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18th May 1885, No. 1173 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 4th April 1885, No. 728 B.

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, for two rifle ranges proposed to be constructed at Veyasarapadi for the Madras infantry regiments stationed at Perambur and Ráyapuram, who are at present put to much inconvenience in having to proceed from time to time to Pallávaram for their rifle practice. The plan and estimate have been countersigned :—

I. Estimate amounting to Rs. 9,530.
II. Report and specification.
III. Plan.
IV. Letter, No. G-128, of 23rd March 1885, with enclosures from the General Officer Commanding Eastern District.

2. It will be seen from the correspondence that the land required for these ranges is owned partly by Government and partly by private individuals, and, from the estimate, that the latter will probably cost Rs. 5,360 if purchased privately. This sum, however, being considered excessive, the Collector of Madras was addressed on the subject; but that officer reports that he is unable to compel owners to accept any prices, and suggests that Government be addressed in view of orders being issued for the acquisition of the land under the Land Acquisition Act, in which case it is expected that the amount to be paid would be considerably reduced.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief therefore recommends that, since the land required cannot be purchased by private negotiation for a reasonable price, Government will be pleased to issue the necessary order for its acquisition under the said Act, as the land is apparently of but little value.

4. I am to add that His Excellency considers that the whole of the land marked on the plan, extending from the railway embankment to Cotton's canal, and from Cochrane's canal to 200 yards in width, should be taken up for the proposed ranges.

5. The work of constructing the ranges is to be carried out, as far as practicable, by sepoy labor; and, as it is desirable that they should be completed at an early date, it is suggested that the working pay of the men be advanced from regimental funds as may be necessary and recovered afterwards from Government.

No. 1924, Military.

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

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Colonel,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Ootacamund,
13th April 1885.

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No. 1006 D., Public Works.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for scrutiny.

2. This is another instance in which the Executive Engineer, Presidency, has apparently sent the estimate direct to the military authorities.

CHEPÂK,
23rd April 1885.
(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 11th May 1885, No. 578.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1006 D., dated 23rd April 1885, I have the honor to forward, countersigned, the estimates for constructing two rifle ranges at Veyasarapadi.

2. The enclosures received with the endorsement are herewith returned.

ORDER—dated 18th May 1885, No. 1173 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,170 (exclusive of compensation for land), for constructing two rifle ranges at Veyasarapadi, Madras, is sanctioned.

2. No funds have been provided for the work during the current official year, but the suggestion in paragraph 5 of the Quartermaster-General's letter may be adopted, if there be no objection thereto in the Military Department.

3. Under paragraph 1376 of the Public Works Code, the cost of the land to be taken up for the ranges will fall on the Military Department. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will take the necessary steps for its acquisition under Act X of 1870.

4. This sanction has been registered as Imperial, Ordinary, No. 8 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, V Circle, with six enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with general abstract estimate.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. Fernandes.
Spare Copies

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 18th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 18th May 1885, No. 1173 W.

MAY.

Rifle Ranges at Veyasarapadi, Madras

Estimate for two —, sanctioned with remarks.

Public Works Department, 1885-8

Current No. 344

Letter No. 1824

Dated the 13th April 85

From the Depy. Secy. Mily. Dept.

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NOTE OF REMARKS.

The accompanying plans and estimate provide for the construction of 2 Rifle Ranges at Veyasurpady, Madras. The estimate amounts to Rs. 9,530. — Rs. 5,360 being set down for "land compensation".

2. Each "Rifle Range" is to onsist of 1 stop butt, with nd walls near it; 2 targ alforms; 2 markers' butts and 14 firing platforms, wa points. — The firing plat-forms are arranged in pairs — each pair being separated from one another and connected with the next pair, by a road 12 wide in the co

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nd estimate have been
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answer all requirements.
5. The plans and estimate
have been countersigned
by the Offg. Dy. Qr. Mr. Ge
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sent to S.E.V. to whom th
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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 3414

From The Military Deptt

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Enclos.—

No. 1924—
Dated 13-4-85
Received 16-4-85

Subject.

Approving & transfer-
-ring letter from the
Quarter-Master General
forwarding for sanction
plan & estimate for con-
-structing a Rifle range
at Veysarpandy

Disposal.

No. 10068 Dated 23rd/24th April

Forwarded to the
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Chepauk 12th February 1885.

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To W.

