14th Jan. 1878.

Read the following:—

No. of the Military Dept. (H.L. No. 6522, of 26 Nov. '77)
D. L. Nilgiris. — (C. C. 494, of 24 Dec. '77)

The Estimate of Rs. 2240 for Constructing a Rifle Range at Welling-
ton is sanctioned, and the necessary funds are appropriated from the Reserve at the disposal of Govt. under Military.
— The work should be completed before the end of the official year.

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D. L. Nilgiris 3.
Comm. P.W.D. South Coimbatore
Military Dept. 15

This sanction has been registered as Imperial
No. 24 of 1877/78

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