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14TH NOVEMBER 1884, No. 2843 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd November 1884, No. 1123 B:—

I have the honor, by order, to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, below mentioned, which has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The estimate has been countersigned—

I. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,237 (inclusive of compensation for land), for the construction of a rifle range at Calicut.

II. Letter, No. 352 M., dated 28th October 1884, from Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Western District.

2. The acquisition of the land has already been sanctioned by Government in G.O., No. 4560, dated 15th September 1884; but as no allotment of funds has yet been made to carry on the work, His Excellency requests that an early provision of funds may be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for the purpose.

No. 5434, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut-Col.,  
5th November 1884. Offg. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 14th November 1884, No. 2843 W., Public Works.

The estimate of Rs. 200, for constructing a rifle range at Calicut, is sanctioned, and the amount is appropriated from the reserve with Government under Military.

2. The sum of Rs. 1,037 required for payment of land compensation will be met by the Military Department as required by paragraph 1376 of the Public Works Code.

3. This sanction has been registered as Imperial Ordinary No. 49 W. of 1884-85, and classified as Military, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with estimate.  
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
" Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.  
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MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 14th.

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G.O., 14th Nov. 1884, No. 2843 W.

NOVEMBER.

Rifle Range at Calicut  
Estimate for a —, sanctioned.

2ND SEPTEMBER 1884, No. 2161 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quarter-master-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 23rd August 1884, No. 732 B.:—

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying correspondence \* and plans relative to the acquisition of a strip of land at Calicut for the purpose of constructing a rifle range at that station for the detachment of British troops.

2. At present there are no means for the men of the detachment at Calicut keeping up their rifle practice, but His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it most important that a range, even if only a short one, should be provided for their use, both for the purpose of keeping up the efficiency of the detachment in a musketry sense, and also as providing amusement to the men; and he therefore trusts the Government will sanction the small expenditure necessary for obtaining the ground, 30 yards wide by 400 yards long, to the north of the disused old road, which is estimated to cost Rs. 1,036-14-6, and a further sum of Rs. 200 for removing existing fences, &c.

3. Should Government be pleased to approve of the Commander-in-Chief's proposal, His Excellency would beg that the matter might be referred to the Public Works Department for action, under paragraphs 1374-6 and 1537-8, Public Works Code.

ENCLOSURES.

From Brigadier-General B. L. GORDON, C.B., Commanding Western District, to the Quarter-master-General, Ootacamund, dated Cannanore, 11th August 1884, No. G. 160.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your No. 118 B., of 17th May 1884, I have the honor to report as under on the steps which I have taken to find a suitable range for the Calicut detachment.

2. On the receipt of your letter under reply, I directed Captain Henry, R.E., Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, to proceed to Calicut and carefully examine the ground within a radius of 4 miles from West Hill barracks with a view to finding a suitable range.

3. Captain Henry, on the 31st May, reported to me that he had examined the country as directed, and had no hesitation in saying that within 4 miles of West Hill a range suitable for putting men through the annual course could only be procured by buying up both the range itself and all the dangerous ground in rear of the targets at enormous expense.

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4. He next described what he considers a very inferior 600 yards' range, about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from barracks, on some waste land along a ridge running E and W. The ground in rear of the targets slopes gently down and is only clear for 900 yards, so a large stop-butt would have to be provided, and it is very improbable the men would ever go  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles to shoot for pleasure in a climate like that of Calicut.

5. Convinced that no site for a moderately long range could be found, Captain Henry selected a site on the sea-shore, half a mile from barracks, which could easily be made available as a range up to 400 yards.

6. Until a few years ago there was near West Hill a road running along the coast and nearly parallel to that leading to Cannanore. Several bye-roads at right angles to the coast connected these two thoroughfares, one such road leading direct from West Hill to the beach. The action of the sea has of late years completely removed the coast road, with the result that the bye-roads at right angles to it lead no-where but to the sandy beach; and it was with a view to utilising so much land already waste but perfectly level and suitable for firing along that Captain Henry selected the disused road to be, as it were, the nucleus of the range.