The accompanying Estimate of Rs. 9530 for Rifle ranges at Vyasarpady may, I presume, be sanctioned.

It strikes me on examination that ball practice on this site might to some extent be a danger to the traffic on the Buckingham Canal. The distance of centre of stop butts nearest the canal is, it is true, 600 yards from the bank, but at long ranges considerable latitude must be allowed for the vagaries of aim & ricochet.

The A.A.G. for Musketry has, however, expressed his opinion that safety to the public will be ensured, if the work be carried out as designed, and H.E. the Commander-in-Chief has approved of the site.—

The cost of the land to be taken up is put down as Rs. 5360, which is considered exorbitant, & it is recommended that the private property required be taken up under the Land Acquisition Act. On this point the orders of Govt are requested.—

It is considered that this work should be ~~[illegible]~~ completed at an early date. Though not properly speaking a work of defence, it may be considered as closely connected with the defence of the country, & I should say the restrictive order regarding expenditure does not apply.

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Estimate may be sanctioned, & orders issued for acquisition of land under Act V of 1850.

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Chepauk 12th February 1885.

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Fort Saint George
Asst. Engrs. Office, Mily Works,
Chepauk 12th February 1885

No. 23/3. 1172/3

From

The Asst. Engineer
Military Works,
Fort Saint George

To

The Deputy Collector
Madras

Sir,

Under instructions from the Executive Engineer Presidency Division, I have the honor to inform you that the land marked in the accompanying sketch to the extent shewn in Color is required for the proposed Rifle Ranges at the Veysurpaudy Reserve Magazine and to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the land is a public or a private one.

Enclosure 1 Sketch.

In the latter case the land has to be acquired under Public purposes Land Acquisition Act on Compensation being paid for the same.

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Fort Saint George
Asst. Engr's Office, Mily Works,
Chepauk 12th February 1885.

No. 2313. 1173/3

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Fort Saint George

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I therefore request you will please inform me at an early date what the Compensation will be for the land in question as the same has to be included in the Estimate under preparation.

I have &c.
(Sd) A. C. Plummer Lt
Asst Engr Mily Works

Madras
Deputy Collector's Office
20th February 1885.

No. 141.

From
The Deputy Collector
of Madras
To
The Collector
of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the report called for in your Endorsement dated 27th January 1885 No 242. 3 Encls

2 With the above Endorsement, copy of a letter from the Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. Gl. dated 22nd idem No 219 and a plan were forwarded requesting particulars in respect of a block of land in Vassurpaudy Village close to the powder Magazine, required by the Military Authorities for a Rifle Range.

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3. The Asst. Engineer in Charge of Military Works, Fort St George, has also forwarded to me direct a letter with a plan dated 12th February 1885, No. 3318, requesting the same information as the Deputy Asst. Qr. Mr. General, but in the plan forwarded by him, the limits of the land required for the Rifle Range are brought down to the Railway Line, whereas the limits on the same side in the plan forwarded by the Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. General, do not reach so far.

4. I have ordered measurements to as pr. latter plan to be taken of the entire strip of land along the side of the Buckingham Canal from Cotton's Cr[illegible] in the north to the Railway line [illegible] South and the whole strip forms part of Survey No. 137

with

Gs. sq.ft.
with an area of C 68 – 21 – 1800

5. The block consists of occupied and unoccupied waste and for the sake of convenience, it is lettered from A to F. A is private property belonging to one Mr. Nicholas and measures C 15 – 19 – 1800. B is Government purchase in Revenue Auction for arrears and measures C. 8 – 22 – 480. C is private property belonging to one Polyappa Naick and measures C 2 – 9. D is private property belonging to one Ameen Saib and measures C 2 – 4 – 1200. E is Government purchase in Revenue Auction for arrears and measures C. 0 – 14 600. F is Government waste and measures C 39 – 0 – 120 Total 68 – 21 – 1800.

6. It may be seen from the above list that of the total extent of land required, an area of C 20 – 9 – 600 is private property [illegible] C 48 – 12 – 1200 is Government pro[illegible]

7. The Mirass[illegible] of Vasarpandy Village, however, claim the portion marked F as their Mirassi land though in the Survey records it is stated to be Government land. When taking possession of it, the Mirassidars might object.

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8. Private purchases in this Locality shew that land is valued at 70 to 160 Rupees a Cawny.

