

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Defences—Forts.

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No. . From Colonel M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Officiating Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 29th March 1888, No. 1456-A.

Referring to para. 4 of letter No. 439-MW, dated 25th February 1888, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, recorded in O.G., No. 1919, Military Department, dated 17th instant, I am desired to state that no orders were issued from this office relative to the necessity for destroying such portion of the powder stored in the grand magazine at St. Thomas' Mount as could not be withdrawn to Madras if trouble seemed imminent.

The idea that any such orders were ever issued apparently originated in a remark made by Sir Frederick Roberts during an official visit to the Mount that, in case of war with a European enemy whose troops made a descent on the coast near Madras, it would not be practicable to lock up at the Mount a sufficiently strong force to protect the magazine at that station, and it might therefore be necessary to destroy such powder as could not be removed to Madras.

2. Orders have now been issued to the General Officer Commanding Eastern District that, should any order to the effect above indicated have been issued by him to the Officer Commanding the Mount, it should be cancelled.

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No. 2729

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with reference to his No. 439-MW, dated 25th February 1888, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
23 April 1888.

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Inspector-General of Ordnance.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

B. No 1251 W. d/27 April 1888

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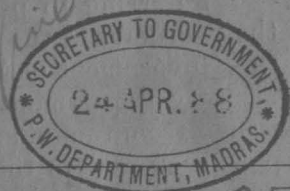
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