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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Brigadier-General E. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department (through Inspector-General of Ordnance), dated Ootacamund, 2nd August 1887, No. 2692 A.

A sum of Rs. 9,000 having been allotted in the current year's budget for the erection of a new coal store for the Ordnance Department at Madras, the Inspector-General of Ordnance recommended that the building should be placed between the Goanese Cemetery and the Body Guard Riding Schools on the Island, a site which he considered the most convenient with reference to the Beach, the Arsenal, and the Gun Carriage Factory.

2. This site, however, is part of that which, in 1886, Government declared not to be available,* and moreover the Medical

* Proceedings of Government, No. 1025, of 16th February 1886. authorities consider that the location there of a coal store would probably be attended with inconvenience to the

inmates of the General and Military Hospital which are not far distant, and into which coal dust would be liable to be carried, when any quantity of coal is being moved, by the southerly winds which prevail for a great part of the year.

3. Under these circumstances, it has been suggested that, in the absence of a suitable central site, which unfortunately cannot be found, sufficient ground for the purpose be acquired from the proprietor of the land on which the old Vepery lines once stood in the neighbourhood of the Gun Carriage Factory, and I am accordingly desired to submit this suggestion for the consideration and early orders of Government.

No. O/G-60.

Forwarded.

PORT ST. GEORGE,
9th August 1887.

(Signed) H. McLEOD, Colonel, R.A.,
Inspector-General of Ordnance.

No. 4896, Military.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for favor of necessary action with reference to paragraph 3 of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
11th August 1887.

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

No. 432 D.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will ascertain and report, as early as practicable, whether a suitable site on the land indicated in paragraph 3 can be acquired, and if so, on what terms.

OOTACAMUND,
17th August 1887.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 15th October 1887, No. 2856.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 432, dated 17th August 1887, I have the honor to forward, in original, a letter from Mr. C. V. Cunniah Chetty, No. 321, dated 30th September 1887, together with a letter, No. 2754 of 8th August, written to him by the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Eastern District.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Cunniah Chetty is not willing to sell any portion of his land near the Gun Carriage Factory for the erection of a coal shed, as he thinks that the value of the old buildings there now tenanted will be thereby depreciated.

3. Mr. Cunniah Chetty is, however, willing to sell the whole of the ground immediately adjoining the Gun Carriage Factory, colored yellow in the accompanying plan, including the buildings thereon, viz., the old place of arms, measuring 197' x 43', three Staff Sergeants' quarters, each 50' x 43', and two ranges of out-houses for the latter, measuring 76' x 15' and 40' x 15' for Rs. 52,150, i.e., Rs. 25,000 for the buildings and Rs. 27,150 for the land (90 $\frac{1}{2}$ grounds at Rs. 300 per ground).

4. The price asked for seems a little too high considered in connection with the object in view, viz., a site for a coal shed, but the acquisition of the land and the buildings by Government will be attended with advantage.

5. The place of arms might be enclosed by a boundary wall and converted into a coal store, and the three Staff Sergeants' quarters occupied by the Sergeant Instructors of the Volunteer Corps, for whom quarters have to be provided outside Fort St. George (see your memorandum No. 40 D., of 25th April 1887).

6. The price asked for might, I think, be fairly reduced to Rs. 12,000 for the three bungalows with out-houses at Rs. 4,000 each, and Rs. 7,000 for the place of arms, in all Rs. 19,000 for the buildings (it would cost fully Rs. 30,000 to construct similar building) and Rs. 22,625 for the land at Rs. 250 per ground, or Rs. 41,625 for the buildings and land.

7. At present Government are renting a coal shed for Rs. 100 per month; this, at 4 per cent., represents a capital of Rs. 30,000. Rupees 15 each per month for rent for quarters for the three Sergeant Instructors of the Volunteer Corps is equivalent to a capital of Rs. 13,500. It has been found impossible to obtain quarters for the Sergeant Instructors in a fairly healthy locality under Rs. 25 to 30 per month, so that what Government are now paying as rent for a coal shed, and would have to pay for hired quarters for the three Sergeant Instructors, would represent a capital of Rs. 52,500. If the property offered by Mr. Cunniah Chetty can be purchased for Rs. 41,625, the amount would be profitably laid out.

No. 3565 C.

Referred to the Military Department for favor of information whether His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief advocates the purchase of the land and buildings as suggested by the Superintending Engineer. If so, an application will be made to the Government of India for a special allotment of funds.