9. The plan received with your endorsement under reply as also the letter and plan from the Asst. Engr. Military Works, are forwarded with a request that the latter may be returned when done with.

I have &ca
(Sd) R. Ragoonatha Row
Deputy Collector

(True copy)

Reference on No. 507 of 1885.

Forwarded to the Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. General with reference to his letter No 219 dated the 22nd January 1885

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2. It is requested that the letter and the plan received from the

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Asst. Engineer Military Works referred to in para 9 of the foregoing and which are herewith sent for reference may be returned as soon as done with.

(Sd) R.W. Barlow
Collector of Madras

Madras Collector's
Office 24 Feby/85

Nos 13 / 3 Feby/85
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/ True copies /

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Lt Col
D.A. Qr Mr General E.D.

Quartermaster General's Department,
Eastern District.

No. 590

Fort Saint George, 26th Feby 1885.

From

The Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General,
Eastern District.

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To

The ~~Dy.~~ Asst. Adjutant General
for Musketry.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
No. 1808
2.3.85
MUSKETRY.

Sir,

With reference to establishing a Rifle Range for Native Troops at Veysarpaudy, I have the honor, by order, to forward for your perusal copies of the correspondence as noted in the margin connected with the ground on which it is contemplated to construct a Range.

Letter No. 2312 of 12th Feby 1885 from the Asst. Engineer Military Works, Fort St George to Deputy Collector, Madras.
Letter No. 141 of 20th Feby 1885 from Dy Collector to the Collector of Madras.
Endorsement No 607 of 24 Feby/85 from the Collector of Madras to the D.A. Qr Mr General E.D.

2 You will observe that the Engineer Department have applied to

to the Civil Authorities for information as to the ownership of the land in question, but the Executive Engineer has applied for more land than you, if I remember right, considered necessary. It is true the extra plot of ground required by the Public Works Department is Government property, & perhaps it would be as well if, in taking up the ground, this extra plot was included, especially as no extra expense would be entailed.

3. From the Deputy Collector's letter it would appear that to enable the Range to be constructed 20 Cawnies, 9 grounds and 600 manies would require to be purchased. Of this $\overset{C}{15}$ – $\overset{Gr}{9}$ – $\overset{M}{1800}$ are in rear of the Range and only $\overset{C}{8}$ – $\overset{Gr}{13}$ – $\overset{M}{1200}$ on the Range itself. The cost of purchase of A, C and

D

D blocks would amount to from about 1400 to 2,000 Rupees.

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Viz.	At 70 Rs a Cawny. Rs	A.		At 100 Rs a Cawny Rs	A.
A. Block from	1078	7	to	1540	10.
C. — Do —	164	4	to	216	10
D — Do —	167	7	to	239	9.
Total —	1400	2.	to	1996	13.

By the above it will be observed that the purchase of A block would be the great expense.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
C. Atkinson Lt Colonel
D. A. Qr Mr General E. dist.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 6308
DATE 7 March 1888
MADRAS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENCY DIVISION

Bangalore

To
The Dy Asstt. Qr Mr General
Eastern District

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1 Copy of Letter
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1 Gl. Abstt
1 Report
1 Memo
1 Plan

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for approval and transmission to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief a plan and Estimate amounting to Rs 9530 for constructing 2 Rifle Ranges at Veysurpandy, Madras.

I am in great doubt as to the validity and correctness of the amount of compensation to be paid - a copy of the Dy Collector's letter concerning which is enclosed (See N.B on the abstract of Estimate

I have &c.

W H Burton Col R.E.

Executive Engineer
Presidency Dn

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Forwarded to the Asst: Adjt: General for Musketry for report

2. The Collector of Madras has been addressed on the subject of high price demanded by the owner of the land at Vyarpandy, but he professes himself unable to compel owners to accept any prices, he suggests Govt: being addressed on the subject and the land acquired under the lands acquisition Act.

(to be returned)

Adjutant General's Office
Dy: No. 1836
13. 3. 85.

(By order)

L.E. Thornton

Dy Asst Qrmr General Estb

S.C.

I think this course will be the best & most economical that can be adopted —

Bangalore
15 March
1885

[illegible] Major
A.A.G. for Mus:

No: 299.