7. After a long delay and repeated references, I have at last obtained from the Revenue authorities a statement of the cost of obtaining sufficient land to widen the range to 30 yards, which would, I consider, be sufficient for so short a distance as 400 yards, which statement, consisting of the documents as per margin, I have the honor to attach. Less than 30 yards, though fenced throughout that the expense of upkeep

Letter, No. 3635, dated 7th August 1884, from the Collector of Malabar, with a statement and report from the tahsildar, Calicut taluk.

cheaper to acquire, would need to be so securely would probably render it more costly in the end.

8. I have also obtained an approximate estimate of the cost of removing fences, &c., amounting to Rs. 200, which I forward herewith. It will be observed that no provision is made for a stop-butt, but I find that the estimate for one would come to Rs. 220, and the late musketry instructor of the 2nd Hampshire Regiment informs me that the annual value of the lead recovered from the match shooting and practice of 100 men would rarely exceed Rs. 10, and as the firing would be to sea, I do not think the butt would be necessary.

9. Any extension of the range beyond 400 yards would necessitate the acquisition of paddy lands at great expense and the erection of high firing platforms to counteract the slope of the ground and enable the men firing to see over the rising ground close to the 350 yards point.

10. With this correspondence I have the honor to forward three plans. That marked 1 is a sketch plan by Captain Henry showing the proposed range widened by taking ground from both sides of the road. It is now proposed to take the ground from the north side only. That marked 2 is by the same officer showing the distance from, relative position and road to, the barracks. Plan No. 3 is a survey of the range on a larger scale and with more accurate measurements by the Public Works officer.

11. The return of the plans is kindly requested.

From C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, dated Calicut, 7th August 1884, No. 3635.

With reference to your letter, No. 1290, of the 11th July last, I have the honor to forward,\* herewith, for your information, copy of a report from the tahsildar of Calicut on the subject of the rifle range at Calicut, and to inquire what can be acquired at once if funds are provided. you wish to be done in the matter. The land

\* With two plans (returned) and a statement.

From J. H. GYWNNE, Esq., Acting Tahsildar of Calicut, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Chevayur, 5th August 1884.

With reference to the marginally noted correspondence, regarding the acquisition of a site for a rifle range in Etakad Amshom of Calicut taluk, I respectfully beg to submit the following report, and to return the two plans forwarded to me.

Letter from Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, dated 2nd June, with temporary Deputy Collector's endorsement, dated 6th idem.

Letter from Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, dated 18th June 1884, No. 1152, with temporary Deputy Collector's dated 26th idem.

Letter from Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, dated 11th July, No. 1290, with Collector's endorsement, No. 3658, dated 18th idem.

2. Although the Military authorities, in their letter, dated 18th June last, No. 1152, stated that it would suffice if they were furnished with the cost of acquiring land covering a total

width of 30 to 35 yards, the temporary Deputy Collector directed me to submit compensation accounts for a total width of 30 and 35 yards, respectively. I accordingly beg to submit, herewith, compensation statements as specified below—

A and B.—For land to the north of the existing road, which taken, together with the road itself, gives a total width of 30 and 35 yards, respectively.

C and D.—For land on either side of the existing road, which, taken together with the road itself, gives a total width of 30 and 35 yards, respectively.

3. Appended is a comparative statement of the valuation of the site according to its different widths, showing also the cost under its different heads:—

|                                                                         | As per<br>Statement A. | As per<br>Statement B. | As per<br>Statement C. | As per<br>Statement D. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                         | RS. A. P.              | RS. A. P.              | RS. A. P.              | RS. A. P.              |
| Amount to be paid to janmis on account of janmam value of the land      | 900 8 0                | 1,151 13 9             | 1,174 13 8             | 1,279 11 8             |
| Amount to be paid to tenants on account of value of buildings and trees | 43 10 6                | 54 13 9                | 463 6 4                | 466 11 4               |
| Total ..                                                                | 944 2 6                | 1,206 11 6             | 1,638 4 0              | 1,746 7 0              |

4. The janmam value fixed for the lands is acceptable to all concerned, but of the six plots (*vide* statements C and D) the janmam value of Nos. 1, 2, and 5 is claimed by rival claimants whose names appear against those lands in column 2 of the statements, while as regards the right to that of item No. 6 there is a dispute between the heirs. I consider that in these four cases all that is necessary will be to refer the contending parties to the civil courts for the settlement of the disputes existing between them.