19th October 1887.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 6511, Military.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of opinion.
(By Order.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.
FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th October 1887.

From Brigadier-General F. FAUNCE, Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th November 1887, No. 4258 A.

In returning the papers and plan received under reference, G.O., No. 6511 of 24th ultimo, I am desired to state that the Commander-in-Chief advocates the purchase of the land and buildings on the old Vepery lines, as suggested by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, in connection with a site for the coal store for the Ordnance Department at Madras, and considers that their acquisition will be cheap at the price fixed by the Superintending Engineer.

No. 6877, Military.

Transferred, and the previous papers returned to the Public Works Department.
(By Order.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.
FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th November 1887.

No. 4021 C.

With reference to his letter, No. 2856, dated 15th October 1887, the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, is requested to ascertain whether Mr. Cunniah Chetty is willing to accept the terms mentioned in paragraph 6, viz., Rs. 19,000 for the buildings and Rs. 22,625 for the land at Vepery, or Rs. 41,625 in all.

2. A very early reply is requested.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
11th November 1887.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 10th December 1887, No. 3807.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 4021 C., dated 11th November 1887, I have the honor to forward letter, No. 333, dated 1st December 1887, from Mr. Cunniah Chetty, stating that he is willing to accept Rs. 41,625 for the land and buildings at Vepery, which the Government propose to purchase.

ORDER—dated 16th December 1887, No. 3441 W., Public Works.
Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3442 W., dated 16th December 1887.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
Military Department.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 16th December 1887, No. 3442 W.

I am directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of this Government, marginally noted, and to state that, in the absence of any other suitable site for a coal store, urgently required by the Ordnance Department, this Government propose to purchase, for Rs. 41,625, a piece of land at Vepery with certain buildings thereon. The land is a portion of the site of the old Native Infantry lines at Vepery, and the buildings thereon consist of the former regimental place of arms, and three Staff Sergeants' quarters. It was at first proposed to purchase only sufficient land to serve as a site for the coal store, but the owner of the property agrees to sell only on the condition that the whole of the plot, colored yellow on the accompanying site plan, be taken by Government. It will be seen from the correspondence that the old place of arms can with little alteration be converted into a coal store, and that the three Staff Sergeants' quarters can be utilised as quarters for the Sergeant Instructors of the local Volunteers, while the Government will obtain possession of a valuable building site for future purposes. Considering the high cost of land in the locality in question, the price agreed upon is thought to be moderate, and I am to express a hope that the Government of India will approve the purchase.

2. A sum of Rs. 9,000 has been provided in the Madras Military Works Budget for 1887-88 for the construction of a coal store, but, owing to the difficulty of finding a site, no expenditure has been incurred against that grant. I am now to request that the Government of India may be moved to sanction a special allotment of Rs. 32,625, which, with the Rs. 9,000 already available, will enable this Government to complete the purchase.

3. The favor of a reply by wire is requested.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 16th.

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Encl.

G.O., 16th Dec. 1887, Nos. 3441,
3442 W.

DECEMBER.

Coal Store for the Ordnance
Department, Madras

Submitting for approval proposal to purchase a piece of land at Vepery with buildings thereon for utilisation as a —, and requesting a special allotment to complete the purchase.

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24TH FEBRUARY 1888, Nos. 663, 664 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read again—

G.O., dated 16th December 1887, No. 3441 W., Public Works.

Read—also the following papers:—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 4th January 1888, No. 10 M.W.

Your No. 3441 W., dated 16th December. Purchase land, Vepery. Case under consideration, but no additional grant available this year. In any case Government would not be prepared to purchase more land than is actually required for the purpose.

From Colonel H. McLEOD, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Fort St. George, 10th January 1888, No. E/13572.

I have the honor to inform you that it is proposed to recommend to the Director-General of Ordnance in India the erection of public quarters for 89 Carnatic Ordnance Artificers and 416 lascars of this department serving at Madras on the vacant ground in the vicinity of the Gun Carriage Factory, a portion of which has already been or about to be allotted for the erection of a coal shed. I shall therefore feel obliged by your causing me to be furnished with a plan and estimate of the same, together with the probable cost of the purchase of the ground referred to.

No. 4300.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favor of orders if the plans and estimates called for should be prepared, as by G.O., No. 23 W., dated 6th January 1888, the land on which it is proposed to build the quarters for the artificers and lascars is not to be acquired by Government.

(Signed) H. M. VIBART, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

11th January 1888.