20 Feby 85.

To
The Asst Engineer
Military Works
Fort St George.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 12 Feby 85, No: 2313 and its enclosure, I have the honor to inform you that the land as per your plan covers Cawnies 68 . 21 . 1800 of which Cawnies 48 . 12 . 1200 are Govt property; Cawnies 20 . 9 . 600 are private property, and Cawnies 39 . 0 . 120 are claimed by the Mirasidars. For the private property Rs 2038 . 8 . 8 at the rate of Rs 100/- a cawnie may have to be paid

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If the Mirasidars claim is proved and [illegible] sum of Rs 3900.3.4 will have to [illegible] for its acquisition

I am &c.

(Sd) R. Ragoonath Rao
Dy Collector

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Reference No. 633 of 1885

Madras Collectorate,
9 March 1885.

From
R. W. Barlow Esqr
Collector of Madras

To the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 645 dated the 5 March 1885 I have the honour to state that this Department cannot compel the owners to accept any price. If you consider that the land required cannot be purchased for a reasonable price by private negotiation, I request that you will obtain the necessary order of Government for its acquisition under the

the Land Acquisition Act, when the reasonable Compensation awardable will be determined by this Department with reference to the provisions of the Act.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Collector of Madras

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 6382
DATE 11th March 1885
MADRAS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENCY DIVISION

Bangalore

To,
The Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. General
Eastern District

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Sir,

Encl
1 File of Papers.

In reference to your Endorsement No: 1216 of 5 March 1885, I have the honor to state that in my opinion the Stop Butts as designed should be built and all the land in rear of them up to the cross country road purchased—

As regards the quantity of land to be purchased, Lieut. Plummer was in error, on 12 Feby 1884 No: 2313, in suggesting to Deputy Collector that Military Department required all the land south of the 700 yards firing point up to the Royapuram branch Madras Railway. He misunderstood the requirements.

As regards the price to be paid for it, that asked is, in my opinion

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opinion, exorbitant; the Military Department should purchase by means of the Land Acquisition Act (Act 10 of 1870).

If you were to refer the case to the Collector of Madras, I think your doing so would result in economy; in the meantime the figures entered in Estimate had best remain.

I have &c.

W. Hinton

Col. R.E.

Ex: Engr. Pres. Divn.

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No. 748
Fort Saint George
12th March 1885.

Forwarded to the Asst. Adjt. General for Musketry with reference to para 5 of his letter No 1062 of 4th March – The Collector of Madras has professed himself powerless to interfere as to the price demanded for the land but suggests that the land should be taken up under the land acqu[illegible] act, this will [illegible] – Reported to the Qr. M[illegible] on the return of the documents forwarded [illegible] of Memo No 724 of 11. 3. 85 – To be returned

By order
J. Hutchinson Col
D.A.G. M.S.

Dy. No. 183
13. 3. 85
ASST GENERAL MUSKETRY

[illegible] with all documents.

[illegible] 85. Bangalore.

W. Wyman Major
A.A.G. for Musy.

Rifle Ranges.

From
No. 1087 A.A.G. for Musketry

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To
D.A.Q.M.G. Eastern District
Bangalore

19th March 1885

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following report, in accordance with Para 431, 4th, Page 139, Musketry Instruction Native Troops, 1882, for the consideration of the Brigadier General Commanding the Eastern District.

2. His Excellency The Commander-in-Chief inspecting, and approved of the site on the Vyasarpaudy plain for two Rifle Ranges for the Madras Infantry Regiments stationed at Royapuram & Perambore.

3. With the Executive Engineer

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Engineer, & marking out the Ranges as shown in the plan.

4. The plans and estimates appear to be correct, and if the ranges are constructed as designed, safety to the public will be insured, and all regulations on the subject will be complied with.

5. His Excellency desires that as far as practicable the work should be performed by the Sepoys of the Regiments quartered in Madras.

6. With a view to the completion of the ranges before the next Annual Course commences, I would beg to suggest that authority should be granted for the men to commence work as soon as the land be acquired, and money advanced to pay them their working pay from Regimental funds, until Government can repay it.

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7. The Collector of Madras should I consider be authorized to take up the land on the land acquisition act with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t. Servant
J. V. Symons Major
A. A. G. for Musketry

No 750

Rifle Ranges.

Adjutant General's Office
No 1062. Bangalore, 4th March 1885.

From

Major W. P. Symons. 1173/14

Asst: Adjt: Genl: for Musketry.