5. The valuation arrived at for buildings, &c., standing on the land has been accepted by all concerned but this is not the case with regard to the trees raised thereon, the tenants having applied, through the revenue inspector, to be paid compensation at Rs. 5 per bearing coconut tree and Rs. 3 for each of those which have not begun to be productive.

6. The objection raised is, I consider, not without grounds; for the valuations fixed by the revenue inspector are at rates which are usually adopted on the resumption of the land by the janmi, by which period the tenant has had the benefit of the produce for a series of years, generally from 5 to 7. In very many cases the same land is granted to the same party on a renewed lease. In the present instance the tenants have not yet derived the full benefit accruing from their leases. After a personal communication with a few of the principal tenants, I have induced them to accept a valuation for their trees calculated at the rates noted in the margin. These rates, I believe, to be fair and reasonable.

7. Deducting the valuation allowed for the trees by the revenue inspector, the enhanced rates will entitle the tenants to a further sum, as noted below, in addition to that mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

|                                                          | RS. A. P. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. For trees standing on land included in Statement A .. | 92 12 0   |
| 2. Do. do. do. do. B...                                  | 118 0 0   |
| 3. Do. do. do. do. C...                                  | 109 5 0   |
| 4. Do. do. do. do. D...                                  | 113 14 0  |

8. There are two houses standing on the northern side of the existing road but a little beyond the limits required for the rifle range. The occupants, apprehensive of inconvenience arising to them owing to the vicinity of the proposed range, have applied for compensation to enable them to pull down the edifices, remove the materials and erect fresh houses at a distance. The revenue inspector supports their application and recommends that a compensation of Rs. 250 be paid for one of them and of Rs. 30 for the other. I do not feel inclined to uphold this recommendation, as the buildings are not within the area required by the Military Department, and the occupants can easily prevent all inconvenience to themselves by protecting their houses and premises by running fences around them.

9. As the range would only be used occasionally—and that for a very short time—and as there are two other roads leading from the main line to the beach, I do not think there will be any real inconvenience by its being used for the purpose intended.

10. On being informed as to which of the areas selected is approved, I shall take steps to acquire it.

11. The revenue inspector's report and its enclosures are submitted herewith in original.

STATEMENT showing Compensation payable on account of Lands required for the Rifle Range at Calicut.

| Description of Land.                                                                                        | Area.  |        |                 | Amount payable to Janmi. |    |    | Amount payable to Tenants on account of improvements, &c. |    |    | Total Compensation. |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------|----|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
|                                                                                                             | ACRES. | ACRES. | ACRES.          | RS.                      | A. | P. | RS.                                                       | A. | P. | RS.                 | A. | P. |
| A. Land to the north of the road which, taken together with the road, gives a total width of 30 yards ...   | 1      | 13     | 14              | 900                      | 8  | 0  | 136                                                       | 6  | 6  | 1,036               | 14 | 6  |
| B. Do. do. 35 yards ...                                                                                     | 2      | 4      | 6               | 1,151                    | 13 | 9  | 172                                                       | 13 | 9  | 1,324               | 11 | 6  |
| C. Land on either side of the road which, taken together with the road, gives a total width of 30 yards ... | 1      | 13     | 14              | 1,174                    | 13 | 8  | 572                                                       | 11 | 4  | 1,747               | 9  | 0  |
| D. Do. do. 35 yards ...                                                                                     | 2      | 4      | 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 1,279                    | 11 | 8  | 580                                                       | 9  | 4  | 1,860               | 5  | 0  |

No. 4164, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for the necessary action.

OOTACAMUND, 27th August 1884. (Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Offg. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 2nd September 1884, No. 2161 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will arrange for the acquisition of the land in the manner prescribed in the Public Works Code, paragraphs 1374-6 and 1537-8.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with plans and one estimate.  
 „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
 „ Revenue Department.  
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.  
MILITARY WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 2nd.