From M.R.Ry. C. V. CUNNIAH CHETTY, to the Sub-divisional Officer, Military Works, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 26th January 1888, No. 341.

With reference to your letter, No. 2982, dated the 24th instant, I very much regret to have to inform you that I cannot sell to Government only the place-of-arms and the ground on which it stands; for, even if I am disposed to sell it, it will be useless

to purchase it, as it stands almost in the centre of my land several yards off from the road on all sides and there is no means of approaching the building. Then again, even if it is proposed to purchase also the vacant land to the south of the building as far as the road which lies to the north of the Gun Carriage Factory, there is an objection to agree to the proposal, as the erection of a coal store will necessarily prevent the occupation of the three small bungalows which now yield me rents.

2. I may also state that I have a vacant piece of land, measuring from 90 to 100 grounds, to the north of the Vepery high road, and that if the Government are disposed to purchase it for the coal store, I shall be glad to let them have it on the same terms on which I agreed to sell the plot which has been under negotiation.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 8th February 1888, No. 4718.

With reference to G.O., No. 28 W., dated 6th January 1888, I have the honor to state that Mr. Cunniah Chetty is not willing to sell only the place-of-arms and the ground on which it stands.

2. There is a triangular piece of ground between the Penitentiary and the People's Park, which is a convenient site for the coal store, with reference to the Gun Carriage Factory, but there will be the objection to it stated in paragraph 2 of the Quarter-master-General's letter in G.O., No. 3441 W., dated 16th December 1887, in reference to another site, viz., that the coal dust would be liable to be carried into the General Hospital by the prevailing winds when any quantity of coal is being moved, and there will also perhaps be the objection to the coal store being placed immediately opposite the "Victoria Hall" now approaching completion.

3. Mr. Cunniah Chetty offers, in paragraph 2 of his letter enclosed, to sell to Government land north of the Vepery high road, and he evidently wishes that the whole plot (about 100 grounds) should be purchased by the Government. The land originally negotiated for is about the same extent, and, as the Director-General of Ordnance has proposed the erection of quarters for the Ordnance Artificers and lascars of the Gun Carriage Factory, it would be advisable if Mr. Cunniah Chetty's land and buildings in the vicinity of the Gun Carriage Factory be purchased as originally proposed.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 21st February 1888, No. 406 M.W.

Your telegram 11th February. Purchase of land for coal store, &c., sanctioned, chargeable to Military Works. Payment must be deferred till after 1st April, unless you can meet expenditure by reappropriations within current year's grant.

ORDER—dated 24th February 1888, No. 663 W., Public Works.

In their telegram of the 21st February 1888, No. 406 M.W., recorded above, the Government of India sanction the purchase of the land proposed to be acquired near the Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, for a coal store and the erection of public quarters for artificers and lascars of the Ordnance Department.

2. The land, including the buildings thereon, is described in paragraph 3 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 2856, dated 15th October 1887, printed with G.O., No. 3441 W., dated 16th December 1887, and the whole property is offered for Rs. 41,625. Arrangements will now be made by the Superintending Engineer in communication with the Government Solicitor for the regular conveyance of the

property to Government. Payment of the purchase money to be made on the 15th April next. The Government of India will, meanwhile, be requested to make special provision, in the Military Works budget of 1888-89, for the sum required, viz. Rs. 41,625.

(Here enter No. 664 W., dated 24th February 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

" Government Solicitor, with copy of G.O., No. 3441 W., dated 16th December 1887.
" Military Department.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th February 1888, No. 664 W.

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying proceedings of this Government, No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888, I am to request that the requisite provision may be made in the Military Works budget of 1888-89 for the land required for the coal store and Ordnance buildings at Madras, the purchase of which has been authorised in your telegram, No. 406 M.W., dated 21st February 1888.

2. There are no savings on the grant for the current year from which the requisite appropriation of funds can be made.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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Dated February, 24th.

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G.O., 24th Feb. 1888, Nos. 663,
664 W.

FEBRUARY.

Land

Requesting that the requisite provision be made in the Military Works budget for 1888-89 for certain piece of land required for a coal store and certain Ordnance buildings at Madras.