To

The Dy: Asst: Qr Mr General
Eastern District.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 590, dated 26th February 85, with enclosures, and return all herewith.

2 — When the question of amount of land required for the Rifle Ranges at Vyasarpady was being discussed in Madras by the Executive Engineer, yourself and myself, I stated that land would not be required nearer the Railway than 700 yards from the Stop Butt that being the longest distance at which Native Infantry fire.

3 — I agree with you, however, that provided the land cost nothing, it would be well to take up the strip to the Railway embankment.

4 — The price of the land, considering its worthless

worthless character, asked for by the several private owners, is I consider exorbitant, and I would suggest that this point be brought to the notice of the Collector of Madras in view of his endeavouring to obtain the land at a much reduced rate.

5.— Should this application be ineffectual it would be a question whether it would not be more economical to build a Stop Butt sufficiently high and long to stop all bullets, thereby ensuring the safety of the ground in rear, and annulling the necessity of purchasing that portion.

6.— The opinion of the Executive Engineer, now in Madras, might be taken on this point at once.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Major,
Asst. Adjt. Genl. for Musketry.

No 7504

Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. General, E.D.
No. 1216
Date 5.3.85
Fort St. George

7/3/85

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Forwarded to the Ex. Engineer with a request that he will be so good as to give his opinion on the subject of building a high Stop butt & both purchase the land in rear of the butt.

To be returned
[illegible]

Lt Col
D.A.G. [illegible]

PRESIDENCY
7 MAR 85
DIVISION

7/3/85

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From
The A.A.G. for Musketry
To
The D.A.Q.M. Genl.
Eastern Dt.

No. 1062.
Bangalore 4th March 1885.

Regarding the Construction of Rifle Range at Veysarpady Madras.

Rifle Range
Veysarpady

Quartermaster General's Department,
Eastern District,

No. G/128.

Fort Saint George, 23d March 1885.

112/14

From
Brigadier General A. C. Johnson, C. B.,
Commanding Eastern District.

To
The Quarter Master General
Madras Army
Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the documents as noted in the margin connected with the proposed Rifle Range at Veysurpan[illegible] I think that if possible

1. Copy of letter from Asst Engr Inft W. Fort St George to the Dy Collector Madras No 2313 of 12th Feby/85. with 1 sketch Plan
2. Copy of letter from Dy Collr to the Collr of Madras No 141 of 20th Feby/85 with 1 sketch plan
3. Copy of Collr's endt on the above letter No 507 of 24th Feby/85 to the D.A.Q.M.G. E. Dist
4. Letter from D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. to the A.A.G. for Musketry No 590 of 26 Feby 1885
5. Letter from Asst Engr Presy D. No 6308 of 7 March 1885 to the D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. with 7 Enclosures of 1 Copy of letter No 299 of 20 Feby/85, 1 Dett Estte, 1 Abstract Estte, 1 Genl Abstract, 1 Report, 1 [illegible] & 1 Plan
6. Letter from the Collr of Madras to the D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. No 633 of 9th March/85
7. Letter from Ex. Engr Presy D. to the D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. No 6362 of 11th March 1885
8. Letter from A.A.G. for Musketry to the D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. No 1087 of 19th March 1885
9. Letter from A.A.G. for Musketry to D.A.Q.M.G. E.D. No 1062 of 4th March 1885

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possible the whole of the land as marked on the plan extending from the Railway Embankment to Cotton's Canal and from Cochrane's Canal to 200 Yards in width should be taken up for the Range

2. The price asked by the owner is considered exorbitant so I beg that the sanction of Government may be obtained to acquiring the land under the land acquisition act; in that case the Estimate will be greatly reduced. I propose the Range (a) should be constructed with Sepoy labor.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Sd/- A Robertson
Brig^r. General
Commanding Eastern Dist.

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The Qr Mr General
Madras Army
Ootacamund

Dated 23d } March
Recd 26th }

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Forwards documents connected with the proposed Rifle Ranges at Veysarpandy & requests to obtain sanction of Govt to acquire the land under land acquisition Act.

QR MR GENERAL'S OFFICE.
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Rifle Ranges
Veyserpandy

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund,
4th April 1885

No. 728/B 1173/18 P1

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, for two Rifle Ranges proposed to be constructed at Veyserpandy for the Madras Infantry Regiments stationed at Perambur and Royapuram, who are at present put to much inconvenience in having to proceed from time to time to Pallaveram for their Rifle practice. The Plan and Estimate have been Countersigned:-

I Estimate Amounting to Rs. 9530
II Report and Specification.
III Plan
IV Letter No. G/128 of 23d March 1885, with enclosures from the General Officer Commanding Eastern District.