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G.O., 2nd Sept. 1884, No. 2161 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Rifle Range at Calicut

Superintending Engineer to arrange for  
acquisition of the land required for —.

Barracks and Buildings  
Estimates.

No. 1123 B.

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by order, to forward for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimate, ~~plan~~, &c., below-mentioned which <sup>has</sup> been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The ~~plan~~ <sup>has</sup> and estimate <sup>has</sup> been countersigned.

I Estimate amounting to Rs 1237-0-0 (inclusive of Compensation for land) for the construction of a Rifle Range at Calicut.

II Letter No. 352 dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 1884 from Superintending Engineer IV Circle, to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Western District.

2. The acquisition of the land has already been sanctioned by Government in O.G. No. 4560 dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 1884, but as no allotment of Funds has yet been made to carry on the work, His Excellency requests that an early provision of Funds may be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer IV Circle for the purpose.

I have the honor to be,

Sir  
Your obedient servant.

Richard Brigadier General,  
Quarter Master General

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From

The Quarter Master

2 The Secy to Govt.  
Military Deptt.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> } November  
Recd 5<sup>th</sup> }

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Forwarded for sanction  
and transfer to the P.W.D.  
Plan and Estimate for  
Constructing a Rifle Range  
at Calicut -

N: 2164 Wap 9.84

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Approved and  
transferred to the  
Public Works Deptt.  
for disposal

Wm. Herbert S. Esq.  
Offg Secy to Govt.

For perusal  
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Supt. Engineer's Office IV Circle  
Camp Mangalore 28<sup>th</sup> October 1887

From

The Superintending Engineer  
IV Circle

To

The Dy. Asst. Secy Mr. General  
Western District  
Cannanore.

Sir,

Enclosure 1  
Estimate 2<sup>nd</sup> Ultimo, With reference to G.O. N: 2164 M. of  
I have the honor to forward for  
approval and transmission to Govt for  
early sanction, an Estimate amounting to  
Rs 1237 for constructing a Rifle Range at  
West Hill Calicut.

2. This Estimate provides for the  
compensation to be paid for land required  
for the Rifle Range, marked A in the  
Statement printed in the above G.O.

3. The land has I understand been  
already made over by the Collector to the  
Military Authorities.

4. An allotment of Rs 1237 is required to

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to enable the Executive Engineer, to put  
this work in hand at once and to pay  
the Compensation above referred to. The  
Compensation you will observe amounts  
to Rs 1037 and the Construction of the Range  
Rs 200.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. P. Cootey Col. R.E.  
Superintending Engineer  
IV Circle

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From the  
Superintending  
Engineer

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Gift Range at  
Will, Calicut.

Forwarding  
approval and  
revision to  
construction  
of the Range

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From  
The Supg. Engineer,  
Fourth Circle.

Dated 28<sup>th</sup>  
Despd: 30 } Oct. 1884.

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Rifle Range at West  
Hill, Calicut:—

Forwarding for  
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of Rs. 1237 for constructing  
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Public Works Department, 1884-85.

Current No. 9251

Letter No. 5434

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1884

From the Mil. Secy. to Govt.

NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. This estimate provides for constructing a Rifle Range at Calicut in the Malabar District; and it amounts to Rs. 1237.
2. Of the amount Rs. 1237, Rs. 1037 are allotted for compensation for land taken up; and the remaining sum, Rs. 200, is to be spent in rendering that ground fit and suitable as a Rifle Range.
3. The estimate has been countersigned by the Govt. M<sup>r</sup>. General.

8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1884

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 14 November/84

From the *Dr. Mr. Genl* 14 E No. 1123 B <sup>Read the following</sup> 1884  
Endorsement *Mily Dept* 14 E No. 5434 of 5 " " "

3 The estimate of Rs. 200,  
for constructing a Rifle  
Range at Calicut, in the  
~~Malabar District~~ is sanc-  
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with Government under  
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2. The sum of Rs. 1037 re-  
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met by the Military Dept.,  
as required under para  
137b of the P.W. Code -

3. This sanction has  
been registered as Imperial  
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Dr. P. A.  
M. G. Dept.  
(Military Secretary for  
Comintern.)

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