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20TH APRIL 1888, No. 1184 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from E. BARCLAY, Esq., Government Solicitor, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th April 1888, No. 208 :—

With reference to G.O., Public Works Department, dated 24th February last, No. 663 W., Public Works, I beg to inform you that Mr. C. V. Cunniah Chetty has sent me what he says are the title-deeds of the land near the Gun Carriage Factory which Government propose to purchase. The title-deeds read with the records of the suit in the High Court brought by Mr. Cunniah Chetty when an infant against the executors of his late father's will show a satisfactory title to the land in Mr. C. V. Cunniah Chetty, provided the title-deeds do relate to the land Government propose to buy, but I have been so far unable to check this for want of the plan asked for in my letter of 9th March last, No. 145. This plan should show the boundaries of the property.

2. Mr. Cunniah Chetty's agent who brought me the title-deeds pointed out to me that amongst them there is a mortgage of this with other property by Mr. Cunniah Chetty to K. Sambasivah Chetty and K. Sadasivah Chetty of Pondicherry, and the agent informed me that these mortgagees would join in the conveyance of the property to Government. I shall, however, if necessary, write to the Registrar of Assurances here to search for any other incumbrances or any other registered instruments relating to the property.

3. Supposing that there are no other incumbrances on the property, another question arises as to Mr. Cunniah Chetty's right to sell this property if he has an infant son. The property is undoubtedly ancestral, as it came to Mr. Cunniah Chetty from his father who obtained it, apparently, by descent from his father Collah Ragayah Chetty, to whom it was conveyed by deed of 20th August 1822. As a general rule a Hindu father who has not entered upon division of property with his sons cannot alienate immovable property, whether ancestral or self-acquired, without the concurrence of his sons, and it appears to me that if Government purchase this property it would be open to Mr. Cunniah Chetty's sons (and I am informed that he has two at any rate boys from 3 to 6 or 7 years of age) when they come of age or even before to upset the sale at any rate as to two undivided thirds of the property if not as to the whole. Of course it may be said that the sale is made for the purpose of paying off the mortgage on it and is therefore justified according to Hindu Law, but the answer to that is that the mortgagees are not, so far as appears, pressing for the money; that it is the duty of the head of the family to pay off the debts out of income rather than to alienate; and that there is no family necessity which requires the sale. Apparently, indeed, the negotiations for the purchase commenced with Government and not with Mr. Cunniah Chetty.

4. It might therefore be as well to consider whether it would not be safer for Government to take up the land under the Land Acquisition Act than by purchase. Mr. Cunniah Chetty might be offered as compensation the present price less 15 per

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cent., and at the same time be informed that he will be entitled to that 15 per cent. in consequence of Government taking up the land. If this course as to the 15 per cent. were not adopted, Government might have to pay Rs. 41,625 *plus* 15 per cent. thereon.

5. Awaiting the orders of Government, I have, &c.

ORDER—dated 20th April 1888, No. 1184 W., Public Works.

Under the circumstances explained by the Government Solicitor, the Government approve of the land in question being taken up under the Land Acquisition Act on the terms specified in paragraph 4 of the letter recorded above.

2. The Collector of Madras will take the requisite steps for acquiring the land accordingly.

3. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, will furnish the Collector with a plan of the land with the boundaries correctly marked thereon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Collector of Madras, with G.O., No. 3441 W., dated 16th December 1887,
and G.O., No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888.

" Government Solicitor.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Military Department.
" Revenue "

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APRIL.

Land

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ordnance buildings at Madras under the
Land Acquisition Act.

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11TH MAY 1888, No. 1385 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from E. BARCLAY, Esq., Government Solicitor, to the
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th
April 1888, No. 234 :—

With reference to my letter of 13th instant, No. 208, I forward herewith a letter
received by me from Mr. C. V. Cunniah Chetty's Solicitors, Messrs. Wilson and King.

ENCLOSURE.

From Messrs. WILSON and KING, Solicitors, to the Government Solicitor, dated Madras,
25th April 1888.

Our client, Mr. C. V. Cunniah Chettyar, informs us that you are preparing a conveyance of
the premises situate on the Vepery High Road, which he has agreed to sell to the Government,
and that he has handed over to you all the documents in connection therewith.

Since handing the documents to you, he has redeemed the whole of the premises from the
mortgage to which they were subjected to, and a reconveyance was executed in his favor on the
23rd instant, which reconveyance will be registered in the course of a day or two.

We are therefore instructed to request you to prepare the conveyance without making the
mortgagees parties thereto, and, when the same is drawn, to submit to us for approval on behalf
of our client.

ORDER—dated 11th May 1888, No. 1385 W., Public Works.

