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during this working season; I there-  
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telegraphic instructions at the earliest  
possible time.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obdt servant.

C. S. D. Wall  
Superintending Engineer  
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Secretary to Govt.

To The Port Office,  
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Read the following papers:—

No. 118. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department;  
 dated 2nd March 1887, Mis. No. 432.

Read the following letter from Colonel T. WELDON, Commissioner of Police, to  
 the Chief Secretary to Government; dated Madras, 15th February 1887,  
 No. 19:—

I have the honor to report that when the detachment of the 4th Pioneers were  
 at ball practice at the Veysarpaudy butts on the 12th instant, one Cunnie, a laborer,  
 was shot through the ankle when approaching the bridge behind the butts.

2. In February 1886, the Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry,  
 stationed at Rayapuram, informed the Deputy Commissioner of Police that there  
 would be firing on this range on a certain date, and requested that the road behind  
 the butts might be closed and the public warned.

3. To this the Deputy Commissioner replied that he had referred the matter  
 to me, and pointed out that the road in question, being a main thoroughfare, could  
 not be conveniently closed.

4. I made inquiries regarding this, and, in consequence, addressed the General  
 Officer Commanding the District, pointing out the dangerous position of these butts  
 and "declining to accept even such responsibility for consequences as would be  
 implied by the attendance of Police officers during ball practice."

5. In reply, I was informed by the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General  
 of the District that, "under the circumstances explained (in my letter), the Officers  
 Commanding, 15th and 28th Regiments, Madras Infantry, have been directed to  
 discontinue field firing at the new Veysarpaudy range until further orders."

6. Again, in August 1886, the Commandant, 7th Regiment, Madras Infantry,  
 which replaced the 28th Madras Infantry at Rayapuram, wrote to the Deputy  
 Commissioner of Police informing him that ball firing would commence on a certain  
 day and requesting that "the necessary precaution be taken to clear the range."

7. In reply to this, the Deputy Commissioner sent the Commandant, 7th Madras  
 Infantry, copies of previous correspondence on this subject regretting that he could  
 not undertake the guarding of the butts.

8. On 8th February 1887, the Commandant, 9th Madras Infantry, which  
 in turn replaced the 7th Madras Infantry at Rayapuram, wrote to the Deputy  
 Commissioner of Police informing him that the regiment would commence ball  
 firing on this range the following morning.

9. To this the Deputy Commissioner of Police replied at once, sending, as  
 before, copies of previous correspondence and disposing of the reference to the  
 Police in the same terms as in his former letter to the address of the Commandant,  
 7th Madras Infantry.

10. The Commandant, 9th Madras Infantry, in his reply same date, seemed to  
 draw a distinction limiting the objection to field firing, and requested to be informed  
 if there was any objection to "individual, volley, and independent firing."

11. To this the Deputy Commissioner, after consulting me, replied on same  
 day that "the situation of the Veysarpaudy butts, with reference to the Ponnéri

road which is in constant use and cannot well be closed to the public, is considered so dangerous that this (Police) department is obliged to decline undertaking any responsibility in regard to the use of these butts."

12. On the 12th February 1887, the 4th Pioneers, who had not communicated with this department, fired on this range with the result that the danger apprehended by this department was practically realized.

13. Yesterday the Deputy Commissioner of Police received an "urgent" memorandum from the Commandant, 9th Madras Infantry, informing him that this regiment would commence ball firing on the Veysarpaudy range this morning at 6-30 A.M. I do not know why this intimation was given as we have no authority to interfere, and have already informed the Commandant of this regiment that we decline to accept any responsibility.

14. The District and Garrison Orders of this date direct that "no firing, except individual firing, is in future to be carried out at the Veysarpaudy Rifle Ranges."

Mis. No. 432, Judicial.

*Order.*—His Excellency the Governor in Council has heard of the accident referred to in the letter read above with great regret, and considers that the new Veysarpaudy butts should be closed, unless suitable precautions against the occurrence of similar accidents can be devised and adopted. The matter will be further considered in the Military Department.

2. The Commissioner of Police will submit his views as regards compensation to the wounded man.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Ag. Chief Secretary.

2nd March 1887.

No. 1382.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut.-Col.,  
8th March 1887. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

No. 119. From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 17th January 1888, No. 196-B.

In returning the papers received under your reference Order, No. 1382, dated 8th March last, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to submit, for the consideration of Government, the following proposals, which have been accepted by the Civil authorities at Madras, in view to the re-opening of the Veysarpaudy Rifle Ranges, and ensuring the safety of the public while firing is carried out thereon.

2. The conclusions mutually arrived at for adoption may be summarized as follows:—

- (a) That the two stop-butts should be joined and prolonged laterally 75' on the outer flanks.
- (b) That the earth required for the extension and raising of the butts be obtained by excavating the ground in front of the butts, say to 6 feet, and for such distance towards the 100 yards platform as may be necessary; a road, however, being left between the excavation and the firing platforms.

3. The cost of the above proposals is approximately estimated at Rs. 6,130, or nearly two-thirds of the actual cost of construction of the present ranges, but considering that if the improvements now suggested are not carried out the ranges will be practically lost to Government, His Excellency recommends that the proposals now submitted be sanctioned, and the cost entered in next year's budget estimate of Public Works requirements.

4. I am, however, to observe that the ranges, on completion of the improvements suggested in para. 2 of this letter, would only be used for "individual firing," the "collective practices" and "field firing" being, as usual, carried out at Pallavaram.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1888, No. 875.

The proposals submitted by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and which have been accepted by the Civil authorities, for securing the safety of the public while firing is being carried on at the Veysarpaudy Rifle Range, are approved.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to submit, through the prescribed channel, as early as practicable, an estimate of the cost of the alterations to be made to the range.

(True Extra.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Judicial Department, with 1 enclosure returned

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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