2. It will be seen from the correspon

sense that the land required for these Ranges is owned partly by Government and partly by private individuals, and, from the Estimate, that the latter will probably cost Rs: 5360 if purchased privately. This sum however being considered excessive the Collector of Madras was addressed on the subject but that Officer reports that he is unable to compel owners to accept any prices and suggests that Government be addressed in view of orders being issued for the acquisition of the land under the Land Acquisition Act in which case it is expected that the amount to be paid would be considerably reduced.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief therefore recommends that since the land required cannot be purchased by private negotiation for a reasonable price, Government will be pleased to issue the necessary order for its acquisition under the said Act, as the land is apparently of but little value.

4. I am to add that His Excellency considers that the whole of the land marked on the plan extending from the Railway Embankment to Cottons' Canal, and from Cochranes' Canal to 200 yards in width should be taken up for the proposed Ranges.

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5 The work of constructing the Ranges is to be carried out as far as practicable by sepoy labor, and as it is desirable that they should be completed at an early date, it is suggested that the working pay of the men be advanced from Regimental funds as may be necessary, and recovered afterwards from Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant.
A Hutchins Lt Colonel
Offg: Dy: Quarter Master General

6 Spare copies of the Order of Government on this letter are required.

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Military (1885) Department.

No. 1899

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 728 B.

Dated 4th } April
Recd. 7th } April

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ENCLOSURES 4.

Forwards for sanction, Estimate for constructing 2 Rifle Ranges at Veyasarpandy. —

Ootacamund
Military Deptt
13 April 1885.

No. 1924. Approved & transferred to the Public Works Dept: for the necessary action.

By order,

A Kenney Herbert Lt Col
Offg Secy to Govt

No. 1006 D
Chepauk
23rd April/85

Forwarded to the Suptg Engr V Circle for scrutiny.

2. This is another instance in which the Ex: Engr Presy has apparently sent the estimate direct to the Military authorities.

C. Niven Major R.E.
for Chief Engr
P.W.D.

Regd 20/4

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 11th May 1885.

No. 578

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE, 423/D

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To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Enclosures.
17.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement No. 1006 D. Dated 23rd April 1885, I have the honor to forward countersigned the estimates for constructing 2 Rifle Ranges at Vegasarpady.

2. The enclosures received with the endorsement are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obdt. Servt.
W H Thurston
Col R.E.
Offg: Supdg: Engineer
5th Circle

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1006 D. 23.4.85.

From (9)

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

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In this case ~~also~~ the T section has disposed of its share of work

B.H.
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To

THE Chief Engr
P.W.D.

Dated 11 } May 1885.
Recd. }

ENCLOSURES. 17.

No. 578.

Rifle Range at Vyasarpady

Forwards & submits signed the estimates for constructing 2

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No 1173.W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

1173/24 UNDER date the 18th May /85.

READ the following

Letter from the Qr Mr General (H.E. No 728 B d/ April 4th 1885)
Endt thereon by the Milty Dept (" " 1924 d/ " 13th ")
Letter from the S.E. V Circle (" " 578 d/ May 11th ")

The estimate amounting to Rs 4170, (Exclusive of compensation for land), for constructing two rifle ranges at Vyasarapadi, Madras, is sanctioned.

2. No funds have been provided for the work during the current official year, but the suggestion in para 5 of the Quartermaster

To be checked by
B.
checked by
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General's letter may be adopted, if there be no objection thereto in the Military Dept.

3. Under paragraph 1376 of the P.W. Code, the cost of the land to be taken up for the ranges will fall on the Military Dept. The Deputy Engineer V Circle will take the necessary steps for its acquisition under Act X of 1870.

4. This sanction has been registered as Imperial Ordinary No. 8 W.S.f 1884/85, and classified as Military Original Works.

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S.E. V Circle with 6 Enclosures

Ex. P.W. Accts with genl abst sht

Military Dept.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

Recd. Encl.

G.O. 18th May 1885, No. 1123 W.

Rifle Ranges at Veya-
pate, Madras

Not for Govt ——

unconnected with the
matter.

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