Recorded with reference to G.O. No. 1184 W., dated 20th April 1888.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Government Solicitor.

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Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
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G.O., 11th May 1888, No. 1385 W.

MAY.

Land

Recording letter from the Government Solicitor forwarding copy of letter from Messrs. Wilson and King, Solicitors, regarding the terms of the conveyance of the —, required for a coal store and certain Ordnance buildings at Madras.

30TH MAY 1888, Nos. 1569, 1570 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 18th May 1888, No. 680:—

With reference to G.O. No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No. 106 S.E., dated 1st May 1888, from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, together with its enclosures, viz., two plans and one letter, in original, from Mr. Cunniah Chetty. It will be seen from the site-plan that it will be necessary to acquire, in addition to the plot of land to be purchased under the Government order above referred to, all the land lying between this plot and the Vepery High Road for building the proposed quarters for ordnance artificers and lascars. The cost of this additional land is about Rs. 60,000. Prior to the acquisition of the land being concluded as sanctioned in G.O. No. 663 W. of 24th February 1888, I would suggest that it be ascertained in the Military Department of Government whether the purchase may be completed, as so much more additional land would be required, in order to carry out the proposal for building quarters for ordnance artificers and lascars.

2. The enclosed papers have been seen by the Inspector-General of Ordnance, who has also been furnished with a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 106 S.E., of 1st May 1888.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Bangalore, 1st May 1888, No. 106 S.E.

With reference to your No. 5217, dated 9th March 1888, I have the honor to submit a plan of the ground, the purchase of a portion of which was sanctioned in G.O. No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888, and to report as follows:—

2. For the purpose of constructing public quarters for the ordnance artificers and lascars in the vicinity of the Gun Carriage Factory, it will be necessary to take up the whole of that portion of the old Vepery lines which lies between the Gun Carriage Factory and the Vepery High Road.

3. I enclose a plan of the ground on which the portion of the ground about to be purchased by Government under G.O. No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888, is colored green, and the buildings standing thereon are shaded with Lake lines. The remainder of the ground which will now have to be purchased is colored yellow and the buildings standing thereon are colored Indian ink, of which those that will have to be dismantled are shaded with black lines.

4. It is required to construct quarters for 89 ordnance artificers, that is,—

3 Foremen, 1st Class (sergeants),
5 do. 2nd „ (corporals),
5 do. 3rd „ (bombardiers),
76 Artificers (privates).

Also for 410, namely,—

1 Syrang (havildars),
3 Sirdars
31 Tindals (naignes),
375 Lascars (sepoys).

5. The proposed lines for the 410 lascars are shown on the plan and colored burat umber, and the proposed quarters for artificers are colored lake; but I can only find room on the plan for 71 family quarters, leaving 18 more quarters to be provided elsewhere.

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6. There are two sergeants' quarters inside the Factory, and there are three old staff sergeants' quarters on the land about to be purchased by Government under the above Government Order; it was originally intended to accommodate the three sergeants-instructor of Volunteers in the three latter, but as this is not now necessary, since the Volunteer instructors will not now be required to vacate their quarters in the Fort, as the idea to have a full regiment in Fort St. George has been given up, the three old staff sergeants' quarters are now available for occupation by the ordnance artificers. If therefore two sergeants reside inside the Factory and the other sergeant occupies one of the old staff sergeants' quarters, accommodation will still have to be found for 15 families. This can be done by joining the two old staff sergeants' quarters marked A and B as shown on the plan, but as it is not likely that the whole of the 89 artificers will be married men, then the single men, say, the remaining fifteen, might be accommodated in the building marked C on the plan, and the two buildings, A and B, could be left as they are, to be occupied by two of the sub-conductors of the Gun Carriage Factory.

7. Detail plans and estimates are under preparation for the required buildings, and will be ready shortly. I am now only showing what extent of land will be required to be purchased in this connection:

The whole piece of ground measures $1,020 \times 732\frac{1}{2} = 747,150$ square feet or $311\frac{1}{16}$ grounds.

Deduct the portion about to be purchased under G.O. No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888 ... $91\frac{1}{2}$ grounds.

Balance ... $219\frac{1}{4}$ grounds.

