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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th May 1883, No. 209:—

I have the honor to submit, herewith, under the circumstances stated in the letter (copy sent) of the Quartermaster-General, the annual report on the Fort of Cannanore.

2. In G.O., No. 737 W., of 7th March 1883, it is stated that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would be requested to depute an officer of the Royal Engineers for the duty; but this has apparently not been done, and the report has been prepared by the Officiating Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Western District.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Officer Commanding Western District, dated Ootacamund, 26th April 1883, No. 174.

I have the honor, by order, to return the annual report on the Fort of Cannanore received with your letter, No. G/74, dated 28th March 1883.

2. Agreeably to paragraph 218-A, Madras Army Regulations, the report should be submitted through the Public Works Department, and it seems desirable to continue this procedure unless in your opinion there are special reasons for discontinuing this channel.

Report on the Fort of Cannanore prepared in accordance with Rule IV of P.G., No. 5680, dated 21st October 1882.

In accordance with Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 1112, dated 9th February 1880, in the absence of a Royal Artillery Officer, a report under Rule II was drawn up by the Officiating Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General of the District on the guns, ammunition, platforms, embrasures, &c.

The authorised Fort armament consists of five S.B. 18-pounder cast-iron guns on iron carriages; and two mortars, one 8 inch and one 10 inch, with iron beds. These are in position; the two mortars and two 18-pounders are mounted on the ramparts on the eastern side, overlooking the native town of Old Cannanore; the remaining guns are on the flagstaff bastion. Both mortars and guns are in good order and serviceable.

The ammunition is complete and serviceable; there are 250 rounds of shot and shell for each piece. As the Fort Magazine is not large enough to contain all the powder, only 289 barrels of 100 lb. each are kept there, the remaining stock, viz., 146 100 lb. barrels and 55 125 lb. barrels, is kept in a magazine about half a mile distant outside the Fort.

These barrels on an emergency might perhaps be stored in a subterranean chamber that exists in the laterite spit jutting out into the sea behind the Fort.

The embrasures are in good order; the timber parts of some of the platforms require renewal.

On the receipt of the order of Government directing the preparation of the report on the Cannanore Fort, application was made to the Superintending Engineer of the Circle for the services of an officer of Royal Engineers as therein directed. No officer has apparently been available; consequently the detailed report of the Fort, with plan and sections, has not been received.

The enceinte of the Fort appears to be in a good state of preservation. There are some outworks which are in a ruined condition, and should be levelled. The counterscarp of the main ditch opposite the north-east bastion has crumbled away, and now affords passage to the ditch by an easy slope.

The drawbridge over the ditch at the back of the Fort, which connects it with the laterite spur above alluded to, requires repair.

The water-supply is imperfect. There is one well within the Fort, but its water is brackish; the drinking-water has to be obtained from a well near the sallyport in the covered way.

CANNANORE,
28th March 1883.

(Signed) L. BUCK, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Western District.

(Signed) W. HORNSBY, Captain,
Offg. Dy. Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Western District.

ORDER—dated 4th June 1883, No. 1551 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Military Department.

2. A further report on the Fort of Cannanore by the Royal Engineer Officer appointed under G.O., No. 737 W., dated 7th March 1883, will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Military Department.
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Cannanore Fort

Annual report on the —, communicated to
the Military Department and further report
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From

Supg. Engineer's Office, 4th Circle

Camp Coacammund, 18th May 1883

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The Superintending Engineer,
4th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

D. P.W.

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General of the Western District.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

Respectfully, Colonel, R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

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Quartermaster General's Office
Head Quarters.
Obtained 25th April 1883.

No 174
From
To
The Quartermaster-General,
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I have, &c.,
Signed R. G. Stewart, Lt Colonel
Offg. Dir. Genl

True

True Copy

L. Beatty - Colonel, R.,
Sup. Engineer, 4th Div.

Report on the Fort of San Juan prepared in accordance
with Rule IV of P. O. N^o 5680 dated 21st Oct 1882
in accordance with a M. C. letter N^o 1112 dated
Feb 1880, in the absence of a Regular Auditor
Officer, a report under Rule II was drawn up by
the Officer in Charge of the District on the
ammunition, platform, magazines &c.
The authorized Fort armament consists of 5 5 B
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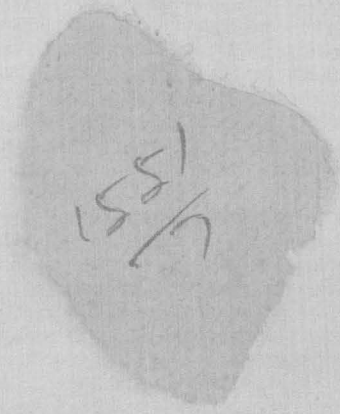
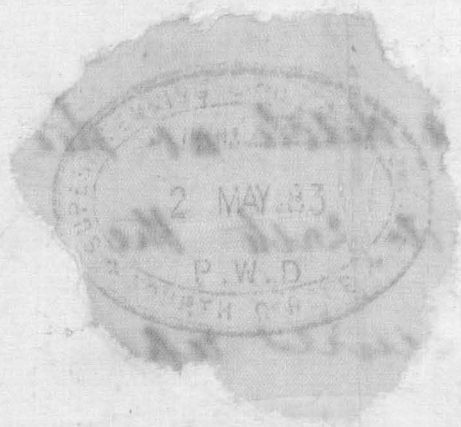
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from a well near the gateway, in the covered
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20th Feb March 1883.

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Commander District

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