8. I enclose a letter received from Mr. Cunniah Chetty, from which it will be seen that he is willing to sell the remaining portion of the land at the same rate as in the former transaction, namely, Rs. 250 per ground, the cost of the $219\frac{1}{4}$ grounds therefore amounts to Rs. 54,953. As regards the buildings standing on the land the old hospital D is unroofed, the store-room C would have to be re-roofed and the other sheds and bazaars E would be of no use to Government at all, and would have to be dismantled; so that, although these buildings may have been of value to Mr. Cunniah Chetty, they will be of very little use to Government for the purpose in question (not more than Rs. 2,000). I therefore think that his claim for compensation to the extent of Rs. 10,000 should be reduced to Rs. 5,000, making the value of the land and buildings standing thereon Rs. 59,953.

ORDER—dated 30th May 1888, No. 1569 W., Public Works.

It appears that the land proposed to be purchased for the ordnance coal store at Madras, stated in the Superintending Engineer's letter recorded with G.O. No. 663 W., dated 24th February 1888, to be about 100 grounds, is really only a little over 90 grounds, and that it is not large enough to accommodate the ordnance establishments. If quarters for artificers and lascars are to be provided on this site, it will be necessary to acquire the remaining portion of the plot at an additional cost of about Rs. 60,000. The correspondence will be referred for the orders of the Government of India as to whether they are prepared to make an additional grant of this amount for the purchase of the extra land.

(Here enter No. 1570 W., dated 30th May 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 30th May 1888, No. 1570 W.

Adverting to the correspondence ending with my letter No. 664 W., dated 24th February 1888, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of Proceedings No. 1569 W., dated 30th May 1888, and to request that if the Government of India

approve the proposal, they will be pleased to make an additional grant, in the current year, of Rs. 60,000 for the purchase of the land required for the erection of quarters for ordnance artificers and lascars at Madras.

2. The accompanying plans, to be kindly returned, show the proposed distribution of the accommodation on the land in question.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.
Spare Copies

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Gobt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 30th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 30th May 1888, Nos. 1569,
1570 W.

MAY.

Land

Requesting the allotment of an additional
grant of Rs. 60,000 for the purchase of
— required for the erection of quarters for
ordnance artificers and lascars at Madras.

1569 W of 30-5-88
1570

1385 W of 11-5-88

1184 W of 20-4-88

663-4 W of 24-2-88

3441-2 W of 16-12-87

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 9824

From

The Supty. Engineer
V. Sivak.

ENCLOS.—

No. 4561 A

Dated 15th E

Received 18th E

October 1889.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to return the
Plan of Land proposed to be
purchased for the erection of
quarters for Ordnance Artificers
and Lascars of the Gun Carriage
Factory, which was sent with
his letter no. 680 d/18th May/88.

DISPOSAL.

No. 4819C Dated 22nd October
1889

To

The Supty. Engrs V Sivak

The plans referred to
were forwarded to the Govt
of India with Pros. dated 30th
May 1888. Nos 1569 W to which
no reply has been received.

Please

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Please state the present position of the question as to the purchase of the land at Vepery, for the Ordnance Dept. A grant of Rs 41,625 was provided in the budget of 1888-89 for the purchase of a portion of the land, ^{but} the additional allotment of Rs 60000 referred to in the G.O. above quoted has not yet been sanctioned by the Govt of India.

Is there ~~an~~ now any urgency in the matter, & should the Govt of India be again addressed?

Sd/- W. L. C. Baddelay

Capt W. R. E.

R. B. E. D. B.
21.10.89.

Dy: Chief Engr. P.W.D.

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No. 6183,

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V Circle, Madras,

Chennai, 18 Dec. 1889.

From

Colonel W. H. Burton

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to your Memo No 4819 C dated 22nd October 1889 I have the honor to report that it seems uncertain at present what the exact requirements of Ordnance Department in the matter of land will be.

The whole question has been delayed a year by the action of late Executive Engineer Presidency Division ignoring the existence of the old Place of Arms at Vepery as suitable for conversion into a Coal Store for which purpose the land was chiefly purchased in 1888.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. H. Burton

Suptg. Engineer V Circle

APC 8-12743
From
The Supy Engineer
5th mile

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Dec. 6/89 }
Recd 20 } December/89



No 3669 tra/31st December 1889

No 6188.

Land for the erection of
Quarters of Artificer in
Ordnance Department.

Refers that —

Seems uncertain at present
what the exact requirements
of Ordnance Dept in the
matter of land will be

No 3669 tra/31st December 1889
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Recorded.
2. The Supy Eng
should ascertain
the requirements of
the Ordnance Dept.
& report the result
in due course.

Wm
21.12.89

Recd
21.12.89

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S. C. I. Circle

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